Alpena County 4-H Senior Scholarship

To live by the 4-H motto—“To make the best better”—Alpena County 4-H Council is once again offering several scholarships for post-high school education. We want to help you achieve your goals for the future! Scholarship applications can be picked up at the Alpena County MSU Extension office, at Alpena High School or online at the Alpena County MSU Extension website. Completed scholarship applications must be turned in to the Alpena MSU Extension office or Alpena High School main office. Applications are due **APRIL 1, 2015**. Scholarships will be announced at the Alpena High School senior awards night on May 21, 2015 at 7:00pm at Alpena High School auditorium. For scholarship application questions please contact Helen-Ann.

**2014 Alpena County 4-H Senior Scholarship Recipients:**
- Caitlin Borke
- Abbie Kowalski

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Alpena 4-H Member Receives Highest Honor

**Bree Oliver, 2014-2015 Alpena County 4-H Member of the Year**

At the county awards banquet Bree Oliver was named the 2014-2015 Alpena County 4-H Member of the Year, with Kelsey Udell the 2014-2015 Alpena County 4-H Member of the Year runner-up. Bree is a senior at Alpena High School and an extremely active member of Alpena 4-H. She has attended Exploration Days and has shown just about everything at the Alpena County Fair, ranging from chickens, goats, sheep, swine, rabbits and more. Kelsey Udell is also a senior at Alpena High School and an active member of Alpena 4-H. She has attended Exploration Days, 4-H Kettnen Center Workshops and shown numerous livestock at the Alpena County Fair. Serving as the Alpena County 4-H Member of the Year is one of the highest honors a 4-H member can receive at the county level. Congratulations Bree and Kelsey! Your dedication and continued involvement with 4-H is inspiring! With your help we can continue to accomplish the 4-H motto and “make the best better” right here in Alpena! We look forward to seeing what your year brings!
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!

January 21, 2015
4-H Council Meeting (5:30pm)

February 1, 2015
State Award Apps Due
*This is a Sunday, please turn in forms Thursday, January 29, 2015 by 4:30pm

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 14, 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 Camp

August 8-16, 2015
Alpena County Fair

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

2015
January 17-18: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
http://bit.ly/1xz6eX2
Kettunen Center, Tustin

January 31-February 1: 4-H Winterfest
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_winterfest15
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 27-28: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://bit.ly/1sujItU
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 28-March 1: 4-H Beef Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://bit.ly/1vRGKEf
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

January 18: 4-H Day at the Breslin
http://bit.ly/1uvKSMk
Breslin Center, MSU, East Lansing

January 30-31: Green & White Swine Youth Education Fair & Open Hog Show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

January 31: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 6-7: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 7: 4-H/MQHA Benefit Clinic and Tack Sale
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 13-15: 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Winter Camping Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/outdoor_adventure_challenge_winter_camping_workshop
Pigeon River State Forest

March 7: Spring Galaxy Meeting: 4-H Horse Program Committee
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

March 13-15: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
Contact Melissa Elischer (elischer@msu.edu)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

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

Above: 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!
This past fall 4-H members, parents, community members and market sale buyers joined us for our annual awards banquet. This banquet is where 4-H members are recognized for all their hard work throughout the past year. Awards are given, our 4-H member of the year is announced and more. Congratulations to all the 4-H members that attended this years banquet and received a 4-H award. The results from our 2014 Alpena County 4-H awards banquet are listed below. If you did not receive an award make sure you talk with your 4-H club leader this year about applying.

**Project Awards:**
- **Beef/Veal (3)**: Coty Avent, Randy Udell, Nicole Johnson
- **Dairy (2)**: Anissa Eagling, Ethan Leatzow
- **Dog (3)**: Brandy Worth, Carey May Udell, Jona Bixel
- **Goat (4)**: Abbie Kowalski, Demo Oliver, Garret McQuarrie, Stephanie Domke
- **Horse/Pony (21)**: Alyseya Beaudoin, Ayla Manley, Casey Stevens, Cassidy May, Chance Sommerfeld, Clara Newhouse, Corey Bobitz, Holly Hull, Hope Hull, Hope Reed, Jalen Troy, Jessiaca Schoville, Jessica Szatkowski, Jordan Guy, Kennedy Davis, Madison Domke, McKenna Sharp, McKenzie Ellery, Mekayla Abbott, Tasha Beaudoin, Taylor Alexander
- **Industrial Arts (3)**: Eric Slosser, Zackery Cook, Tyler Cook
- **Photography (4)**: Amber Eagling, Anissa Eagling, Brandon Borke, Nicole Johnson
- **Visual Arts (4)**: Clara Newhouse, Corey Boboltz, Madison Domke, Tasha Beaudoin

