You’re Invited:
Alpena County 4-H Youth Day!

When: Saturday, March 4, 2017
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, such as project categories, contests and other activities please see pages 3-5 in this newsletter

*** Enroll in 4-H Today - Just 2 Steps ***
The 2016-2017 4-H year is here—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 ($30 family fee for 3+ children in the same family) or participation fee scholarship form can NOT be paid or completed online, you must come into our office, drop it in our secure mailbox located outside of our main entrance, or mail us your participation fee/waiver form. **Youth are NOT enrolled in 4-H until their participation fee/scholarship is turned into the Alpena MSU Extension office and they have completed their 4-H Online enrollment.** Don’t miss the March 1, 2017 deadline in order to be eligible to market livestock projects at this year’s fair.

4-H Online Website: https://mi.4honline.com/Login.aspx
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

February 3-4: 4-H/MQHA Clinic Weekend
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

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
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 17-20: National Youth Summit on Healthy Living
http://4hcenter.org/tours-programs/national-youth-summit-series/#healthy-living
National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

February 18: Michigan 4-H Night With the Griffins
Contact Tarin Minkel (minkeltj@anr.msu.edu)
Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids

February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 22: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=B4D2D654CB6AAA94
MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

February 25: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders’ Conference
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

March 1: Alpena County 4-H Enrollment Due
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4-H Online Website: https://mi-4honline.com/Login.aspx

March 4: Alpena County 4-H Youth Day
Thunder Bay Junior High School, Alpena

March 17-19: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
Contact Melissa Elischer (elischa@msu.edu)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 19-22: 4-H Capitol Experience
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_capitol_experience_3
Okemos Conference Center, Okemos

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

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

Alpena MSUE Welcomes New Office Specialist, Jessica Kendziorski!

Alpena MSU Extension is welcoming a new office specialist! Jessica is an Alpena native who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our program. She is looking forward to learning more about Alpena County 4-H and getting to know our dedicated members and volunteers. Jessica works at the Alpena MSUE office Tues—Thurs from 8:30a-4:30p. She can be reached by e-mail at: kendzi20@anr.msu.edu

Please join us in welcoming Jessica to our 4-H family!
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 (project categories listed on page #4). 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.

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 a judge—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. Meet 4-H’ers In 2016 over 80 4-H members participated in Youth Day! Join your fellow 4-H’ers and meet new people.
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 information about this year’s trip, classes, and registration information at Youth Day!
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.

2017 Youth Day Schedule:

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<td>Youth Day Kick Off! (TBJH Cafeteria)</td>
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<td>Project Evaluation Begins</td>
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<td>9:00am</td>
<td>4-H Council Scholarship Interviews Start</td>
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<td>11:45am</td>
<td>Pot Luck Lunch&lt;br&gt;(Last Name: A-G bring Side Dish; H-O bring Salad; P-Z bring Dessert— Alpena 4-H Council will be providing the main course)</td>
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<td>12:15pm</td>
<td>Speeches, Demos, Performing Arts, and Clubs</td>
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<td>Best Name Tag Award&lt;br&gt;Club Display Winners (2)</td>
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<td>4-H Scholarship Recipients&lt;br&gt;Best of Show and Reserve of Show Awards</td>
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# Youth Day Project Categories

**- Youth Day Individual Project Areas -**

All Ages as of January 1, 2017

1) **Clothing & Textiles (9-13 years old)** Showcase your sewing, knitting, crocheting, tie dye, and other related projects.

2) **Clothing & Textiles (14-19 years old)** Showcase your sewing, knitting, crocheting, tie dye, and other related projects.

3) **Cloverbuds (5-8 years old)** We want to see the work of our youngest members and the future of 4-H! Cloverbuds (All 4-H’ers age 5-8 years old) will have the opportunity to discuss and showcase their project(s) in a non-competitive but rewarding venue.

4) **Cooking** Bring in those cakes, cookies, hors d’oeuvres, pies, smoothies, honey, and canning items to name a few ideas.

5) **Visual Arts/Crafts (9-13 years old)** Arts and crafts that do not fall under any other category will be evaluated here.

6) **Visual Arts/Crafts (14-19 years old)** Arts and crafts that do not fall under any other category will be evaluated here.

7) **Gardening and Conservation** Did you make a garden related art project, design a bird house, or start a recycling program at your house? 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, conservation and other related projects in this category.

