



Alpena County

4-H Family News

December 2019

2019 County Awards Banquet



Congratulations to the 4-H members that received awards at the 2019 County Awards Banquet.

Danielle Hoggard, the granddaughter of Dale and Joann Huggler, presented the 2019-2020 4-H Member of the Year Savannah Avent at the 2019 banquet!

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The 2019-2020

Alpena 4-H Council Members

Brentt Lucas
Sheryl Wright
Dione Oliver
Stacie Avent
Jean Kowalski
Katie Kasubowski
Kris Dziesinski
Jodie Mitchell
Diana Donjakowski

Samantha Rupert
Jeanna Gersewski
Andrea Griffin

Teen Representatives:
Brooke Gersewski
Savannah Avent
Molly MacArthur

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Alpena's Important Dates

Beef Weigh-In

December 16, 2019

Point Member

Challenge Winner Fun Day

January 19, 2020

Market Club

Meetings

January 27, 2020

February 24, 2020

March 23, 2020

4-H Online

Re-enrollment!!!

March 1st 2020

4-H Events and Workshops

December 3: Give Green Day

Statewide

Help Michigan 4-H reach their goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Giving Tuesday. Funds raised provide 4-H participant scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day>

December 12: Start Your Own Insect Collection

Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township

This class will introduce collecting and preserving insects. All participants receive an insect collection box, set of pins, and leave the class with 10-20 pinned insects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/starting-your-own-insect-collection>

December 14: Treat Yourself Workshop

Berrien County MSU Extension Office, Benton Harbor

A countywide project where youth will learn about chocolate and spa projects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/berrien-county-4-h-treat-yourself-workshop>

December 15: 4-H Day at the Lions

Ford Field, Detroit

4-H members, families and friends are invited to the Dec. 15 Detroit Lions game. For every ticket purchased, \$10 will go back to county 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-lions-19>

December 30: 4-H Spa-Delicious Countywide Project

Van Buren County MSU Extension Office, Paw Paw

Learn how to make homemade body products in this fun and educational class. Each participant takes home their own bath fizzies, sugar scrub, lip balm and air freshener!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spa-delicious-countywide-project>

Save the Date

February 1: Michigan 4-H Winterfest

Kettunen Center, Tustin

A crowd favorite every year, this statewide event is for youth ages 8-12. A special emphasis is placed on providing sessions that offer hands-on learning.

View more 4-H events at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.

Get ready for the 2020 4-H State Award applications process!



Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member.

Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition. Applications are due Feb. 1, 2020. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu



Pictured are Demi Oliver who received an Honor of Excellence at the State Awards, which takes place during 4-H Exploration Days.

A'va Mitchell above with Dr. Jeff Dwyer, the director of Michigan State University Extension. Who presented her with the Mark of Excellence Award.

What can you do because of 4-H? Share for a chance to win!

Michigan 4-H'ers ages 11-12 are encouraged to share how 4-H has impacted them through the 4-H Mark of Excellence Essay Contest. A great introduction to the Michigan 4-H State Awards program, Mark of Excellence contestants write a 500 word essay on the topic of "Because of 4-H, I can..." Winners will receive a certificate of recognition and medal to commemorate their accomplishment.

Essays are due to respective county 4-H offices by February 1. County 4-H programs then select up to two youth essays as their representatives and submit those names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee. The committee uses the essays to inform the public about what 4-H means to youth and copies are also shared with the Michigan State 4-H Office, Michigan 4-H Foundation, and Kettunen Center.

For more additional information and instructions, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition or contact Kelly Stelter at grandt-ke@msu.edu

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4-H Member of the Year, Brooke Gersewski, Finishes her service!

2018-2019 4-H Member of the Year, Brooke Gersewski, finished out her service at the 2019 Awards Banquet by MC'ing. Brooke has been dedicated to helping others and advancing herself educationally through 4-H.

Her commitment to serving on the state & national levels hasn't went unnoticed. As 4-H Member of the Year, Brooke has greatly contributed to Alpena County 4-H spending time on the council and participating in almost every 4-H event throughout the year. Brooke has presented on behalf of Alpena 4-H to the Alpena Youth and Recreation Committee and has been a significant impact on our public relationships.



