



Alpena County

4-H Family News

March 2017

Please join us at the 2017 Alpena County 4-H Youth Day!

When: Saturday, March 4th**Time:** 9:00am-2:30pm (arrive at 8:00am for club set-up)**Where:** Thunder Bay Junior High School (3500 South 3rd Ave, Alpena)

For more information on Youth Day **please see page 6** in this newsletter

Market Club

2017 Market Club Dates:

- > Tuesday, **March 21** @ 6pm (Merchant's Bdg)
- > Tuesday, **April 18** @ 6pm (Merchant's Bdg)
- > Tuesday, **May 16** @ 6pm (Merchant's Bdg)
- > Tuesday, **June 20** @ 6pm (Merchant's Bdg)
- > Tuesday, **July 18** @ 6pm (Merchant's Bdg)



If you are planning to market livestock at the 2017 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. Members must attend at least 3 out of 5 meetings.

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*We have updated our website—
Check it out!

MSU Ext. Office Hours
Tues-Thurs; 8:30a-4:30p

4-H GROWS HERE

*4-H Members, are you interested in being featured in our newsletter? We want to highlight the amazing work 4-H'ers are doing in Alpena County. In each issue of the newsletter one member will be featured in our showcase section. To be featured contact Helen-Ann. Members will need to submit 1-2 pictures and a brief write up (100-150 words) of their project(s) and what 4-H means to them.

Michigan Dairy Conference

March 17-19, 2017



The **purpose** of this annual workshop is to:

- > Provide 4-H'ers and volunteers from across the state with the opportunity to learn about MI agriculture
- > Increase attendees' knowledge about the MI dairy industry
- > Develop participants' self esteem, self awareness and leadership skills
- > Help those attending to become more knowledgeable about the many issues affecting agriculture now and in the future
- > Inspire conference participants to bring new programming and ideas back to their 4-H clubs and county

Who Should Attend?

This training is for 4-H'ers **age 13 to 19 years old, as of January 1, 2017**, and volunteers who are interested in dairy cattle and dairy cattle reproduction science.

Register online at:

<http://bit.ly/2lch5Jj>



4-H Workshops

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 scholarship 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 scholarship form is turned into the Alpena MSU Extension office. Your online enrollment and \$10 participation fee/scholarship 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 4: Alpena County 4-H Youth Day

Thunder Bay Junior High School, Alpena (9:00am-2:30pm; arrive at 8:00am for club set-up)

March 11-12: Challenge U 4-H Funfest

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=45166123621BDFFE>

Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 17-19: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=62E0A083A0F38132>

Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 18-19: 4-H Robotics Workshop

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=CFBB42F26791A2C6>

Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 19-22: 4-H Capitol Experience

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=087C25CC2694CBDE>

Okemos Conference Center, Okemos

March 22: *Youth Business Guide to Success . . . Training*

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=7BB57C00B1B518BF>

Lapeer County MSU Extension Office, Lapeer

March 25: *Youth Business Guide to Success . . . Training*

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=7BB57C00B1B518BF>

Menominee County MSU Extension Office, Stephenson

March 26: Michigan 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_ffa_horse_judging_contest

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

April 8: Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/norma_agnew_memorial_4-h_hairy_horse_show

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

April 15: State 4-H Goat Expo

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=6549761B2168714F>

Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

April 25: Alpena County 4-H Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up

Long Rapids Hall in Lachine; meet at 5:45pm (Pizza dinner to follow clean-up)

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

2017 Market Sale Rule Changes

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Market Sale Rule Changes!

In November our 4-H Council voted on the proposed market sale rules. Please find some major 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/2I7YHOP>

Page 2; 2 Change to:

- "All 4-H members must reside in Alpena County and/or belong to a 4-H livestock Club, be enrolled in Alpena County 4-H Market Sale Club, and be registered at the MSU Extension office by the proper date listed below. If a 4-H member has a sale available to them in the county in which they reside, they must sell at their sale. However, if one is not available to them they may be eligible to sell at the Alpena County fair."

Page 3; 10 Change to:

- "Members should wear proper attire while showing in showmanship, **market class**, and the sale ring. Clothing with club name, personal names, or slogans is not appropriate to be worn in the show or sale ring."

Page 3; 18 New Rule:

- "All animals will be checked for market eligibility before they enter the scale and when on the scale. Any market sale eligibility disputes from the 4-H member/family must be handled before the animal exits the scale. Example this is when an animal should be checked for proper castration, dehorning or any other requirements to that specific species to be able to sell.
- **The MSU Extension office has the right to make the decision on market sale eligibility during the week of fair, should any disputes arise.**

Page 10 Feeder Calves:

- "4) 4-H'ers 9 through 13 may sell one feeder calf, 4-H'ers 14 through 19 may sell two Feeder calves.
- 8) Calves must weigh no less than **250** pounds with a maximum weight of **700** possible pounds. Weights must be verified on the first day of the Alpena County Fair."

