



Alpena County

4-H Family News

October 2016

You're Invited:

2016 County Awards Banquet

- October 23 @ 3:00pm in Merchants Bldg -

RSVP: Wednesday, October 19, 2016; Call (989) 354-9870 x1 or princeh1@anr.msu.edu



Congrats to 4-H members **Alison Borowski, Brooklyn Leaym, Claire Orban, Grace Male, Jared Johnson, John Male, Juliet Bixel, Landon Lucas, Lane Leaym, Myia Schram, and Wyatt Smith** for receiving their cloverbud award in 2015! A special thank you to our sponsors Brad and Christin Avery. Cloverbuds are the future of our 4-H program! We look forward to seeing the great things you accomplish through 4-H.



Great job **Stephanie Domke**, the 2015-2016 4-H Member of the Year and runner-up **Brooke Gersewski**! Stephanie and Brooke have worked hard over the past year to "Make the Best Better." Thank you to our sponsor Dale and Joann Huggler, and to Danielle and Timothy Hoggard for presenting our 4-H Member of the Year awards.



Congrats on receiving your Performing Arts individual project award pin, **Nehemiah Rao**. A special thank you to 2014-15 4-H Member of the Year, **Bree Oliver**, for presenting the award!

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Tues-Thurs; 8:30a-4:30p


Happy Fall Y'all!

Upcoming Dates:

- October 20 @ 1pm
Council Ballots Due
- October 23 @ 3pm
County Awards Banquet
- October 28 @ 5:30pm
Alpena Trunk-or-Treat
- October 29 @ 6pm
4-H Fun Fall Day!
- November 3 @ 4:30pm
Horse Awards Due
- November 13 @ 5pm
Alpena 4-H Horse Banquet
- March 11 @ 9am
Youth Day

What should YOU bring to County Awards Banquet?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dish for the Pot Luck Dinner | <input type="checkbox"/> Silent Auction Item Donation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Table Center Piece Decoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Your Camera |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 for 2016-17 4-H Re-enrollment | <input type="checkbox"/> A SMILE :) |

Pot Luck Item to Bring Based on Last Name:

A—G: Bring a side dish (potatoes, beans, vegetable, etc.)

H—O: Bring a salad (potato, macaroni, taco, etc.)

P—Z: Bring a dessert (cake, cookies, brownies, etc.)

Center Piece Decoration Contest @ County Awards!

Each 4-H family or club is asked to bring a fall themed table center piece decoration for the county awards banquet. A prize will be awarded for the best decorated center piece. We look forward to seeing what you bring!

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VISIT Washington D.C. THROUGH 4-H!

June 24—July 1, 2017

Did you know 4-H members in Alpena have the opportunity to attend the **4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Conference (CWF)** at our nation's capitol? This leadership and civic engagement program has been around for the last 50 years and gives 4-H'ers **age 14-19** years old the opportunity to attend this week long training program where they learn about national government and our nation's capitol. At the end of the training 4-H members become licensed tour guides for the D.C. area! If you are interested in strengthening your communication, leadership, and citizenship skills at the national level—this conference is for you!



For more information about CWF visit:

<http://4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/>

The cost to attend the conference is \$1,380—for scholarship information contact Helen-Ann. **Registration for the 2017 CWF is due November 15th along with a \$300 deposit.** On Jan. 15th an additional \$700 deposit is due, and March 15th the final \$380 payment is due.



4-H Workshops

October 15-16: Michigan 4-H Goat Workshop

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_goat_workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

October 23: Alpena County 4-H County Awards Banquet

Merchant's Building, Alpena @ 3:00pm

October 29-30: 4-H Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing & Textiles Workshop

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_and_textiles_workshop_1
Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 13: Alpena County 4-H Horse Awards Banquet

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_advisory_group_retreat_1
Merchant's Building, Alpena @ 5:00pm

November 19-20: 4-H Advisory Group Retreat

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_advisory_group_retreat_1
Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 25-29: National 4-H Congress

<https://www.facebook.com/National4HCongress>
Atlanta, Georgia

2017

January 28: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

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

February 4-5: 4-H Winterfest

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest_2
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 17-18: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

<http://bit.ly/2ceXN18>
Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 1: Alpena County 4-H Enrollment Due

The 2016-2017 4-H year started September 1st—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 \$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 or mail us your participation fee or waiver form. Youth are **NOT** enrolled in 4-H until their participation fee or waiver form is turned into the Alpena MSU Extension office. Your online enrollment and \$10 participation fee or waiver form must be turned in by March 1, 2017 at 4:30pm in order to be eligible to market at the 2017 Alpena County Fair.

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

March 11: Alpena County 4-H Youth Day—Save the Date!