**"Capitol Experience is
a time of your life
you'll never forget.
It's where 4-H
youth put their
minds together and
learn how the
government is run
in just 4 short
days."**

- Brooke Gersewski

4-H GROWS HERE

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Brooke is a great example of a 4-H member *"making the best better"* right here in Alpena. Thank you for all you do for Alpena County 4-H! We look forward to watching Brooke continue to thrive in our community! Thank you for your dedication to 4-H!!



2019 Trunk-or-Treat!

Alpena's 4-H'er of the year Savannah Avent had a successful Trunk-or-Treat!

Thanks to Pepsi, 4-H Council, & Joann Fabrics, Alpena 4-H was able to hand out over 3000 items to the little ghosts and goblins of the community!



October 25th 2019

Downtown Alpena

The 2019 Alpena County 4-H Awards Banquet

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4-H MEMBER CHALLENGE!

Alpena County 4-H Council 2019-2020 4-H Member Challenge!

Member Points Tracking Form:

September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

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. 20	Attended County Awards Banquet			2
Nov. 29, July 4	Participated in Parade (2pts each; max 4)			
	Participated in 4-H Youth Day			5
Oct. 12-19 April TBD	TSC Clover Days (2 pts each, max 4pts)			
June 24-26	Exploration Days			5
	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
	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 and recognition at the 2020 County Awards Banquet!

Tracking Sheets are due to the MSU Extension office Tuesday, September 15, 2020 by 4:30pm

Market Club

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2018-2019 Point Member Challenge Winners Fun Day

The 4-H Members who participated in the 2018-2019 point member challenge will be eligible to attend the FUN DAY.

- **January 19, 2020**
- **4:00 PM—6:00 PM**
- **Alpena Plaza Pool**

Winners:

Alison Borowski
Brooke Gersewski
Ethan LaPlaunt
Amelia Cameron
Gwyneth Griffin
Nicholas LaPlaunt
Conner Cameron
Jace Griffin
Braylyn Leaym
Grace Cameron
Brynn Kasubowski
Brooklyn Leaym
Madelyn Cameron
Evan Kasubowski
Lane Leaym
Abigail Dziesinski
Ian Kasubowski
A'va Mitchell
Emmett Dziesinski
Jazzmyne Kowalski
Braxton Mitchell
Matthew Dziesinski
Blaine LaCross
Clara Newhouse
McKenzie Dziesinski
Kayson LaCross
William Smith
Wyatt Dziesinski
Carey May Udell

Exciting things are happening for Alpena County 4-H Market Club!

Get ready for some changes that will hopefully leave a positive impact. The changes should leave our youth with gaining greater knowledge towards their project areas and agriculture. You will find some things are new and some things are the same. The newest piece to the Market Club is going to be the "Market Project Logs". These log books will replace the past Market books. We will still have the mentor program and will set up those with a mentor at the first meeting.

At the January meeting members will be receiving a binder with supplies for their 2020 Fair Market Animal Projects and their new Log Books. We will go over scheduled events as well as vote on desired events for the 2019-2020 year. It is at the first meeting that members will vote for their representative Market Club board members of the 2019-2020 year, this will include president, vice president, secretary, and reporter. We will also be looking at the start of a "Market Club Committee" where adult volunteers will be a part of decisions and goals for the Market Club and its future.

The February 24th meeting will be with a KENT feeds representative.



Alpena County 4-H Members work together to make apple cider at the annual Hay Rustlers 4-H club Harvest Day!



TBJH students participate in 4-H Week!





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"In America we have
only one title to
nobility and that is
ACHIEVEMENT.
**You 4-H'ers have
won that title.**"

President Woodrow Wilson

Enroll in 4-H Today for the 2019-2020 Year!

Don't miss the **March 1, 2020** deadline to be eligible
to market livestock at the 2020 Alpena County Fair.
Enroll Online + Pay \$20 Enrollment Fee/Scholarship



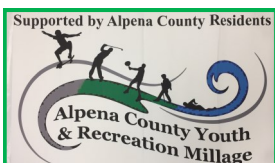
A special thank you to Gerald Lucas for serving as our large animal weigh master at the 2019 Alpena County Fair

Attention 4-H'ers raising a finished beef project in 2019/2020:

- Enrolled in 4-H (4-H Online + \$20 participation fee) &
- Register your beef project at the MSU Extension office (submit your animals EIN and local tag number to kendzi20@msu.edu or 989-354-9876)

Beef WEIGH-IN December 16th 2019 6:00 PM

@ the Merchants Building



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