Page 11 Baby Beef—New Market Class:

- "4) 4-H'ers 9 through 13 may sell one baby beef, 4-H'ers 14 through 19 may sell two baby beef calves.
- 5) Baby beef calves must be 75% or greater beef.
- 8) Calves must weigh no less than **250** pounds with a maximum weight of **700** possible pounds. Weights must be verified on the first day of the Alpena County Fair."

Page 12 Veal:

- "4-H'ers 9 through 13 may sell one veal calf, 4-H'ers 14 through 19 may sell two veal calves."

Page 13 Goat:

- "7) Market goats will be purchased on or before spring weigh-in of the calendar year (normally beginning of May). **Market goats are required to be weighed at the spring weigh-in.** It will be the responsibility of the 4-H member to transport market goats to and from weigh-in.
- 11) Market goats may be either male or female. They must be properly dehorned and healed prior to the first day of fair. Dairy breeds must be properly dehorned, meat breeds are optional to have dehorned due to the growth patterns of a goats horns (dairy breeds grow straight up and are a safety hazard). If they are males, they must be properly castrated or have a band on by the spring weigh-in."

Page 17-18 Poultry:

- "Quail—(pen of 4, 1lb per pen, max age 10 weeks)
- 9) All members must have proof of age of the animal being marketed. **A proof of hatch date must be provided to the Alpena MSU Extension office by the spring weigh-in, except for quail, broiler and cornish hens; which are due two weeks prior to the first day of fair.**
- 13) Poultry exhibitors may show a different poultry species in showmanship, as long as the species they are showing is in the same large or small animal category as their market species. Large Animal Poultry: Duck, Goose, Turkey, Quail, Pheasant; Small Animal Poultry: Chicken/Broiler, Cornish Game Hen." *This is not a new rule, just a clarification*

Page 17-18 Stewer Rabbit—New Market Class:

- "Stewer Rabbit—New Market Class (1 animal, min weight 8lbs)
- 8) Stewer rabbits must be born after January 1st of the current 4-H year and must be at least 6 months old at fair time."

Alpena 4-H Donated Teddy Bears to the Maternity Center at Alpena MidMichigan Medical Center!



Alpena 4-H received teddy bears in the January donation from the Kids in Need Foundation. It is Alpena 4-H's job to distribute the donations we receive to the local community.

Donations consist of discontinued items from Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts, and range from a variety of items. Donations can be t-shirts, fake flowers, sewing supplies, paint, fabric, construction paper, clothing dye, various holiday decorations craft items, and more. These items are for 4-H members, clubs, and the community!

If you would like to come into the office and see what items we have please stop into our office Tues-Thurs from 8:30a-4:30p. Members and clubs are welcome to use these items in their 4-H projects.



Market Animal Sale Information & Notes

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2017 Market Livestock Birth/Hatch Dates

Market Beef Earliest Birth: November 29, 2015 (max age 20 months at fair)

- Must be purchased, tagged & filed at MSUE office by December 1

Feeder Calf Earliest Birth: January 1, 2017

- Must be purchased, tagged & filed at MSUE office by spring weigh-in

Baby Beef Earliest Birth: January 1, 2017

- Must be purchased, tagged & filed at MSUE office by spring weigh-in

Veal Suggested Birth: March 26–April 23, 2017 (age 14-18 weeks at fair)

- Must be purchased, tagged & filed at MSUE office by spring weigh-in

Goat Earliest Birth: January 1, 2017; 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, 2017; 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, 2017

- Must be purchased, tagged & filed at MSUE office by spring weigh-in

Stewer Rabbit (pen of 1) Birth Range: January 1–29, 2017 (min age 6 months)

Turkey/Goose (pen of 1) Earliest Hatch: February 12, 2017 (max age 24 weeks)

Pheasant (pen of 2) Earliest Hatch: April 9, 2017 (max age 16)

Duck (pen of 1) Earliest Hatch: April 23, 2017 (max age 14 weeks)

Rabbits (pen of 3) Earliest Birth: May 7, 2017 (max age 12 weeks)

Quail (pen of 4) Earliest Hatch: May 21, 2017 (max age 10 weeks)

Broilers (pen of 2) Earliest Hatch: June 11, 2017 (max age 7 weeks)

Cornish Hens (pen of 3) Earliest Hatch: July 2, 2017 (max age 4 weeks)

2017 Sheep & Goat Spring Weigh-in

Thursday, **May 18** @ 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 ASAP

2017 Important Market Dates

- Wednesday, **March 1**, 2017 – Must be enrolled in Alpena County 4-H
- Saturday, **July 29**–Sunday, **August 6**, 2017 – Alpena County Fair
- Saturday, **July 29** – Animals move into fair and weigh-in
- Friday, **August 4**, 2017 @ 5:00pm – Alpena County 4-H Market Animal Sale

Notes for Ordering Poultry

- **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.
- **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. 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.

