



Alpena County

## 4-H Family News

February 2015

YOU'RE INVITED!

## Alpena County 4-H Youth Day

When: Saturday, March 21, 2015

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm (arrive at 8:30am for set-up)

Where: Alpena Mall (2380 South U.S. 23, Alpena)



For more information on Youth Day, such as project categories, contests and other activities **please see pages 3-5** in this newsletter

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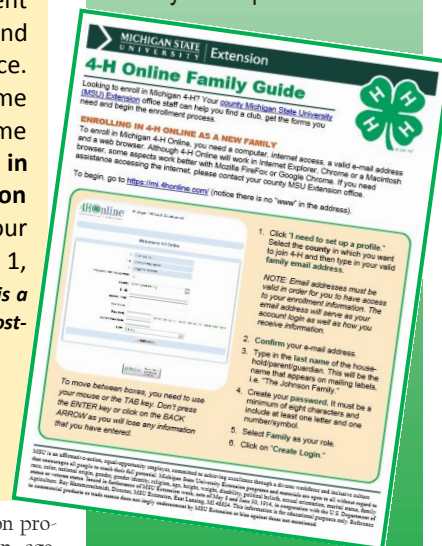
## \*\*\* 4-H Online is Here! \*\*\*

Enroll in 4-H today! We are happy to announce you can now start your 4-H enrollment process online! **We are no longer accepting hard copy 4-H enrollment forms.** Volunteers and youth can now enroll at home or use our 4-H volunteer computer at the MSU Extension office. The \$10 4-H enrollment fee for each member (\$30 family fee for 3+ children in the same family) or participation fee waiver form can NOT be paid or completed online. You must come into our office to or mail us your participation fee or waiver form. **Youth are NOT enrolled in 4-H until the participation fee or waiver form is turned into the Alpena MSU Extension office.** Don't miss the **March 1st deadline** in order to be eligible to market your projects! Your online enrollment and \$10 participation fee or waiver form must be turned in by March 1, 2015 in order to be eligible to market an animal at the 2015 Alpena County Fair. **March 1st is a Sunday—our office will be closed. You can come in the week before, mail your participation fee or waiver postmarked by March 1st or drop it in our secure mailbox on or before March 1st.**

- Alpena MSU Extension office hours: **Tuesday-Thursday (8:30am-4:30pm)**
- Directions on how to enroll online:

**<http://4h.msue.msu.edu/uploads/files/4-H Online Family Guide.pdf>**

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For directions on how to enroll in 4-H online see our "4-H Online Family Guide." Copies are available online or at the MSU Extension office.



## POULTRY ORDERING INFORMATION

### **NEW!!!**

#### **\*Market Sale Club\***

New this year, all 4-H members marketing an animal will be required to join the Alpena County 4-H market club. This club does not replace your regular 4-H club. You must still participate in your regular 4-H club as well as the market club. In 2015 there will be (5) market club meetings. In order to be eligible to market an animal, 4-H members will be required to attend at least (3) of the (5) meetings. The market club will be a 4-H member run club. The first meeting will have officer elections—president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The purpose of a market club is to discuss market sale rules, proper show techniques, pen displays, thank you cards for buyers, and more. If you have any questions please contact Helen-Ann.

#### **Meeting Dates:**

(2nd Tuesday March-July)

March 10, 2015

April 14, 2014

May 12, 2015 (weigh-in)

June 9, 2015

July 14, 2015

#### **Optional Meeting:**

August 25, 2014

**\*Buyer thank you's and market animal record book work-bee meeting**

## **\*NEW: 4-H Members will be responsible for ordering their own market poultry for 2015**

### **SUGGESTED HATCHERIES:**

- **Townline** (Zeeland, MI)  
Phone: 888-685-0040 Website: [www.townlinehatchery.com](http://www.townlinehatchery.com)
- **Meyer Hatchery** (Polk, OH)  
Phone: 888-568-9755 Website: [www.meyerhatchery.com](http://www.meyerhatchery.com)
- **Murray McMurray** (Webster City, OH)  
Phone: 515-832-3280 Website: [www.mcmurrayhatchery.com](http://www.mcmurrayhatchery.com)