Location TBD

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

4-H State Awards! Start your application today :)

The State 4-H Awards program, the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H youth, is for 4-H'ers aged 13 and up who have at least three years of 4-H experience. We encourage all members who meet the requirements to apply for this program. 4-H'ers compete in 19 different recognition areas showcasing their knowledge, skills and experiences. To apply, youth submit the State 4-H Awards application, found on the 4-H web site (<http://bit.ly/1hcGcC>) to State4HAwards@anr.msu.edu by **February 1**. Applications are carefully reviewed by selection committees. Delegates, who are announced by March 15, are invited to participate either in an advanced leadership development program (juniors), competitive interviews (seniors), or presentations (groups) at the State 4-H Awards Assembly held during 4-H Exploration Days (<http://bit.ly/1eFjEXH>). State 4-H Award winners are announced at the 4-H Recognition Program, also held during 4-H Exploration Days, at the prestigious Huntington Club (<http://bit.ly/1l014Tc>) in Spartan Stadium (<http://bit.ly/1kABpk9>). Complete instructions and the application, are available on the Michigan 4-H web site (<http://bit.ly/1hcGcC>).



2014 State Awards Winners:
Brandon Borke and Caitlin Borke

Horse Award Nominees & Trail Hours Due November 3rd



4-H Leaders:

Please turn in your teen leaders, first year members, rookies, and horse sportsmanship award nominees.

4-H members:

Please turn in your horse trail hours.

All awards are due to the Alpena MSUE office by **Thursday, November 3, 2016 @ 4:30pm**. You can drop off a list of nominees and your trail hours to the MSUE office Tues-Thurs from 8:30am-4:30pm, drop it in our secure mailbox, or e-mail it to Helen-Ann at princeh1@anr.msu.edu (*they must be received by the deadline*).

You're Invited!



Alpena County 4-H



Horse Awards Banquet

Sunday, November 13, 2016

5:00pm @ Merchant's Bldg

Come support 4-H members involved with equine projects in Alpena County. 4-H members will be recognized for teen leadership, state horse show delegates, trail hours, and more. Please bring a pot luck side dish and dessert, silent auction item and door prize from your club. Everyone is welcome to join us at the banquet!

Please RSVP by Thursday, November 3, 2016 by 4:30pm. Call the Alpena MSU Extension office at (989) 354-9870 or e-mail princeh1@anr.msu.edu. Join us at our next HDC meeting Monday, November 7, 2016 at 6:00pm at the HPC Credit Union on Chisholm Street. We will be finalizing the details for our horse awards banquet and more. Join us to help guide and advise 4-H horse programming in Alpena County.

4-H Mark of Excellence Award!



4-H'ers who are **11 or 12 years old** are eligible to apply for the 4-H Mark of Excellence Award. To apply, a 4-H member needs to write a no more than 2 page essay on the theme, "Because of 4-H, I can . . ."

Counties select their representatives, and submit their names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee. For more information and instructions, see the *Overview and Instructions* link on the Michigan 4-H web site (<http://bit.ly/1lhGcGc>). **Deadline** for submission is **February 1, 2017**.



4-H Member of the Year, Stephanie Domke, Finishes her service!

2015-2016 4-H Member of the Year, Stephanie Domke, is finishing out her service this month! Stephanie has been active in Alpena 4-H for the past 11 years. As 4-H Member of the Year, Stephanie has greatly contributed to Alpena County 4-H. Through her service she designed and built our Holiday (we placed 2nd!) and 4th of July Floats, presented to the Alpena Youth and Recreation Committee, MC'd Youth Day, the Fair Awards Banquet, Market Animal Sale, and more. Stephanie is a great example of a 4-H member *"making the best better."* If you're interested in running for the 4-H'er of the year in 2017 please contact Helen-Ann :)



Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign!

Please help support Alpena County 4-H by volunteering at the TSC Paper Clover Campaign! October 5-16th!



Sign Up Times:

Saturday, Oct. 8 (10:00am-12:00pm) & (12:00pm-2:00pm)

Saturday, Oct. 15 (10:00am-12:00pm) & (12:00pm-2:00pm)

- Please contact Helen-Ann 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. **In the spring of 2016 we set a new store record and sold \$1,258 in paper clovers.** Please help us set a new record this fall! Thank you Alpena TSC for your dedication and support of 4-H! **NEW:** Local funds raised from the paper clover campaign are used to grow our local scholarships to send 4-H members to 4-H camps and leadership experiences.



Alpena 4-H Fall Fun Event!



~ 4-H Fun Event ~ Come one, come all to Alpena County 4-H Fall Fun!



Who: All Alpena County 4-H'ers and their families

When: Saturday, October 29th

Time: 6:00 pm—?

