

September 3, 2020

4-H Livestock Members

I want to let you know that I have contacted all of our buyers/bidders from the 2019-2020 St. Joseph County Livestock Auction to let them know about the "[St. Joseph County 4-H Fall Event](#)". I did include information on how they can still support our Livestock exhibitors even without our Livestock Auction this year.

There is an option in the FairEntry program for buyers/bidders/supporters to log in and do an "add-on" support amount for 4-H members who exhibit in the virtual showcase..."[St. Joseph County 4-H Fall Event](#)". Here is where you come in!

If you have not already entered your livestock project(s) into the system, you still have time. Entries will close on September 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. [Directions](#) for entering your projects were sent in a previous email on August 24, 2020. If you need additional help, feel free to email me at beekere@msu.edu.

After you have entered your projects, it is time to make contact with businesses, individuals, and groups that have supported you in the past. Similar to your "buyer letters" be sure to let them know that you are still exhibiting and that they can support you by using the "add-on" option. We will be accepting checks (made out to SJC 4-H Livestock Association) and credit cards (with a 4% added fee for credit card use). Also be sure to let them know that we are NOT having a livestock auction and that animals are not being sold through the 4-H program. If you want to arrange a private treaty sale that is between you and the person you are talking with. We will NOT be arranging pick up or processing for the 2020 event.

Once the St. Joseph County 4-H Fall Event closes and results are posted, all add-ons will be tallied and sent to each 4-H member. All add-on monies will go directly to the 4-H member. You should not expect your check until late October/Early November, as it will take some time to gather all the information. We will also let you know who sent add-on monies for you to write your Thank You notes prior to receiving your check.

This is a great opportunity for you to continue to be in contact with your supporters and hopefully next year we can have our Livestock Auction in person!

If you have questions, do not hesitate to email me at beekere@msu.edu!

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