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- **\*NEW: AT THE TIME OF WEIGH-IN YOU MUST PRESENT THE WEIGH MASTER WITH YOUR PROOF OF HATCH DATE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE YOUR ANIMALS WILL BE INELIGIBLE TO MARKET. IF ORDERING AS A GROUP MAKE SURE YOU LIST EVERYONE THAT ORDERED ON THE BACK OF THE PROOF OF HATCH DATE AND HOW MANY BIRDS EACH PERSON ORDERED. WHEN ORDERING REQUEST A PROOF OF HATCH DATE.**
- **When ordering poultry**—Many times you must **order at least 1 month in advance**, since they begin hatching once an order is placed. Especially with geese and ducks; since a lot of hatcheries do not have them.
- For the contact information to order **pheasants** call the Alpena MSUE office.
- **Consult with your club leader** about ordering as a group, which can save \$ (the bigger the order the cheaper price per bird).
- **Chicks that are ordered come via U.S. mail.** Mark the hatch date on your calendar and make arrangements to be available to pick up your birds at the post office by 7:00am (required). One thing to note is sometimes a hatchery will give you a 2-3 day period when the birds will hatch. So you may only have a 24 hour notice of the exact delivery date.
- Be sure **birds purchased at local vendors**; such as Sunrise Gardens & Grains in Rogers City, Miller Feeds in Spruce, Tractor Supply in Alpena, etc. are within age guidelines.

## **Earliest Small Market Animal Hatch/Birth Dates**

**Turkeys/Geese** - Earliest Hatch: Feb 22, 2015 (max age 24 weeks at fair)

**Pheasant** - Earliest Hatch: April 19, 2015 (max age 16 weeks at fair)

**Ducks** - Earliest Hatch: April 26, 2015 (max age 14 weeks at fair)

**Rabbits** - Earliest Birth: May 17, 2015 (max age 12 weeks)

**Quail** - Earliest Hatch: May 31, 2015 (max age 10 weeks at fair)

**Chickens** - Earliest Hatch: June 21, 2015 (max age 7 weeks at fair)

**Cornish Hens** - Earliest Hatch: July 12, 2015 (max age 4 weeks at fair)

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## Alpena County 4-H Youth Day

Saturday, March 21, 2015

- Alpena Mall -

2380 U.S. 23 South, Alpena, Michigan

9:00am—2:00pm (arrive at 8:30am for 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 #5). 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 15 best of show 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. Participating in Youth Day is also a requirement in order to be eligible to represent Alpena County at the State Horse Show and in order to be eligible to receive your certificate of completion for the 2014-2015 4-H year.

### Youth Day Schedule:

8:30am	4-H Members Arrive (start setting up club displays)
9:00am	Project Evaluation Begins
9:00am	4-H Council Scholarship Interviews Start <i>Applications available at event or online <a href="http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/alpena">http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/alpena</a></i>
11:45am	Lunch Break (on your own)
12:15pm	Speeches, Demonstrations and Performing Arts start
1:00pm	Best Name Tag Award
	Club Display Door Prize Winners (2)
	4-H Scholarship Recipients
	Best of Show Awards
1:45pm	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 judges—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. Certificate of Completion

Participating in Youth Day is a requirement in order to receive your certificate of completion for the 2014-2015 year

### 7. Your club could win prizes

Door 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 a registration book at Youth Day; which lists all the classes offered this year.

### 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 EVENTS

### Youth Day Name Tag Contest

**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

Hello  
my name is

### Youth Day Club Display & Door Prizes

**What should we include in our club display?** Club name, 4-H clover, member list, projects your club does, pictures, a fun game or activity for other 4-H'ers and community members, and more.

**Activity at display:** The activity at your club display should be a fun educational game; such as matching, trivia, obstacle course, etc. While 4-H members are waiting to present their project they can visit your club display and participate in your activity.

**Club display rules:** You must have at least one 4-H member by your display at all times. Since we are having Youth Day at the mall we want to make sure we take this opportunity to show the community all the amazing things you are doing! Having someone at your display to help answer questions and showcase your 4-H club will help inform the community on the power of 4-H in Alpena.