Where: Avent's Family Farm, 4592 Maple Lane Road, Alpena

Take Long Rapids west to Cathro Road, follow Cathro to Maple Lane Road, turn right, and watch for signs.

Note: Light refreshments will be served, but please eat dinner first.

What to Bring:

Chairs

Your own beverage (pop, juice, etc)

Plastic jugs for cider to take home

A bag of apples for cider press

Flashlight

Bring your Halloween costume



Activities Planned: Cider press, corn hole tournament, games/activities, haunted house, tractor/hay rides, bonfire, and fun with our 4-H friends & family!

**4-H members that submitted their complete point system tracking sheet will be receiving a special reward!*



For questions please contact:

Jeanna Gersewski 464-4480

or Stacie Avent 354-6185



This event is sponsored by Alpena County 4-H Council

**This is a 4-H function and 4-H rules and regulations apply. No alcoholic beverages are allowed.*

4-H State Horse Show

Alpena 4-H Members Participate at State Horse Show

During the weekend of Aug. 18-21, 2016, Alpena County 4-H had two members compete in the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show at the Michigan State University Pavilion for Livestock Education in East Lansing, Mich.

Alpena 4-H members Kelsey Fras and Savannah Avent represented Alpena County 4-H at this prestigious competition. Kelsey placed 3rd and received a bronze medal in showmanship, speed n action, and cloverleaf. Savannah placed 4th in speed n action and 6th in cloverleaf.



The State 4-H Horse Show is an annual three-day event that brings together roughly 600 4-H'ers from counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate in this event. Competing at the show and being able to represent their home county is a great honor for the youth. Over the three-day show, members compete in; English, dressage, western, trail, jumping, gymkhana and PEP (Horseback riding for riders with disabilities) classes, against some of the most accomplished youth riders in Michigan.

Many spend months -- even years -- preparing themselves and their horses or ponies for the show, in hopes of bringing home a gold medal, or even being named a state champion. Although the show is competitive, the experience the 4-H members gain from it is far greater than simple awards.

Thank you to all the 4-H horse club leaders, volunteers, and parents in Alpena County for making our horse program possible! We appreciate your dedication to *"making the best better."*

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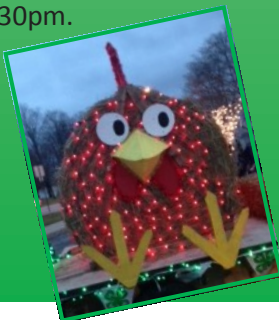
**Alpena Holiday Parade
Friday, November 26th**

Arrive @ 4:30pm

Annex Building parking lot,
corner of Chisholm and 9th Street



The 2015—2016 4-H Member of the Year, **Stephanie Domke** made a float in last year's holiday parade. We will be continuing the tradition of having a float again this year. We need 4-H members to help design and walk with our float during the parade. Everyone is welcome to join us in promoting 4-H. If you are interested in volunteering to build the float and/or walk with the float please contact the Alpena MSUE office and we will let the 2016-17 4-H Member of the Year know. If you can walk with the float please meet at the fairgrounds on November 26th by 4:30pm.



2016 Trunk-or-Treat! Friday, October 28th from 5:30pm-7:30pm

Join us at the WATZ and Michigan State Police Trunk-or-Treat, located at the Farmers Market parking lot behind City Hall. We will be handing out 4-H materials and candy. Come Trunk-or-Treating and show us your costume!



2014 Trunk-or-Treat

2017 Youth Day!

The date for the 2017 Youth Day has been set for **Saturday, March 11th**. The location is TBD. Club display set up will start at 8:00am and the youth day kick off is at 9:00am. In order to be eligible to serve as a delegate at the state horse show 4-H members must participate at youth day (if you can not attend Youth Day please contact Helen-Ann). We look forward to seeing what projects you present!

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 you 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 will be published in December/January newsletter). 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.

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.



4-H'er Jayda Shields poses with her 2016 Youth Day projects!



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September 1, 2016—August 31, 2017

Enroll in 4-H Today for the 2016-2017 Year!

Don't miss the **March 1, 2017** deadline to be eligible
to market livestock at the 2017 Alpena County Fair.

Enroll Online + Pay \$10 Enrollment Fee



2016 Alpena County Plat Books are Here!

Alpena County Plat books can be purchased for \$25 at the Michigan State University Extension office in Alpena, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union on Bagley Street, the Alpena County Equalization Department, and the Alpena Conservation District. Checks can be made payable to 'Alpena County 4-H Council.' All profits from plat books benefit the Alpena County 4-H Youth Development Program and are used to support educational 4-H events and activities throughout the year. For more information on plat books please contact the Alpena MSU Extension office at (989) 354-9870 or princeh1@anr.msu.edu

"To Make The Best Better"

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