

SEPTEMBER 2023

4-H FAMILY NEWS

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

Wow! We have finished another amazing 4-H year! All the staff here in Unit 22 have enjoyed watching all our members grow, learn and having fun trying something new.

We want to give a big shout out to all our volunteers and supporters throughout the year! So here is to a new 4-H Year!

We would now like to introduce you to two of our new 4-H Staff. Welcome Elizabeth Levey and Meghan Cope.

Elizabeth is our new 4-H Visiting Outreach Associate for Madison and St. Clair counties. Meghan is our new 4-H Youth Development Program Coordinator for Madison and St. Clair Counties.

To learn more about Elizabeth and Meghan, find their about me page further down in the newsletter!

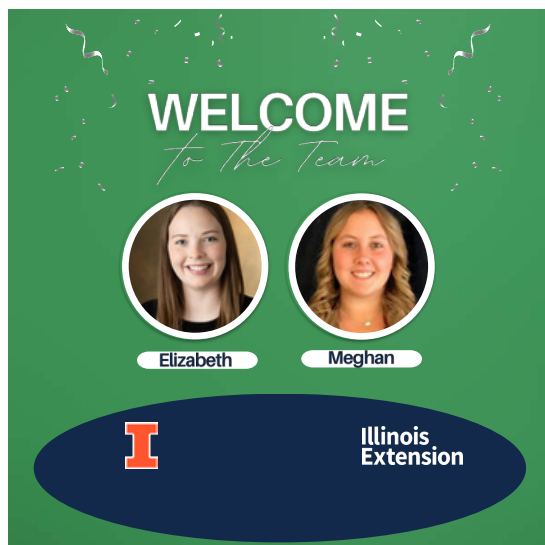


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2023 SHOWS AND FAIRS

What an amazing fair season! Thank you to all our members, volunteers, families, and everyone who helped make this 2023 4-H Show season a success! We couldn't do it without everyone's support and efforts.

Full Results for all 2023 Shows and Fairs can be found <https://go.illinois.edu/StClairCountyResults>



Poultry



Rabbits



Swine



Sheep



Goats



Dairy Cows



Beef



Show-A-Rama



State Fair 2023

Congratulations to all our State Fair Participants! We are proud of your efforts and for representing St. Clair County 4-H! Here are the results:

<u>County</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>class no</u>	<u>class name</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Reserve</u>	<u>Inspire</u>
St. Clair	Pennie	Aymer	50192	Floriculture A	Participant			
St. Clair	Quinn	Dickerson	50266	Wildlife 1	Participant		X	
St. Clair	Julie-Anne	Erickson	50340A	VA Glass	Participant	X		
St. Clair	Lukas	Fournie	50383	Shooting Sports Hunting&Outdoo	Participant	X		X
St. Clair	Jack	Henss	50179	Electricity 3	Participant			
St. Clair	Josephine	LeChien	50242	Design Decisions-Beginning	Participant			
St. Clair	Calli	Lowrance	50331A	VA Quilting - You Can Quilt	Participant	X		
St. Clair	Daniel	McComb	50346	Scrapbooking-Intermediate	Participant		X	
St. Clair	Corbin	Monfre	50177	Electricity 1	Participant			
St. Clair	Nicole	Renner	50170	Soybeans	Participant			X
St. Clair	Olivia	Schaeffer	50151B	Clothing 1-Sewn NonCloth	Participant			
St. Clair	Nicholas	Seibert	50172	Small Grains	Participant			
St. Clair	Grace	Sigstad	50212	Forests of Fun 1	Participant		X	
St. Clair	Faith	Sigstad	50339	Fiber	Participant			
St. Clair	Jilly	Stoks	50337	Clay	Participant		X	



RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2023 Award Applications are due September 15th, 2023.

- Record Keeping: <https://go.illinois.edu/MyExperienceLog>
- 2023 Award Application:
https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2023_award_application_1.pdf
- Livestock Record Books: <https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord>
- (Guide: https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide)

New 4-H Year Information

HAPPY NEW 4-H YEAR! PLEASE KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR 2023-24 ENROLLMENT DETAILS. WE WILL BE USING ZSUITES AGAIN, SO LOOK FOR INFORMATION WHEN YOU CAN RE-ENROLL! THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE AS WE ROLLOVER IN TO THE NEW YEAR!





NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IS OCT 1-7! BE THINKING OF WAYS TO CELEBRATE AND SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT 4-H!