8) **Pets** Projects that should be included in this category include personal pet projects such as dogs, cats, birds, mice, hamsters and other domestic pets. You could present about how you trained your dog, talk about how you take care of your cat, make a poster on what you feed your pet, and more. *(No pets can be brought in for this project category)*

9) **Horse Veterinarian Science (9-11 years old)** This project area can include a research based poster or display related to horses, a research project on a disease or current issue related to horses, a presentation about your horse related 4-H projects, etc. Any project specifically related to horses should be presented in this category.

10) **Horse Veterinarian Science (14-19 years old)** This project area can include a research based poster or display related to horses, a research project on a disease or current issue related to horses, a presentation about your horse related 4-H projects, etc. Any project specifically related to horses should be presented in this category.

11) **Large Animal Veterinarian Science** Ex: beef, dairy, swine, goat, sheep, alpaca, etc. This project area can include a research based poster or display related to large animal livestock, a research project on a disease or current issue related to large animal livestock, a presentation about your large animal livestock related 4-H projects, etc. Any project specifically related to large animal livestock should be presented in this category.

12) **Small Animal Veterinarian Science** Ex: poultry, rabbits, etc. This project area can include a research based poster or display related to small animal livestock, a research project on a disease or current issue related to small animal livestock, a presentation about your small animal livestock related 4-H projects, etc. Any project specifically related to small animal livestock should be presented in this category. To see if you can bring your small animal livestock projects please contact the Alpena MSU Extension office at least two weeks prior to Youth Day for permission. No poultry can be brought.

13) **Informational Displays and Exhibits** Projects such as a family history poster, a display on how you collected honey from bees you raised, a poster on safety when riding ORVs, etc should be presented in this category. This project category includes all informational posters and displays that are NOT specifically focused on horse, livestock, or pets.

14) **Photography, Drawing and Painting**

15) **S.T.E.M** This category includes all projects related to S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics); such as invasive species, water science related projects, welding, ROVs, etc.

16) **Shooting Sports** Bring in your bow and talk about your archery 4-H project, make a display on your shooting sports project(s), bring in the bow or rifle case you designed, etc. *(No firearms or ammunition can be brought in for this project category)*

17) **Woodworking** Bring your 4-H wood projects to be evaluated. Such as a table you made, wood burning project, and more.

18) **Written Expression** Poetry, short stories, reports and other written projects should be displayed in this category.

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**- Youth Day Individual or Group Project Areas -**

To be completed after lunch in the TBJH cafeteria

19) **Speech** Speeches can be done individually or by a group and can be on any appropriate topic. Topic such as what 4-H has taught you and/or how it has impacted your life, current events related to 4-H (animal disease, climate, new regulations, etc), what your 4-H club is doing in Alpena County, confidence, etc are some topic examples. Time restriction: < 8 mins.

20) **Demonstration** Demonstrations can be done individually or by a group and should consider teaching something you know how to do to others. Demonstrate anything from how to properly saddle a horse to making French crepes. Time restriction: 5-12 mins.

21) **Performing Arts** This category could include a group or individual dance routine, singing, musical instrument, comedy act, or club skit. Time restriction: < 8 mins. If you need background music for your performance contact Helen-Ann.

22) **4-H Clubs** This category is for presentations, skits, etc conducted by a whole 4-H club. Time restriction: < 8 mins.
YOUTH DAY

Youth Day Name Tags
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 *We will be randomly drawing a winner from each club that has name tags. The winning club will receive a $50 prize!

Youth Day Club Display
What should we include in our club display? Club name, 4-H clover (stickers are available at our office if needed), member list, projects your club does, pictures, a fun game or activity for other 4-H’ers and community members, and an educational component.
Activity at display: The activity at your club display should be a fun educational game; such as matching, trivia, obstacle course, etc. This activity is for fellow 4-H members and community members!
Club display rules: You must have at least one 4-H member by your display at all times to help answer questions, and showcase your 4-H club. Help inform the community on the power of 4-H in Alpena.
Club Display Contest: There will be a 4-H club display contest at Youth Day! The winning 4-H Club will receive a $50 prize and the second place 4-H Club will receive a $25 prize.

Example Display (Hay Rustlers 2014 Club Display):

4-H Council Scholarship Interview
Who should interview for a scholarship? All 4-H members age 9-19 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. If you want to complete an application prior to Youth Day visit:
>>> http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/alpena/alpena_county_4_h
Requirements: In order to be eligible to receive a 4-H Council scholarship you must participate in an individual project category at Youth Day.
Save the Date!
2017 Horse Camp!
May 12-14th

Registration information for horse camp will be available in the February newsletter. If you have any questions about horse camp please contact the Alpena MSU Extension office.

