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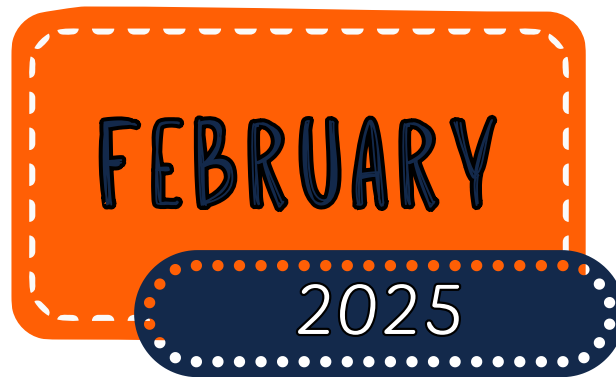
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# Richland County 4-H NEWSLETTER



## Calendar of Events

### February

- 1 Beef Weigh-in
- 12 Spark at the Library
- 15 Shooting Sports meeting
- 17 Unit Public Speaking Contest

### March

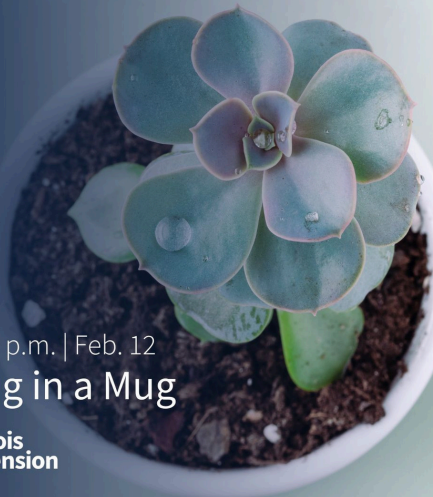
- 1 Shooting Sports meeting
- 8 YQCA Training
- 11 YQCA Training
- 12 Spark at the Library



Class will begin at 4:00 p.m.  
and end at 5:00 p.m.  
Students 2nd grade and  
older are eligible. Class size  
is limited so sign up today!  
Discover Archery- In this  
activity, we will learn about  
archery and make miniature  
bow and arrow.

## February SPARK at the Library

Road Rally  
Discover Archery  
FEBRUARY 12  
Olney Public Library  
Illinois Extension



5:30 p.m. | Feb. 12  
Hug in a Mug

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Succulents are a popular houseplant, but do you have what it takes to help one thrive? Learn the skills needed to plant and raise succulents at the Hug in a Mug workshop, facilitated by Katie Bell, Illinois Extension local food systems and small farms educator. Attendees will go home with a succulent, planted in a recycled coffee mug, to keep or gift to someone special. They'll also make Valentine's Day cards that will be delivered to the local nursing home. Youth ages 8-18 are invited to attend and do not have to be a member of 4-H to participate.

Hug in a Mug workshop

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 12, 2025

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## AUCTION CHANGE

FOR THOSE ENROLLED IN A LIVESTOCK PROJECT, YOU WILL NOTICE A CHANGE THIS YEAR WHEN SIGNING UP FOR CLASSES ON FAIRENTRY. IT WILL NO LONGER ASK YOU IF YOU ARE SELLING AN ANIMAL AT THE YOUTH AUCTION - THERE WILL BE A SIGN UP SHEET AT THE FAIR YOU WILL NEED TO SIGN BY END OF DAY WEDNESDAY, JULY 23.

## YQCA Training

Attention youth enrolled in **Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, and Swine.** It is that time again to get certified in YQCA. For new members enrolled in these species this is a yearly certification you must complete by May 1, 2025 to exhibit livestock at the 2025 Richland County Fair. There are two ways you can get certified, the first is an online course and second being a face-to-face training. Be watching your mailbox for a letter that has more information about this.



We have exciting news to share about the public speaking contest this year! The five counties have gotten together, and we will be providing a unit-wide public speaking contest. The event will be on February 17 at 6 in the evening in the basement of the Edwards County Farm Bureau office. How judging will happen is everyone will speak in front of two judges, and we will have an overall placement of 1-5 with awards. Then each county will have the opportunity to promote speakers from their counties to the state competition in April. If you have questions, please contact your local Extension office.

# This year there are some projects that require the project manual at general projects judging.

The following is a list of General Projects that WILL REQUIRE you bring your project manual with you to the show to be judged. If you are enrolled in any of these projects and do not have a project book, you can call the office and let us know you need one BEFORE March 1.



Civic Engagement 2 & 3  
All Clothing and Textiles  
College and Career Readiness  
Communications 1, 2 & 3 and Journalism  
Consumer Education  
Crops  
Drones  
Entomology 1, 2 & 3  
eSports  
Exploratory (Collectibles)  
All Foods and Nutrition EXCEPT Preservation  
Forestry 1, 2 & 3  
Health Sports Nutrition and Your Feelings Matter  
Intercultural  
Leadership 1, 2 & 3  
Maker



Nature: ALL Natural Resources and Outdoor Adventures  
Nature: ALL Fishing and Wildlife  
Photography 1, 2 & 3  
Plants and Soils 1, 2 & 3  
ALL Robotics  
Tractor A, B, C & D  
Weather 1, 2 & 3  
Welding





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**Important changes** to livestock are being made this year for exhibition at the state and county levels. All beef, dairy, and swine will be required to have a USDA official animal identification number ear tag (“840” tag). The tag must be both visually and electronically capable of reading. Thus, means at check-ins at fair staff/superintendents will be checking tags with an electronic reader.

Livestock changes for 2025 Fair

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A green four-leaf clover logo with a white 'H' symbol on each leaf.

**Some common questions:**

**Who must have the 840 Tag?**

- Beef- All Heifers, All Cows, All Steers being exhibited at fair
- Dairy- All Heifers, All Cows, All Steers being exhibited at fair
- Swine- All Gilts, All Barrows being exhibited at fair

**Where do I get the 840 Tag?**

- Breeder you purchase your animal from
- Local Veterinarian
- Purchase Tag from a farm supply (Valley Vet, Nasco)

**How do I purchase my own tags?**

The location of where the animal is being kept will have to have a registered premise ID with the state of Illinois. With the premise ID you will be able to purchase tags from a farm supply store such as Valley Vet or Nasco to name a few.

**I do not have a Premise ID how do I get one?**

Obtain an application for the Illinois Department of Agriculture and send it in. The turn around time is very fast to get one. Search for a fillable premise form. If you have any questions about the new changes to the 840 tag requirement for exhibition please contact your local Extension office.

