Dear 4-H Families and Volunteers,

It’s time to visit Minnesota’s county fairs and see the learning and accomplishments that 4-H’ers have achieved this year! 4-H’ers put many hours of hard work into projects they’re passionate about, such as animal science, robotics, creative arts, wildlife biology, performing arts and photography. Through this hands-on learning, youth learn 21st Century skills such as communications, problem solving, decision making and critical thinking that will support their success throughout their lives.

In August at the state fair, visitors to the 4-H Building will be able to see thousands of projects from 4-H’ers around the state, State Arts-In performances, this year’s 4-H Rube Goldberg Challenge machines and much more.

I hope you encourage your neighbors who may not know about 4-H to go to their county fair and see the wonderful things 4-H’ers have created.

I look forward to another great summer of learning and achievement from our 4-H members, families and staff, and hope to see you at the fair!

Sincerely,

Dorothy M. Freeman
Associate Dean and State 4-H Director
Traverse County Happenings

To keep up on events and information happening in the county and surrounding area, please visit the Traverse County Extension website.

4-H Judging Days & County Fair Info:

- **August 13** - 4-H Horse Show 9am
- **August 15** - Livestock Show/Auction 9am
- **August 18** - General 4-H Judging 3pm
- **August 25-28** - Traverse County Fair
- **August 25** - Horticulture/Gardening Judging 10am

Canteen Hours:

- **August 25** 11am-8pm
- **August 26** 11am-9pm
- **August 27** 11am-9pm
- **August 28** 11am-7pm

Please contact the Extension office 320-422-7729 for any questions on fair project entry or if you need any assistance.

State News and Events

4-H County Fair Exhibitor tips and Natural Resource Projects Webinar

4-H exhibitors:

- Are you ready for county fair exhibit judging?
- Are you curious what 4-H judges are looking for?

- Are you interested in natural resources?
- Are you looking for natural resources project ideas?

This webinar will first give you insights and tips from 4-H exhibit judge and Extension educator Gary Wyatt for preparing and presenting your 4-H exhibits for county fair judging. You will learn about how to best tell the story of your 4-H exhibit to the judge and there will be time for your questions.

Then, in the second part of this webinar, Gary will talk specifically about his personal and professional area of interest, natural resources. He will share information and encourage you to explore any of several current and relevant topics that would make great 4-H learning opportunities and exhibits. There will be another question and answer period after this second part of the webinar.

The entire webinar is expected to last about 30-45 minutes, beginning at 10am on July 12. Suggested connect time is between 9:30 and 9:45am. For those unable to attend, the webinar will be recorded and posted later on the website.

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Please feel free to pass this information along to anyone who may be interested. Learn more on our website.

Any questions about the content can be directed to Gary Wyatt at wyatt@umn.edu or 507-389-6748.

Any questions about connecting to the webinar, including testing connections and equipment ahead of time, can be directed to Todd Mehrkens at toddmehr@umn.edu or 612-624-8191.

**Calendar of Events**

**July**

2-9 Citizenship Washington Focus

**August**

25-Sept 5 MN State Fair