By MARY JENNINGS
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Just about everyone is eager to get back to area fairs after so many cancellations during the last couple of years due to COVID-19 — especially kids and teens.

Local fair organizers said they are expecting hundreds of local youngsters who have been working hard on projects that they will exhibit this summer.

Locally, the fair season kicks off 9 a.m. Saturday with the free, one-day Silvana Fair.

Fairs provide an arena for kids to show animals and demonstrate other projects in areas such as agriculture, science and the arts. Participating youths are often members of 4-H or Future Farmers of America, while others are from the community, said Mary Fuentes, president of the Silvana Fair.

“We are expecting about 250 kids and teens to exhibit at this year’s Silvana Fair,” she said.

Show Burnham, volunteer with the Stanwood Camano Community Fair, said they are expecting 600-700 youth exhibitors during the fair, which runs Aug. 5-7.

Camano Island sisters and teens Jessalyn Trombley will show golden retrievers Fuzz and Elsa and Adalee runs Aug. 5-7.

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