

Giles County 4-H Happenings **giles.tennessee.edu**



November is Public Speaking Contest

Doing a speech for 4-H is a great way to work on your skills and be more comfortable speaking in front of a group of people



Select a topic* that interests you, as long as it's appropriate for school.

Do your research by gathering information on your topic. You may find teachers, parents/guardians, librarians, magazines, & newspapers helpful sources of information.

Organize your information by first making an outline, write a rough draft on paper, and finally, write your speech on index cards for ease of use as notes when delivering your speech.

Practice over and over! Practice giving your speech to family members, a teacher, friends, or even standing in front of a mirror! Practice is the best way to become more familiar and comfortable with your speech.

Deliver your speech during your next school 4-H meeting! All purple award winners will advance to the county contest in January.

Pointers- Stand up straight and tall. Speak loudly and project your voice for all to hear. Make eye contact with your audience.

4-H Pumpkin Challenge

Don't forget!!!

Your **CARVED** and/or **PAINTED** pumpkin **PICTURES** are due **NO LATER than Friday, October 31st**. **EMAIL** your pictures to **cnelms4@utk.edu**. Make sure to include your name, grade, school, and homeroom teacher.

TWO DIVISIONS- Carved or Painted

First place in both awarded

4th-6th -WINNER \$25

7th - 12th - WINNER \$25

The Three Parts That Make Up A Good Speech

Introduction- Introduce your topic. Capture the audiences attention by beginning with a catchy phrase, questions, a quote, or a funny joke or story that relates to your topic. Share some statistics or facts. Avoid saying your name.

Body- Make 2-3 major points in your speech, including facts. Have a logical order for what you say. This is the part of your speech that takes the most time.

Conclusion- Summarize your main points and reemphasize the main idea and topic of your speech.

Time Length For Speeches

4th Grade- 1-3 minutes

5th - 8th Grades- 2-7 minutes

9th - 12th Grades- 3-7 minutes

***Your speech should be new and unique to this contest**

Your Next Club Meeting

Creative Clovers- November 19

Elkton 4th, 5th, & 6th - November 5

Minor Hill 4th - Hargrove- November 17

Smith- November 12

Southside-

Wilson- Nov 17

Garland, Burleson, Robertson, Cheatwood- November 18

Dunn & Saltz- November 19

Payne & Bryant- November 20

Pelfrey, Hoover, Turner- November 21

Richland 4th - November 11

Richland 5th - November 7

Richland 6th - November 19



Giles County 4-H Chick Chain

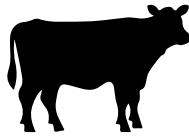


Chick Chain sign ups will begin **November 3rd** and run through **December 12th**. Chick Chain has always been one of the premier programs offered through 4-H, and our sign up list is always full. This year, we will have 30 slots available to youth on a first come, first serve basis. Participants will receive 15 chicks, can choose either **Easter Egger** or **Buff Orpington**, and will be required to return 5 chickens to our show and sale held around August of 2025. The required deposit is \$45 and is refundable upon project completion, including participation in the show and sale. If there are any questions, please call the Extension Office at **931-363-3523**, or contact by email **moferral@utk.edu**.

NEW LIMITED OPPORTUNITY: Raise Cornish Cross meat chickens. Each participant will be given 5 birds for the project, **only 10 slots available for \$25**. We will teach how to dress and harvest the chickens as a group at the beginning of May 2026.

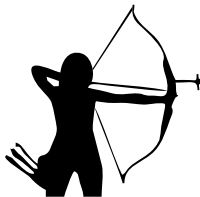
Sign ups for both projects STARTING NOVEMBER 3rd at <https://tiny.utk.edu/4hfees>

Livestock Project Group



Our Livestock Project Group will begin meeting in **November**. Youth in this project group will learn about topics such as nutrition, health, handling, and all other aspects of livestock. Training for Livestock Judging, Livestock Quiz Bowl, and information regarding county livestock shows and projects will be given at these meetings. Please contact **Wheeler McCulloch** at **931-363-3523** or **wmccull4@utk.edu**.

4-H Shooting Sports



We will be holding an interest meeting for our Archery and Shotgun 4-H Shooting Sports Teams in December. We look forward to growing these already successful programs in 2026. If you would like to be added to the contact list for either of these programs, **contact the Extension Office at 931-363-3523 or email wmccull4@utk.edu**.

Quote of the Month

"Just imagine how different the world could be if we spoke to everyone with respect and kindness."