**Door Prize:** (2) 4-H clubs that are present and have a club display will be eligible to receive a special door prize!

**Example Display (Hay Rustlers 2014 Club Display):**



### 4-H Council Scholarship Interview

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

**How:** When you arrive at Youth Day sign-up for an interview time slot and fill out an application. A sign-up sheet and applications will be on the MSU Extension table. You can also get an application online at the Alpena County 4-H website:

- <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/alpena>

**Requirements:** In order to be eligible to receive a 4-H Council scholarship you must participate in Youth Day.

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## YOUTH DAY EVENTS

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### 2015 Youth Day Project Areas to be Evaluated

- 1) Speeches/ Demonstrations/ Performing Arts** – Speeches and demonstrations can be on any appropriate topic. Demonstrations should consider teaching something you know how to do to others. Demonstrate anything from how to properly saddle a horse to making French crepes. Performing arts can include a dance routine, singing, musical instrument, or comedy act – Types of acts that might have formerly been performed at *Share the Fun*. There will be a sign up sheet at the MSU Extension table to sign up for this project area and to select a time to perform.

#### Time Restrictions:

Speeches and Demonstrations: must be 5-12 minutes

Performing Arts: must be 1-5 minutes

- 2) Woodworking/ Shooting Sports** – Bring your 4-H wood project to be evaluated. Shooting sports projects might include an informational poster, etc.
- 3) Cooking** – Bring in those cakes, cookies, hors d'oeuvres, pies, and smoothies to name a few ideas.
- 4) Vet Science/ Horse Informational Project/ Educational Exhibit/ Poster** – This project area can include a research based poster on a domestic animal or horse disease and/or breed or a photo story of a project that you have completed or are currently working on, etc.
- 5) Livestock Informational Project/ Educational Exhibit/ Poster** – This project area can include a research based poster on a livestock animal disease or breed, or a photo story of a project that you have completed or are currently working on, etc.
- 6) Crafts (9-13 year olds) & (14-19 year olds)** – Arts and crafts that do not fall under any other category will be evaluated here and there will be two competitor age divisions. Age based as of January 1, 2015.
- 7) Clothing/ Textiles/ Knitting/ Crocheting (9-13 year olds) & (14-19 year olds)** – Showcase your sewing, knitting, crocheting, tie dye, and other related projects in this category. Age based as of January 1, 2015.
- 8) Gardening/Conservation** – Did you make a garden art project? 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 and other related knowledge and skills in this project area.
- 9) Written Expression** – poetry, short stories, drawing, painting, photography. Creative writing, art work and photography will be evaluated in this project category.
- 10) Cloverbuds** – We want to see the work of our youngest members and the future of the 4-H! Cloverbuds (4-H'ers ages 5-8 years old) will have the opportunity to discuss and showcase their project(s) in a non-competitive but rewarding venue.
- 11) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)** – This category includes all projects related to STEM; such as invasive species, water science related projects, ROV design, welding and more.



### Alpena County 4-H Important Dates

#### 4-H Re-enrollment Due

The 4-H year is from September 1—August 31. So make sure to re-enroll in Alpena County 4-H today!

#### March 1, 2015

Alpena 4-H Market Sale Enrollment Deadline

*\*This is a Sunday, please turn in forms Thursday, February 26, 2015 by 4:30pm*

#### March 10, 2015

1st Market Club Meeting

#### March 21, 2015

Youth Day

#### April 28, 2015

4-H Exploration Days  
Registration Due by 4:30pm

#### May 12, 2015

Spring Weigh-in

#### May 28, 2015

4-H Summer Camp  
Registration Due by 4:30pm

#### June 14, 2015

Horse Achievement Day  
*\*This is for state horse show qualifying*

#### June 24-26, 2015

4-H Exploration Days

#### June 29-July 2, 2015

4-H Summer Camp

#### July 11-12, 2015

HDC Horse Trail Ride Camp

#### August 8-16, 2015

Alpena County Fair

#### October 25, 2015

Alpena County 4-H Awards Banquet



## 4-H Exploration Days

Every year, approximately 2,500 youth (11 years old and up) and chaperones from every Michigan county (or close to it), come to MSU for 4-H Exploration Days. This really fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer – it could even change your life! Registration fee is \$165.00 (additional \$10 fee for non 4-H members)—remember, there are state scholarships available, 4-H Council scholarships and if you go to Exploration Days as a state awards delegate, Alpena County 4-H Council will help pay your way!

- More than 200 session options to choose from—Quidditch, glass etching, dairy production, 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, bowling, basketball, dancing and more!

For more information on this year's Exploration Days, pricing, possible scholarships available or to register, please contact Helen-Ann Cordes, Alpena County 4-H Program Coordinator. **Registration opens March 17, 2015**—Hurry classes fill quick! Registration books will be available at the Alpena MSU Extension office on Tuesday, March 9, 2015.

