

4-H FAMILY

SEPTEMBER 2023
NEWS

MADISON 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 Metro 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!

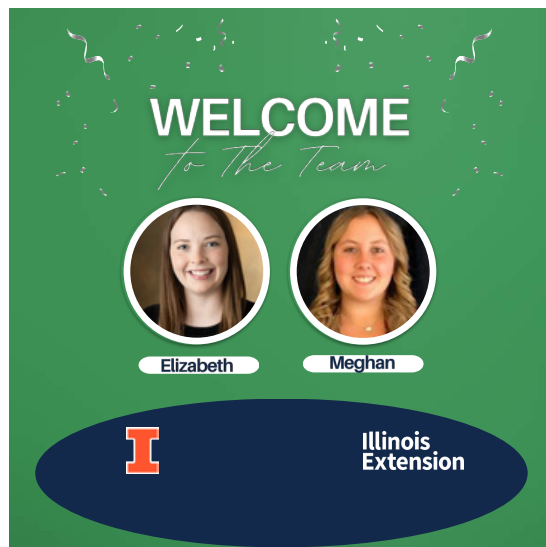


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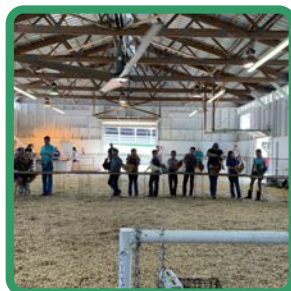
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2023 SHOWS AND FAIRS

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/MadisonCountyFairResults>



State Fair 2023

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

County	Name	Last	class_name	Award	Champion	Reserve	Inspire
Madison	Mia	Abernathy	Chalk/Carbon/Pigment-Div A	Participant			
Madison	Ava	Abernathy	Poetry	Participant	X		
Madison	Kelley	Adams	Fiber	Participant			X
Madison	Nellie	Andrews	Heritage Arts	Participant			X
Madison	Alethea	Ball	4-H Cooking 301 Dinner Rolls	Participant		X	
Madison	Sophia	Ball	Ready4Life Explor-Entrepreneur	Participant	X		
Madison	Maris	Barr	Chalk/Carbon/Pigment-Div A	Participant			
Madison	Aubrey	Barr	Floriculture A	Participant			X
Madison	Jenna	Bellm	Woodworking 4	Participant			X
Madison	Benaiah	Bremer	Welding	Participant			
Madison	Gloria	Bremer	Photography 3	Participant			
Madison	Evelyn	Bremer	Chalk/Carbon/Pigment-Div A	Participant		X	
Madison	Vincent	Carril	Family Heritage	Participant			
Madison	Makenna	Day	VA Paper 2D	Participant			
Madison	Bailee	Dorsey	Animal Science 2	Participant			X
Madison	Morgan	Dressler	Theatre Arts 1	Participant			X
Madison	Taylor	Dressler	Design Decisions-Intermediate	Participant		X	
Madison	Aynslie	Ernst	Nature	Participant		X	
Madison	Michael	Ernst	Wood	Participant		X	
Madison	Lauren	Gray	VA Fiber Non-Orig Age 8-10	Participant	X		
Madison	Coreena	Grotfendt	Child Development	Participant			
Madison	Corrin	Heilig	Floriculture D	Participant	X		
Madison	Tenley	Henkhaus	Scrapbooking-Intermediate	Participant			
Madison	Paige	Hess	Clothing 1-Sewn Clothing	Participant		X	
Madison	Brooke	Inlow	Photography 3	Participant			
Madison	Thomas	Jackson	Welding	Participant			
Madison	Koy	Ketcham	Metal	Participant	X		

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Madison	Chase	Knebel	Robotics 1 Intermediate	Participant	X		
Madison	Karlie	Knebel	Food Decorating-Intermediate	Participant		X	
Madison	Deck	Kustermann	Pebble Pups 2	Participant	X		
Madison	Linda	LeDuc	Scrapbooking-Advanced	Participant			X
Madison	Emma	Maag	Geology Innovation Class	Participant			X
Madison	Claire	McCalla	Clothing 2-Sewn Clothing	Participant			
Madison	Addyson	McKinney	Design Decisions-Beginning	Participant			
Madison	Liam	Meffert	4-H Cooking 101 Cookies	Participant			
Madison	Clara	Meffert	Shopping in Style:Beginning	Participant			
Madison	Nora	Moore	Veterinary Science	Participant		X	
Madison	Kimberly	Nelson	Animal Science 1	Participant			
Madison	Paige	Obernuefemann	Vegetable Gardening Display	Participant		X	
Madison	Elaine	Obernuefemann	Clothing 3-Sewn Clothing	Participant		X	
Madison	Katherine	Ostrom	Shopping in Style:Beginning	Participant			
Madison	George	Ostrom	Model Rocketry	Participant			
Madison	Amelia	Reding	4-H Cooking 301 Yeast Bread	Participant			
Madison	Emmett	Ripperda	Commercial or Promotional Vide	Participant	X		
Madison	Andrew	Rogier	Small Grains	Participant	X		
Madison	August	Rottmann	Corn	Participant			
Madison	Connor	Schelling	Vegetable/Fruit Display	Participant			
Madison	Luke	Schoen	Woodworking 3	Participant	X		
Madison	Eve	Sexton	Photography 1	Participant			
Madison	Samantha	Ulrich	4-H Cooking 101 Cereal Bars	Participant			
Madison	Ava	Williams	Poetry	Participant			
Madison	Tanner	Winter	Corn	Participant			

LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOKS

Record Books should be shown to/initialed by your leader at your June club meeting prior to the fair.

The PDF versions of the books are found here:

<https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord>

They may be filled in on your computer, or you may print it off and fill it in by hand (neatly).

The Instruction Guide is found here:

https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide to help you through the process of filling out the book.

Record Books were due for review by 4-H Leaders for County Show by **June 1, 2023**.

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



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

In June, 31 youth from Madison 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 at Madison County Farm Bureau in Edwardsville, IL.



Outdoor Adventures Camp

In June we also had Outdoor Adventures Camp at Willoughby Farm in Collinsville. This week-long camp was co-sponsored with Madison County CAREE. Eight campers learned about the environment and outdoor resources. Mammals, pollinators, trees, safety and hikes were included every day. On the final day, there was a field trip to Treehouse Wildlife Center Inc. in Dow, IL and Pere Marquette in Grafton, 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 27, 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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