**Dairy Science (3)**: Dakota Gersewski, Beau Oliver, Bree Oliver

**Wood Science (3)**: Beau Oliver, Eric Slosser, Zachary Cook

**Special Awards:**
- **Achievement (9)**: Brandon Borke, Bree Oliver, Brooke Gersewski, Caliber Kowalski, Ethan Leatzow, Kaitlynn Kowalski, Kelsey Udell, Nehemiah Rao, Savannah Avent
- **Citizenship (3)**: Aaron Spigelmyre, Bree Oliver, Demi Oliver
- **Leadership (2)**: Carly Leatzow, Zachary Cook
- **Most Improved (6)**: Aaron Spigelmyre, Anissa Eagling, Brandi Worth, Macy Schram, Nehemiah Rao, Randy Udell
- **Teen Leaders (26)**: Dakota Gersewski, Alex Leatzow—Novice, Carly Leatzow—Junior, Brandon Borke—Senior
- **Adeline Alexander**
- **I Dare You Award**
- **State Award Winners**
- **Volunteer of the Year**
- **4-H Member of the Year**

**Horse/Pony (21)**
- **Alyseya Beaudoin**
- **Ayla Manley**
- **Casey Stevens**
- **Cassidy May**
- **Chance Sommerfeld**
- **Clara Newhouse**
- **Corey Bobitz**
- **Holly Hull**
- **Hope Hull**
- **Hope Reed**
- **Jalen Troy**
- **Jesiaca Schoville**
- **Jessica Szatkowski**
- **Jordan Guy**
- **Kennedy Davis**
- **Madison Domke**
- **McKenna Sharp**
- **McKenzie Ellery**
- **Mekayla Abbott**
- **Tasha Beaudoin**
- **Taylor Alexander**

A special thank you to Alpena County 4-H Council for sponsoring our meal, 4-H members for bringing delicious desserts and silent auction items to our banquet and to GreenStone Farm Credit Services for supplying cups, napkins, ink pens for our silent auction and more!

- Thank You!
YOUTH DAY is back!
- Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 9:00-2:30pm -

Great News! Youth Day is back again this year (formerly Achievement Day)! Participating in Youth Day is an opportunity to be recognized for your hard work throughout the past year. Members will have the opportunity to compete in a variety of project categories along with other 4-H members from Alpena County. As well as showcasing your 4-H project(s), you will be able to interview for a chance to win a scholarship that can be used towards the cost of 4-H Exploration Days or Summer Camp. Scholarship applications and an interview sign-up sheet will be available on Youth Day at the MSU Extension table. New this year—in order to be eligible to receive a scholarship at Youth Day you MUST actively participate in Youth Day. Also, in order to receive a Certificate of Completion for the 2014-2015 4-H year at the County Awards Banquet on October 25, 2015 you must participate in Youth Day.

4-H Clubs that participate in Youth Day will also have the opportunity to be recognized. We will be having a club name tag contest this year. Each 4-H club should design a matching name tag for each member. Name tags should include your name and 4-H club. The club with the best name tags will win a gift basket. To further help show our appreciation for your club’s hard work over the past year, two 4-H clubs that have a club display and are present will win a special door prize.

In February more information will be mailed to you regarding the project categories, location, what to bring and more. If you would like to help us decide some of these details please join us at our council meeting on January 21, 2015 at 5:30pm at the MSU Extension office. For questions regarding Youth Day please contact Helen-Ann.

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. FOOD
Need I say more?

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.

(Left) Last year Alpena 4-H’er of the Year, Brandon Borke, presenting Brooke Gersewski with her Best of Show Ribbon in the Junior Crafts project category. Brooke also received the best of show in Woodworking and Clothing/Textiles. Congratulations Brooke on all your hard work!