For more information on the 2015 4-H Exploration Days at Michigan State University please visit the following link: [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h\\_exploration\\_days](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days)



## Exploration Days Deadlines

**February 1, 2015**

State Award Applications Due (13-19 year old)

**February 1, 2015**

4-H Mark of Excellence Essay Contest Due (11-12 year olds)

**March 9, 2015**

Registration books available at Alpena County MSUE

**March 15, 2015**

State award application results sent to applicants

**March 17, 2015**

Registration begins—classes fill quick! So register ASAP

**April 28, 2015**

Explorations Days registration deadline

**May 4, 2015**

Last day cancellations are fully refundable

**June 3, 2015**

Mandatory Exploration Days pre-meeting

**June 3, 2015**

Remaining Exploration Days payment due

**June 24-26, 2015**

Exploration Days!



Right: **Brandon Borke** placed 1st in 4-H State Awards Leadership and Personal Development, senior division and **Caitlin Borke** placed 1st in 4-H State Awards Communications and Expressive Arts, senior division. Placing first in state awards is the highest honor a 4-H member can receive!



Unscramble the following phrase:

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Hint: How old is 4-H?



## Michigan State University Pre-College Scholarship

### Alpena 4-H Member Attends Teen Leadership Training

On January 24, 2015 Alpena County 4-H member **Demi Oliver** attended a "Teen Leaders for Tomorrow and Today" training in Alcona County. Demi was one of nineteen participants. The purpose of the training was to help excite 4-H members, develop their leadership skills and teach them how to utilize these skills to help their club and community. Demi worked with other 4-H members and talked about what skills a successful leader has, how youth can participate on adult boards and more. One of the tasks 4-H'ers were given was to identify the invisible leader. Participants used clear tape to actually build the invisible leader and attach the qualities an effective leader possesses. Whether it is helping run a 4-H meeting, serving on our 4-H Council, overseeing the set-up of the market sale ring, or teaching another 4-H member how to do something, you are a leader! We're excited to see what Demi Oliver brings to Alpena County 4-H this year with her leadership

### Julia Butch Awarded MSU Pre-College Scholarship

Julia Butch, a 10th grader at Alpena High School for 2014-15, has been awarded a \$2,000 Michigan State University Pre-College Achievement Scholarship. Students in 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grades for 2014-15 who attended an MSU summer pre-college program last year were eligible to apply for this award last fall. Julia participated in Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp, one of six pre-college programs offered by MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development.

Julia is an active 4-H member in the Alpena County Hay Rustlers 4-H Club. Some of the 4-H projects Julia is active with include arts and crafts and small animals; such as rabbits and poultry. Julia was the reserve champion in the large fowl fitting and showmanship at the 2014 Alpena County Fair. Outside of 4-H Julia is extremely active at her school; where she takes advance classes, participates in leadership programs and has a 4.0 GPA. Julia is also involved in competitive dance and serves as a dance instructor for younger children. Her goal is to attend Michigan State University where she plans to pursue a degree related to biology.

Other Alpena County 4-H members nominated for a Michigan State University Pre-College Achievement Scholarship were Anissa Eagling and Carly Leatzow. Anissa and Carly were eligible for the scholarship from attending the 2014 4-H Exploration Days at Michigan State University.

MSU pre-college programs are great for helping youth explore possible career interests. They are fun, very educational and help connect young people with university faculty and other resources. MSU pre-college programs also help youth envision their future so they can wisely choose their high school classes and prepare for college.

Selection for this scholarship is based on academic ability and potential, demonstration of extra-curricular and community service experience, demonstration of leadership and teamwork skills, ability to overcome obstacles, teacher and program director nominations and strength of student essay. The scholarship is applied toward the student's first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student.

Congratulations Julia, Anissa and Carly! Being nominated for a Michigan State University Pre-College Scholarship is a great accomplishment! We are very proud of you and look forward to seeing what you bring to 4-H this year.



Above: **Julia Butch** receiving the large fowl fitting and showmanship junior reserve champion trophy and ribbon from sponsor Jerry Niedbala.



Left: Alpena County 4-H teen council member, **Demi Oliver** attended a teen leadership workshop in Alcona County this past January. The workshop was for 4-H members that are ready to take action and be a leader in their county.





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**2014 Adopt-a-Highway**

15 4-H'ers and volunteers helped clean-up 2 miles of M-65 and collected over 11 bags of trash at the 4-H Adopt-A-Highway in 2014

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