**Help!
Volunteers
Needed**



Alpena County 4-H is made possible by YOU! We are in need of more volunteers to help guide our youth development program. Volunteering with 4-H can be through:

- 1) Serving as a 4-H club leader
- 2) Serving as a resource leader to assist with a 4-H club/activity
- 3) Serving as a episodic volunteer
- 4) And more!

Everyone has something they can teach youth—whether its crafts, writing, livestock education, etc. If you're interested in volunteering with Alpena 4-H please contact the Alpena MSUE office.



Camp 4-H₂O:



Defenders of the Great Lakes

Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, Otsego & Presque Isle County
4-H Summer Camp • June 26-28, 2017



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, the environment, our Great Lakes, and more! This year's camp theme is all about water or "4-H₂O." 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, 2017.

Deadline to apply as a counselor: **April 15, 2017 at 4:30p**

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

When:

June 26—28, 2017
Counselors stay until June 29th

Where:

Ocqueoc Outdoor Recreation 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 \$10 non 4-H'ers)
*Partial scholarships may be available—Please contact your county office for more information

Registration:

March 6—May 18, 2017 @ 4:30p

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

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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Alpena County 4-H Youth Day

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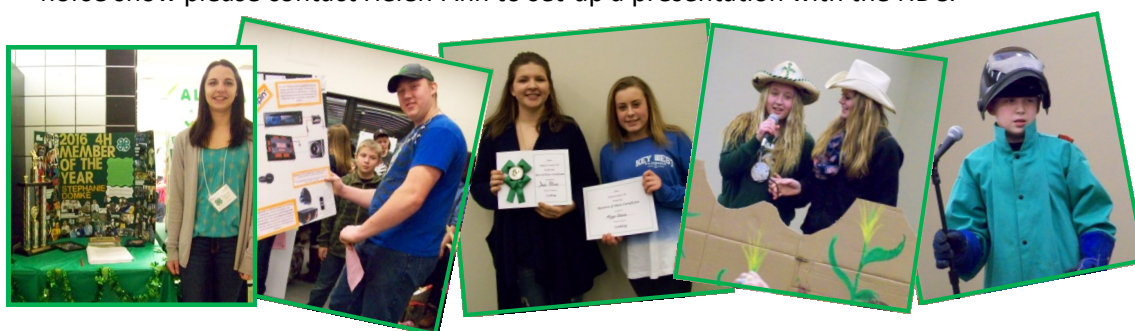
Alpena County 4-H Youth Day

Saturday, March 4, 2017 @ Thunder Bay Junior High
 - 3500 South 3rd Ave, Alpena, Michigan -
9:00am—2:30pm (arrive at 8:00am 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 (see the January newsletter for a list of project categories). 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 2017 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 Helen-Ann to set-up a presentation with the HDC.



2017 Youth Day Schedule:

8:00am	4-H Members Arrive (start setting up club displays)
8:50am	Youth Day Kick Off! (TBJH Cafeteria)
9:00am	Project Evaluation Begins
9:00am	4-H Council Scholarship Interviews Start
11:45am	Pot Luck Lunch (Last Name: A-G bring Side Dish; H-O bring Salad; P-Z bring Dessert—Alpena 4-H Council will be providing drinks and the main course)
12:15pm	Speeches, Demos, Performing Arts, and Clubs
1:15pm	Best Name Tag Award Club Display Winners (2) 4-H Scholarship Recipients Best of Show and Reserve of Show Awards
2:30pm	Clean-up



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

Application Deadline:



Tuesday, April 4, 2017
at 4:30pm

Interview Date:

Monday, April 10, 2017
starting at 6:00pm

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

2016 Senior Scholarship Recipients:
 Courtney Krentz
 Stephanie Domke
 Tyler Erickson



4-H supports civic engagement through a variety of events and activities; such as MI 4-H Capitol Experience in Lansing, 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus in D.C., the MI 4-H Youth Conservation Council, and more. If you're interested in learning more about civic engagement and government, contact the Alpena MSU Extension office.



A group of approximately 15 students are posing for a photo in front of a large, dark, circular sculpture. The sculpture is a large, dark, circular structure with a vertical slit, resembling a stylized 'C' or a large ring. The students are dressed in casual clothing, including t-shirts, jeans, and shorts. They are arranged in several rows, with some standing, some sitting on the sculpture, and one student lying on the grass in the foreground. The background shows a grassy area and some trees.





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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 2016-2017 Year!

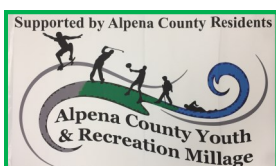
Don't miss the **March 1, 2017** deadline to be eligible
to market livestock at the 2017 Alpena County Fair.

Enroll Online + Pay \$10 Enrollment Fee/Scholarship



4-H'er, **Molly Thomas**, gave a presentation to the Alpena 4-H Council about her experience at the Visual Arts and Crafts Workshop at the 4-H Kettunen Center.

Did you know 4-H Council has a scholarship available to assist Alpena 4-H members with attending educational events and workshops?



"To Make The Best Better"

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