(Below) Last year over fifteen 4-H members from Alpena County received a scholarship at Youth Day! Pictured below is the group of Alpena and Montmorency County 4-H members that received a scholarship.
**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

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**Large Market Animals:**

**Market Beef**  
- Earliest Birth: December 8, 2013 (max age 20 months at fair)  
*Must be purchased by December 31, 2015  
*Must be tagged & filed at MSUE office by January 1

**Feeder Calf**  
- Earliest Birth: January 8, 2015 (max age 6 months at fair)  
*Must be purchased by spring weigh-in  
*Must be tagged & filed at MSUE office by June 1

**Veal**  
- Suggested Birth: April 15–May 10, 2015 (age 14-18 weeks at fair)  
*Must be raised on cow (not pasture) or with milk replacer (no grain, hay or grass)  
*Must be tagged & filed at MSUE office by June 1

**Goat**  
- Earliest Birth: January 1, 2015  
*Must be purchased by spring weigh-in

**Lamb**  
- Purchase by April 15, 2015 (Must be born after Jan 1, 2015)  
*Must be weighed at spring weigh-in in order to be eligible to market

**Swine**  
- Suggested Birth: February 1-March 31, 2015  
*Must be purchased by spring weigh-in

**Small Market Animals:**

**Turkeys/Geese**  
- Earliest Hatch: February 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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Taylor Wong and Kelsey Udell participating in the Norman Alexander Large Animal Sweepstakes
LOCAL NEWS

Alpena County Youth and Recreation Millage

MSU Extension and our 4-H programs are so pleased to again have received the funding support of the Alpena Youth and Recreation Committee for the 2015 year. For the past three years the existence of our youth development programming has hinged on the support of this group. Please, if you know or meet someone who sits on the Alpena Youth and Recreation Committee thank them for their support of Extension youth programs these past years; especially 4-H!

SUMMER CAMP—Fins, Fur and Feathers!

What are you doing this summer? Come to summer camp along with 4-H’ers from Alcona, Montmorency, Otsego and Presque Isle counties! Learn about S.T.E.M. (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) while participating in awesome games and group activities with campers throughout northeast Michigan! You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend summer camp.

Where: Ocqueoc Outdoor Recreation Center (Presque Isle County)

When: Monday, June 29—Thursday, July 2, 2015

Who: Youth ages 9-12 years old (age as of January 1, 2015)

Cost: $75.00 (additional $10 for non 4-H members)

Camp Counselor: Needed from Alpena! Must be 15-19 years old by January 1, 2015

Transportation: Campers are required to find their own transportation to and from camp; carpooling is encouraged

Deadline to apply: May 28, 2015 by 4:30pm

Camp Activities:
- Shooting Sports (Archery)
- Kayaking (NEW!)
- Group Games
- Paint War
- Fisheries
- Mammals
- Aves (birds)
- Water Slide
- And More!

Above: Alpena County 4-H members that attended the 2014 Summer Camp, “Ready, Set, Go!”

Above: Alpena County 4-H members had a BLAST at the marshmallow paint war!

Below: Campers got to dissect a fish from the USDA Fish and Wildlife Service at summer camp.

Alpena County 4-H Council Update

4-H council will hold their first meeting of the new year on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 5:30pm at the Alpena MSU Extension office.

Main items to be discussed at this meeting include: Officer elections, poultry ordering, market sale rule changes, Youth Day, and more.

Everyone is welcome to attend council meetings—parents, community members, 4-H members and more. If you are unable to make a council meeting and would like to ask a question, make a comment or note a concern please contact Helen-Ann and your item can be brought up at the council meeting.

Above: Helen-Ann with Alpena County 4-H members that attended the 2014 Summer Camp, “Ready, Set, Go!”

4-H Council has plat books for sale—Support Alpena County 4-H and pick one up today! $25.00 each (cash or check only)
Trunk-or-Treat

This past October 4-H staff and 4-H Member of the Year, Bree Oliver handed out 4-H tattoos, suckers and brochures to youth at the Alpena Trunk-or-Treat. Over 900 youth participated in this years Trunk-or-Treat! We are looking forward to participating again this year. Thank you to the Alpena County 4-H Council for purchasing the items for us to hand out and help promote Alpena County 4-H.

(right) Handing out candy to Trunk-or-Treaters! Sheryl Wright, 4-H volunteer; Sienna Suszek, 4-H Educator and Helen-Ann Cordes, 4-H Program Coordinator.