Spring Adopt-A-Highway
Tuesday, April 25, 2017 @ 5:45pm
- Meet at Long Rapids Hall in Lachine -

Please meet at the Long Rapids Hall at 5:45pm to kick off our 2017 spring Adopt-A-Highway clean-up! We will have a safety meeting, before dividing up into groups to clean our 2 mile stretch of M-65. The Alpena County 4-H Council will be providing pizza for dinner after the clean-up. We hope you’re able to join us in giving back to our local community by volunteering!

Change to MSU Firearm Policy

“As outlined in the MSU policy, MSU Extension employees may not be in possession of a firearm while conducting MSU business. In addition, volunteers who are participating in or attending a MSU Extension program or event are prohibited from possessing a firearm on their person during the MSU Extension-sponsored event. This policy applies to all MSU Extension volunteers present at MSU Extension events, even those who possess a valid concealed carry permit. MSU Extension volunteers who attend a MSU Extension-sponsored event with a firearm on their person will be asked to remove their firearm to a secure location or leave the event.

The exception to this policy is for educational trainings and events that are part of the 4-H Shooting Sports program, which may use discipline specific firearms (BB, air pellet, .22, shotgun, muzzleloader & air pistol) for educational, demonstration and competition uses only and must comply with the policies and practices of the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports program. This exception only applies during the period that the above-referenced firearms are in use for 4-H Shooting Sports educational, demonstration and competition purposes, and does not allow 4-H Shooting Sports volunteers to possess firearms for other purposes in conjunction with MSU Extension-sponsored programs.”
Youth Day Scholarship Application
Sponsored by: Alpena County 4-H Council

Must be an Alpena County 4-H member age 9-19 years old
Please turn in at the start of your 3-5 minute interview at Youth Day

Name: ___________________________________________ Years in 4-H: ______________________

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): ___________________________ Age: ______________________

Name of Parent/Guardian(s): ___________________________ Phone: ______________________

Scholarship Amount: ~$40.00 (exact amount TBD at Youth Day)

4-H Exploration Days – June 21-23, 2017 at Michigan State University
   Age limit 11-19 years old as of January 1, 2017
   Please note receiving a scholarship does not automatically sign you up for Exploration Days

4-H Summer Camp – June 26-28, 2017 at Ocqueoc Outdoor Center
   Age limit: 9-12 years old as of camp
   Please note receiving a scholarship does not automatically sign you up for Summer Camp

Other Educational 4-H Activity?

Questions 1-6

1) If you receive a scholarship, what educational event or activity do you plan to use it for? Why do you want to attend this event?

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2) What is the greatest thing you have learned from 4-H?

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(See back for questions 3-6)
3) What does the 4-H motto, “To Make the Best Better” mean to you?

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4) What is the most important 4-H project you have undertaken? What does this project entail?

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5) What other 4-H events have you been involved with (camps, exploration days, capitol experience, 4-H workshops, etc.)? Please describe these events.

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6) Do you have any additional information on why you should be considered for a scholarship?

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Alpena 4-H Council Senior Scholarship!

Apply for an Alpena County 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

Courtney Krentz
2016-2017 4-H Member of the Year

Danielle Hoggard, the granddaughter of Dale and Joann Huggler, awarded the title of Alpena County 4-H Member of the Year to Courtney Krentz, daughter of Gary and Donna Krentz of Hubbard Lake. The 4-H Member of the Year is the highest honor a 4-H’er can receive in Alpena County. Runner-up honors went to Demi Oliver, the daughter of Brian and Dione Oliver of Alpena. The 4-H Member of the Year is sponsored by Dale and Joann Huggler, who have been the sole sponsors of the award since its inception in 1975. Congratulations to Courtney and Demi! Great job accomplishing the 4-H motto and making the best better right here in Alpena County.

Stacie Avent—Volunteer of the Year

Stacie Avent was honored for her tireless dedication to the Alpena County 4-H Youth Development Program at our County Awards Banquet in October. Stacie has been an instrumental volunteer in Alpena County 4-H, by serving on the 4-H Council, chairing various committees, hosting 4-H events and activities, and more. Thank you for your dedication to Alpena County 4-H, Stacie!
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

2017 Market Club Dates: (3rd Tuesday of the month)

> 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)

“To Make The Best Better”

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