



**January 2026**

# **GILES COUNTY 4-H HAPPENINGS**

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## **February is Piggy Bank Pageant**

Saving money can be fun! Here is a chance to show off your creative, artistic side and create your own piggy bank! Some items you might consider using for your bank might be milk cartons/jugs, plastic juice bottles, coffee cans, wood, or cardboard. **NO GLASS ALLOWED!** This contest is open to all 4th-12th graders. Classroom ribbon winners will move on to compete in the County Piggy Bank Pageant. Some County 1st place winners will move on to the State Piggy Bank Pageant, Have FUN and let's save some money!



~Banks **DO NOT** have to be in the shape of a pig or pig themed. Be creative!



**FUN FACT:** The term "Piggy Bank" is likely from the word "pygg" which referred to an orange colored clay that was used to make money containers in the Middle Ages. Over time, potters began creating these containers in the shape of a pig, leading to the term we use today!

~**The bank SHOULD NOT exceed 12" tall x 12" wide x 12" deep.** Make sure you measure!

~Banks **MUST HAVE** a way to **BOTH** put money **IN** and take money **OUT** without having to break the bank!

~Only 1 entry per 4-H'er

~Banks **MUST** be entirely created and decorated by the 4-H'er and sturdy enough to allow for transport without falling apart.

~You may decorate with paint, sequins, paper, stickers, fabric, felt, lace, etc...

~**Label your bank somewhere with your NAME, GRADE, HOMEROOM TEACHER, and SCHOOL**

Most importantly...HAVE FUN!!!

## **February Club Dates**

**Elkton 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>** - February 4

**Richland 5<sup>th</sup>** - February 6

**Minor Hill 4<sup>th</sup>** -

Hargrove - February 9

Smith - February 11

**Richland 4<sup>th</sup>** - February 10

**Minor Hill 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>** - February 17

**Creative Clovers Homeschool** - February 18

**Richland 6<sup>th</sup>** - February 18

**Southside** -

Wilson - February 23

Garland, Burleson, Robertson, Cheatwood - February 24

Dunn, Birdsong - February 25

Payne, Bryant - February 26

Pelfrey, Hoover, Turner - February 27

## **Quote of the Month**

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

~Eleanor Roosevelt~

## **Giles County 4-H Honor Club**

**ALL 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H'ers**

Join us for an evening of community service. We will be packing food boxes for Community RFD on **Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 5:30 pm** at the old Sharp Motor building located at 216 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Pulaski.

**PLEASE** let us know you will attend by calling the Extension Office at 931-363-3523

**"I Pledge My Hands To Larger Service"**



## Giles County 4-H Clover Bowl



**Who:** Any 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade student in Giles County. We are looking to have participation from every school & grade.

**What:** Compete in a quiz bowl format with four (4) members, including you. Learn more about 4-H, Agriculture, Government, Life Skills, Science, & Tennessee.

**1<sup>st</sup> Step:** Form a team of four (4) students in the same grade as you from Giles County. The team can be made up of 4 students from the same homeroom, same school, or from any Giles County school.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Step: (Optional)** Ask a teacher or parent/guardian if they'd be interested in helping your team practice.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Step:** Study the 4-H Clover Bowl Manual for your grade and practice with your team.

**4<sup>th</sup> Step:** Compete at the county level contest in the spring (May).

**5<sup>th</sup> Step:** The 1<sup>st</sup> place team from each grade 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> at the county contest will advance on to represent Giles County at the Central Region contest at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville on **May 15, 2026**.

Download and print the Clover Bowl questions at <https://eastern.tennessee.edu/4-h-clover-bowl/>

### **4-H Digital Billboard**

Do you enjoy Digital Design?

Submit your **BEST ARTWORK** as a  
**DIGITAL BILLBOARD/AD**

Here is the scenario:

If you were to advertise 4-H on a digital billboard in town, what would YOUR sign say?

Submit your **HIGH QUALITY PDF or PNG** to  
**cnelms4@utk.edu** NO LATER than  
**January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

Make sure your email includes your **NAME, GRADE, SCHOOL, and HOMEROOM TEACHER**.

Some suggested platforms to use include, but are not limited to:

**Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Publisher, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, and Canva**

Get more details on our website  
**giles.tennessee.edu**

and click on the 4-H Youth Development tab.

### **4-H Horse Judging**

Horse judging practice will begin on **Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm at the Giles Extension Conference Building**. This group is open to all 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders in Giles County. Youth will learn how to best evaluate horses on confirmation, as well as within the different performance disciplines. This is a great opportunity for youth looking to gain more experience in the horse project, and to learn more about the horse industry. You don't have to have a horse to participate. **Please call 931-363-3523 or email moferral@utk.edu to let us know you will attend or for more information.**

### **Start Learning How To Save \$\$\$**

#### **Shopping Tour-Comparing Prices**

Choose 3 items (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc...)-  
Choose 3 different stores.

See how much the exact same item costs at each store.  
Write the prices down, then take that information back home to do a price comparison.

When done, ask yourself these questions and document the answers.

1. How did you do?
2. How much money could you save by paying the lowest price for the three items you selected?
3. Do you think this information might affect how your family shops?
4. How will you use your new cost-cutting skill?