4-H Float in the Holiday Parade

Alpena County 4-H’ers participated in the 2014 Bolenz Jewelry Holiday Parade in Alpena! Thank you to everyone that came out with us! And a special thank you to our 4-H Member of the Year, Bree Oliver for making this years float and to Alpena County 4-H Council for supplying the candy for the parade. Alpena 4-H participates in the holiday parade annually. Everyone is welcome to walk with the 4-H float – so come out in November to help promote 4-H in Alpena! Pictured is (left) Bree Oliver, 4-H Member of the Year and on the right (L-R) Bree Oliver, Carly Leatzow and Kelsey Udell.

Alpena County 4-H Word

JUMBLED

Unscramble the following phrase:

OT EAKM ETH ETSB RETBET

Hint: As a 4-H member what do you strive to do?
LOCAL NEWS

Spring Weigh-In—MAY 12, 2015

The spring weigh-in will take place at the Alpena County 4-H Market Club meeting on May 12, 2015. This date is later than past years, because we want to ensure the swine barn is clear of winter storage items. Animals that must be weighed include sheep and goats (optional). Goats are optional to be weighed; however, it is highly recommended to weigh them so you have an idea of their beginning weight and so you can participate in the rate of gain contest. Sheep are required to be weighed in order to be eligible for the market sale. We will not have a swine weigh-in again this year due to recommendations from the MSU Extension swine unit. The necessary safety precautions that must be implemented to have a spring weigh-in with swine would be too strenuous to implement.

Snorkeling 101!

In December, (28) 4-H members and (13) adults joined us at the Alpena Plaza Pool for a Snorkeling 101 Training sponsored by the Friends of the Alpena Plaza Pool. 4-H members swam through obstacles, dove for treasures and more! For the training 4-H members made donations of non-perishable food items. All items were donated to the Alpena Salvation Army. A special thank you to the Pine Grove Stable Equestrians 4-H Club for all their hard work in collecting donations for the Salvation Army! Thanks to everyone’s contributions, over four, full boxes of food were donated to support families in Alpena County.

We’re Not Just “Horse-ing” Around!

Alpena County 4-H Horse Development Club (HDC) is gearing up for the new year and getting ready for youth day, horse camp, achievement day and more! This year HDC is having more horse shows; which means more fun! If you are interested in helping guide and advise our 4-H horse programs here in Alpena County please join us at our HDC meetings the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at the Alpena MSU Extension office on the Alpena fairgrounds.

IMPORTANT HDC REMINDER

In order to be eligible to attend the 4-H State Horse Show on August 7-9, 2015 at the MSU Pavilion you must participate at the Alpena County 4-H Youth Day on March 14, 2015 and the Alpena County 4-H Horse Achievement Day (where state show qualifiers are determined) on June 14, 2014 at the Alpena fairgrounds.

Teen Leaders for Tomorrow and Today Workshop

Alcona County 4-H is hosting a teen leaders workshop this January.

Do you want to be part of making something happen instead of adults always telling you what to do? This training will help you develop your leadership skills and learn how you can utilize leadership skills to help your club and community. Be an agent of change!

When
Saturday, January 24
12:30-4:30pm

Where
Lost Lake Woods Club
4243 Lost Lake Trail
Lincoln, Michigan

Why
You are valuable! Come learn and realize just how valuable you are when you’re in a room full of adults. This workshop will inspire youth to work towards authentic youth and adult partnerships.

Who
4-H’ers 11-19 years old

Cost
$5.00 (this includes all materials and pizza for lunch)

Registration Required
Alcona 4-H: (989)724-6478
thoma322@msu.edu
THIS IS THE LAST 4-H MAILING TO ALL 2013-2014 REGISTERED 4-H MEMBERS. THE NEXT MAILING WILL ONLY BE SENT TO CURRENT ENROLLED 4-H MEMBERS. THIS IS YOUR LAST REMINDER TO ENROLL IN 4-H BY THE MARCH 1ST DEADLINE IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO MARKET AN ANIMAL THIS YEAR.

Alpena County
4-H Family News

Bree Oliver
2014-2015 Alpena County 4-H Member of the Year

“To make the best better”
Alpena County 4-H is sponsored by the Alpena Youth and Recreation Millage