SHOOTING SPORTS

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Illinois 4-H State Shoots in rifle, pistol, archery, and shotgun are intended to provide an opportunity for 4-H members to compete with those with like interests from throughout Illinois. Registration is open on Zsuite! 4-H'ers must be 12 years by Sept. 1, 2023 and currently enrolled in an active 4-H Shooting Sports Club. All participants will receive a shirt.

Illinois 4-H State Archery Shoot, Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL. Fee: \$20

Illinois **Ducks Unlimited** 4-H State Shotgun Shoot, Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, IL. Fee: \$15. Sponsored by *Illinois Ducks Unlimited*

Illinois 4-H State Rifle Shoot, Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL. Fee: \$40
Register here.

Learn more about all our state shoots here: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/state-shoots>



BECOME A 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB LEADER

Help youth in your county! A 4-H Shooting Sports club leader may be a parent or other adult in the community who is interested in working with young people on basic shooting skills and safety. Interested adults don't have to be expert marksmen to become involved in the program. Join us on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at the Fairfield Gun Club in Wayne County. Your 4-H staff person MUST preregister you.

Junior Leadership Conference: November 4-5, 2023



Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference 2023

The Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference (JLC) is a fun-filled event which provides junior high 4-H members (7th & 8th grades) a look into opportunities in Illinois 4-H and helps start their leadership journey. Members gain skills related to 4-H projects and leadership, such as communication, decision making, and teamwork while engaging in hands-on activities.

JLC will be this November 4-5 in Decatur. Log into ZSuite to register your 4-H'er starting September 8.

Register on ZSuite Starting Sept 8!



Youth Cooking School

42 youth from St. Clair county participated in Youth Cooking School over the summer. Participants learned about nutrition, food safety and basic cooking skills while preparing recipes on their own. Sessions were held St. James Catholic School in Millstadt, IL.





hello, my name is

ELIZABETH LEVEY

and this is

all about me

I graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health. I am currently working towards a Master of Public Health degree at University of Illinois Springfield.

I am very passionate about public health education, social determinants of health, program evaluation. I believe that helping youth thrive will greatly impact public health for years to come. I am super excited to start my role as a Visiting Outreach Associate, 4-H Youth Development in Madison and St. Clair Counties.



My favorite colors



FUN FACTS:

- I LOVE TO TRAVEL. IRELAND HAS BEEN MY FAVORITE DESTINATION SO FAR.
- MY FAMILY NICKNAME IS "LIZARD."
- MY FAVORITE SEASON IS FALL. I LOVE THE COLORS!



My Family

As I am juggling working and being a student, I rely heavily on my friends and family. I have three older brothers, a niece, and a nephew! I love to be on the water, from going to the beach to a pond. I love to watch reality TV (my friends and I add in a lot of commentary while we watch). I will always pet any dog that will let me. Our family dogs are Miley, Zoey, and Wrigley.

things that make my day





hello, my name is

MEGHAN COPE

and this is

ALL ABOUT ME



I grew up in rural Bunker Hill, IL on my family's farm, where I developed my passion for agriculture.

I was a 4-Her for 11 years and I still help my hometown club when I get a chance. I showed many projects throughout my 4-H career, some including swine, goats, poultry, vet science, woodworking, sewing, cooking, and health. I am excited about taking on the new role as the 4-H Youth Development Program Coordinator. I look forward to sharing my 4-H experience and passion with the Madison and St. Clair community!



My favourite colors

FUN FACTS:

- I AM A BEEKEEPER. WE HAVE 15 HIVES IN OUR BEE YARD.
- I LOVE GOING TO CONCERTS. I HAVE MET BRENT COBB'S, KACEY MUSGRAVES, AND KOE WETZEL.
- MY HOBBY IS COLLECTING PIGS! I HAVE A ROOM FULL OF PIG ITEMS.

After high school, I attended Lewis & Clark Community College where I received my Associate's Degree in Science. I then attended Illinois State University where I double majored, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Ag Businesses and Horticulture Landscape Management. Last fall 2022, I started working towards my online Master's Degree in Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication through University of Illinois.



Within the last couple of years, I got engaged and married to my high school sweetheart, Ben, on October 16, 2021. We have one inside dog named Willow, who is a Basset Hound. In my free time, I enjoy gardening, fishing, hunting, and spending time with family and friends.

things that make my day





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 1, 2023 - 4-H New Year Begins
- September 16, 2023 - State Archery Shoot, Pekin
- September 23, 2023 - State Shotgun Shoot, Bunker Hill
- September 26, 2023 - Leaders Meeting
- October 1-7, 2023 - National 4-H Week
- October 3, 2023 - Horse Show Committee Meeting
- October 7, 2023 - State Rifle Shoot, Bloomington
- October 25, 2023 - Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting



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