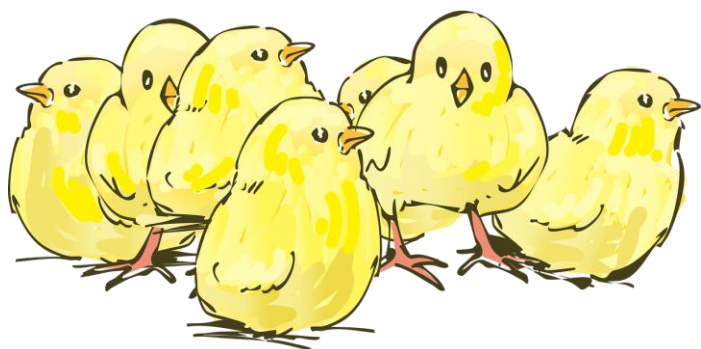


# Washington County 4-H

December -  
January  
Newsletter

It is time to celebrate thanks and here in the Extension Office, the number one thing we are thankful for is YOU! Thank you for continuing to be a part of our 4-H Program. As we keep planning for this year, please be patient as things that normally were second nature to us are taking some time to redo and update with new health and safety guidelines in place.



## 4-H Chick Chain Project

It is once again time to order your 4-H chickens. Click the link below for order form. Deadline to order is January 15, 2021.

<https://tiny.utk.edu/washcochickchain>



Psst..I heard there is prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place County Public Speaking winners!



## 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Here is your opportunity to show off your public speaking skills.

Our County Contest will be held in February 2021, either virtual or in person.

Click the link below for more info:

<https://tiny.utk.edu/washcopublicspeaking>

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The 4-H Star Award is a new recognition program for 2020-2021. This is an incentive to club members for their participation in the 4-H contest, events and activities.

Click link below for more info.

<https://tiny.utk.edu/washcostar4-H>



## 4-H Creative Arts Project Group

**When:** Once a month from January through May, each month will be a new hands on project.

**Where:** Washington County Extension office in person (limited to 15 students)  
or via zoom meeting to be determined.

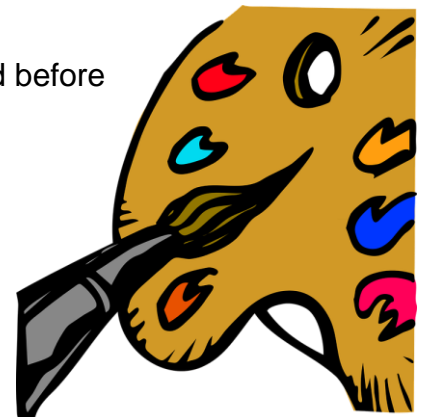
**Who:** 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H students

**Cost:** No charge to participate. A list of needed supplies will be emailed before each meeting.

**Pre-registration is required** – deadline to register is January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

To register click the link below:

<https://tiny.utk.edu/washcocreativearts>





## 4-H Piggy Bank Challenge

Use your creativity to make a Piggy Bank to hold the money you save. Click link below for contest rules.

Entries must be received by March 12, 2021.

<https://tiny.utk.edu/washcopiggybank>



Fashion and Design Conf.  
May 26 -28, 2021

4-H Junior Camp  
June 28 - July 2, 2021

Academic Conference  
June 8 - 11, 2021

Quilt Camp  
July 14 -16, 2021

4-H Junior High Camp  
July 12-16, 2021

4-H Electric Camp  
June 29 - July 2, 2021

For more information: please contact one of us!

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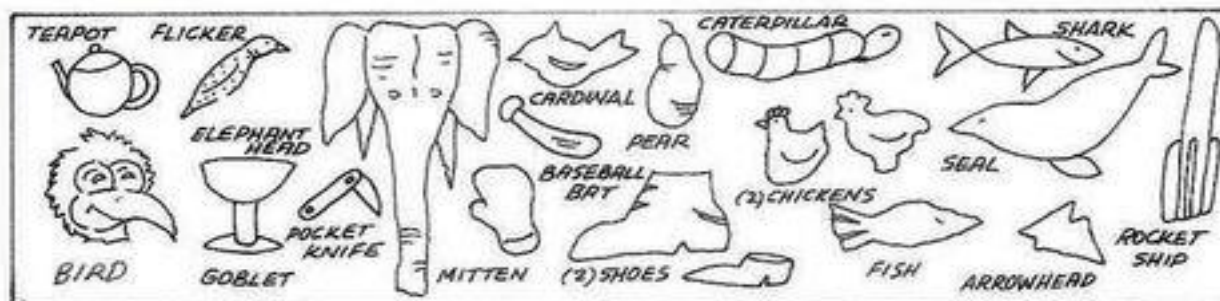
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# Find the Hidden Objects



Hidden Picture by Liz Ball

# LITTLE DID WE KNOW...

Steve Sutton, Assistant Director,

Tennessee 4-H Foundation

Last fall our state council selected “A Place to Call Home” as this year’s statewide 4-H theme. Little did they know at the time, the significance this theme would take on in the coming months as we all continue to stay safer in the places we call home.

Our lives have changed dramatically with the COVID-19 pandemic, and it can feel a little overwhelming at times. We’re all living a new normal. Simple actions such as washing our hands, cleaning our homes and finding a package of toilet paper on a supermarket shelf have taken on new meaning!

As we are told to shelter at home, many are dealing with the loss of things we took for granted... eating at a favorite restaurant, going to a movie and getting a haircut, just to name a few. Young people are disappointed by the cancellations and postponements brought on by the pandemic... not only 4-H activities, but school, church and sports as well. And many future events are still in question. Times of uncertainty make us all anxious and uncomfortable. What can you do to combat this?

I encourage each of you to look at the positive rather than the negative. Keep busy! This is a time for us to step up. Why not do all those things you’ve had on the back burner. Agents, develop that program you’ve always wanted to do for your in-school clubs! Volunteers, make plans to start a project group in your community? 4-H’ers, plan a project you can do around your home/neighborhood while keeping social distancing in mind... make masks, shop for neighbors, check on friends, support those on the frontline! Be creative! Use your time well.

This is the time for us to make the best better of a difficult situation. Be resilient. Things will get better. We have to be patient and follow the guidelines put forth by the experts. In the meantime, stay home, help save lives and make good use of your time.



Wishing you a safe, healthy and happy New Year!

The 4-H Ladies  
Connie, Barbara and Juanita