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A FAIR TO REMEMBER



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This year's county fair is the first for Hannah Sieberg, extension educator for 4-H youth development in Beltrami County, as last year's fair was canceled. She joined Beltrami County 4-H in June 2020.

New 4-H leader Sieberg navigates her first Beltrami County Fair

By Bria Barton
 The Bemidji Pioneer

With the Beltrami County Fair back in action, plenty of youth involved in the 4-H program are busy exhibiting their hard work and dedication for public display. But this year, they're

also debuting Hannah Sieberg, Beltrami County's new 4-H Youth Development Extension educator, who is guiding them through the ins and outs of the five-day event while also learning the ropes herself. It's Sieberg's first Beltrami County Fair in her new

position despite taking on the role last June. At the time, the COVID-19 pandemic was in full swing, resulting in Zoom 4-H meetings, scaled back 4-H activities, and ultimately, a canceled county fair.

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Pigs Greta and Ginger have a nap in the barn on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021, at the Beltrami County Fair.

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BSU, NTC President Hensrud announces plans to retire

By Daltyn Lofstrom
 The Bemidji Pioneer

BEMIDJI — Bemidji State and Northwest Technical College will have a new president starting fall 2022 as President Faith Hensrud announced her retirement on Friday. "As of June 30, 2022, I will be retiring as president at BSU," Hensrud said during a press conference on Friday, Aug. 13.



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Bemidji State President Faith Hensrud gives her speech at the Centennial Commencement in 2019 at the Sanford Center.

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COVID cases jump by more than 200% in Beltrami County

By Matthew Liedke
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BEMIDJI — Face coverings are being encouraged again locally as the number of coronavirus cases in Beltrami County has increased dramatically in the last week.



Heuer

According to Beltrami County Public Health Director Megan Heuer, there's been a 221% increase in COVID-19 positive cases. Just over a week ago, the county was monitoring one to two cases per day. The department is now monitoring 96. Because of the increase, Beltrami County has been listed in the Center for Disease Control's "high level" category for transmission. There

are four categories from the CDC related to transmission, including low, moderate, and high. Both the CDC and the Minnesota Department of Health are basing their mask guidance around these transmission levels and are now recommending masks in areas with substantial and high categories in all indoor spaces. This recommendation is for all people, regardless of vaccination status.

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