Here is the latest St. Joseph County 4-H News Blast … March 2015

Please be sure to check out the website: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/st._joseph for additional information that will keep you in the know. ALSO…To make locating information easier, we have developed an additional webpage that is specific to our county. The address is: http://stjosephcountymi4h.wordpress.com/ This web page can also be accessed by clicking on “Contact Us” on the main St. Joseph County home page.

• If you know of folks who would like to be a 4-H LEADER, please have them call the MSU Extension office at 269-467-5521 to get the paperwork. All paperwork MUST be filled out prior to registering on the 4-H Online system.
• All 4-H families are now able to register themselves for 4-H with the new 4-H Online system. Please contact your Club Organizational Leader for instructions.
• If you are participating in the Countywide Candy Bar fundraiser, please remember that your money is due to your club leader. All club leaders are to turn in their club money with ONE CLUB CHECK WRITTEN TO THE SJC 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL on Monday, March 23, 2015, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the MSU Extension office. Please DO NOT bring cash!
• Kohl’s Department Store is offering scholarships up to $10,000. Go to www.Kohlskids.com for more information. Deadline to nominate a youth volunteer (ages 6-18 as of March 15, 2015) is Friday, March 13, 2015.
• Congratulations go to Loren King for being selected as one of the 12 youth in Michigan to the State Youth Leadership Council. This council is based on leadership, 4-H activities, sharing experiences, providing input for statewide outreach and event/program planning. Nice Job Loren!
• Congratulations also go to Brandon Hernandez for receiving one of the 60 statewide pre-college $2,000.00 scholarships to attend Michigan State University. Way to go Brandon!
• There are several show stock livestock sales in the next few weeks/months. If you are interested in information, please feel free to contact the MSU Extension office for dates and locations.
• As a reminder...If you or your club is planning a fundraiser using “4-H” in your billing, you MUST fill out a fundraiser request form (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/st._joseph/st._joseph_county_4_h) PRIOR to the event. If you have questions, please call Eva at 269-467-5521.
• The St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council Scholarship applications are now available online at the web address above. Applications are due to the MSU Extension office by Friday, March 27, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Interviews will be Saturday, April 25, 2015 by appointment.
• EXPO DAYS, EXPO DAYS, EXPO DAYS!!!! One of the highlights of the 4-H program is Exploration Days which is being held Wednesday, June 24 through Friday, June 26, 2015. Registration books are now available online at: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days. We will also have a limited supply of books at the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office on Monday, March 9. All registration paperwork and fees will be accepted at the office beginning Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Official registration will begin on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. There will be a limited number of partial scholarships available on a first come, first serve basis. Don’t delay! Register soon!
• The countywide Market Beef/Diary Beef tagging/weigh-in will be Saturday, March 28, 2015, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds. Mark your calendars now so that you do not miss this one day tagging for ALL Market beef animals (steers and heifers) and dairy market steers.
• Summer 4-H Camp is just around the corner! If you are 15 years old or older and are interested in being a 4-H camp counselor, please contact the MSU Extension office at 269-467-5521 for more information.
• Below you will find a list of the upcoming Livestock required meetings. Please watch your email for additional meetings that will be offered soon!
  o Saturday, March 7, 2015, Poultry, Centreville Elementary Gym, 9:00 a.m.
  o Thursday, March 12, 2015, Beef, ISD Building, 6:30 p.m.
  o Wednesday, March 18, 2015, Animal Evaluation, ISD Building, 6:30 p.m.
  o Thursday, March 19, 2015, Sheep, ISD Building, 6:30 p.m.
  o Wednesday, April 14, 2015, Equine, ISD Building, 6:30 p.m.

As always, if you have questions feel free to contact me at the MSU Extension office at 269-467-5521 or by email: beekere@anr.msu.edu.

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