

**March 2023**

# BLANCO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**March 6:** 4-H Council Meeting, Community Resource Center, 6:00 PM

**March 7:** 4-H Shooting Education Program, Blanco County Show Barn, 6:30 PM

**March 7:** Early Bird 4-H Club Meeting, Pleasant Hill School, 6:30 PM

**March 21:** Hill Country Spurs 4-H Club Meeting, Hoppe Room, 6:30PM

**March 27:** Lucky Leaf 4-H Club Meeting, First Baptist Church, 6:00PM

# March Club Meetings

**Early Bird 4-H**  
**March 7th**  
**@ 6:30 PM**  
**Pleasant Hill School**  
**Johnson City**

**Hill Country Spurs**  
**March 21st**  
**@ 6:30PM**  
**Hoppe Room**  
**Johnson City**

**Lucky Leaf**  
**March 27th**  
**@ 6:00PM**  
**First Baptist Church**  
**Blanco**

**4-H Shooting Education  
Program**  
**March 7th @ 6:30PM**  
**Blanco County Show  
Barn**  
**Johnson City**

## **March Food Pantry Donations**

**Mac Madness**

**Pasta, Sauces (Velveeta, Etc.), Single Serve Pouches and Cups**

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# 2022-2023 DISTRICT 4-H CALENDAR

## SPRING & SUMMER DATES

<b>District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS:</b> Friday, March 3, 2023	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE:</b> Tues., Mar. 21, 2023	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION:</b> Wed.–Fri, Mar. 22-24, 2023	
<b>Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES</b>	
TBA April 2023	• Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)
April 18, 2023	• Leaders 4 Life
April 19, 2023	• Livestock Judging
April 20, 2023	• Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation • Share the Fun • Wool & Mohair Judging
April 21, 2023	• Soil Judging • Duds 2 Dazzle • Fashion Show & Natural Fibers
April 22, 2023	• Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
April 28, 2023 <i>Virtual</i>	• Virtual Fashion Storyboard Results Released
<b>District 10 Horse Show – Dripping Springs, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS:</b> Monday, May 1, 2023	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE:</b> Tues. May 16, 2023	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION:</b> W-F, May 17-19, 2023	
<b>TENATIVE EVENT DATE:</b> June 14-15, 2023	
<b>District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS:</b> Monday, May 1, 2023	
<b>EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE:</b> May 28, 2023	
<b>LATE FEE REGISTRATION:</b> May 29-31, 2023	
<b>TENATIVE EVENT DATE:</b> June 21-23, 2023	
<b>District 10 Record Book Judging – Location TBA</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS:</b> Thurs., June 1, 2023	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE:</b> Tues., June 27, 2023	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION:</b> Wed.–Fri. June 28-30, 2023	
<b>TENATIVE EVENT DATE:</b> July 13, 2023	

# CONGRATULATIONS

Emily Singletary won Reserve Champion with her rabbits.



# Lucky Leaf 4-H Report



Lucky Leaf attended San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo's Youth Day. Our booth theme was Everybody is Thumbody. Our goal was to encourage every child and remind them that they each have something special and unique to offer this world. The craft activity was making thumbprint button pins. They turned their unique thumbprint into an animal, a flower, or a cute caricature, then have them sealed into a pin they could wear as a keepsake.

Lucky Leaf also participated in the wheelbarrow parade where we showcased Blanco 4-H "We'll Leave You Wanting S'more" A campfire wheelbarrow with s'more snacks to hand out. Lucky Leaf received four awards to include 1st place for Most Spirited during the parade!



Members from Lucky Leaf baked cookies as a Valentine's gift to residents of Symphony of Wimberley Assisted Living and Memory Care.

During their February meeting they also made unique thumbprint Valentines to include inside the cookie gift bags. Lucky Leaf also collected soup themed groceries and Valentine candy for Blanco Good Samaritan

Reported By: Willow Lemanski

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# county camp

County Camp is a great opportunity for all youth in grades 3-9 to enjoy a general camp experience. County Camp is a great opportunity for youth to make life-lasting memories with friends. It is also an opportunity for youth to make new friends and share new experiences. County Camp offers traditional camp programs such as archery, swimming, kayaking, rifle, crafts, dancing, challenge course, fishing, campfires, and more. Each County Camp will be unique in what programs may be offered.

County Camp I: June 25-29

\*3-9 graders

Youth: \$300 Adult: \$160

For any questions, please contact Shelly Willis, Program Director:  
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Register Now: <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>

Early bird pricing ends April 15

\$50 fee will incur after early bird special



# What 's in that vape?

Electronic cigarettes or what are often referred to by teens as 'vapes' can be filled with any number of harmful chemicals. The name may be deceiving since it sounds a lot like water vapor, in actuality the e-liquid is converted into an aerosol when heated up inside the vape. The 'vape juice' is typically a mixture of water, food grade flavoring, nicotine, propylene glycol or vegetable glycerin, nickel, tin, lead and other heavy metals. There are hundreds of different types of e-cigarettes, ranging from disposable to prefilled cartridges and even refillable tank systems. E-cigarettes can be used to vaporize Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the chemical responsible for most of marijuana's psychological effects.

THC is the chemical responsible for most of marijuana's psychological effects. It acts much like the cannabinoid chemicals made naturally by the body, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). E-cigarettes containing THC have recently gained popularity among teens, since they have no odor and are easier to conceal than traditional rolled joints. THC oils or waxes used in vape pens are almost always more potent than the marijuana plant. It is difficult to tell by looking at an e-cigarette what is inside the cartridge or tank. THC is often suspended in oil and will appear thicker than nicotine-containing e-cigarette liquid, when it is turned upside down.

Research also shows that teens who use marijuana are twice as likely as adults to become addicted to it. Several thousand lung injuries and deaths have been associated with an illness linked to vaping devices containing THC and Vitamin E Acetate, a thickening agent sometimes added to the THC e-liquid. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), symptoms of this vaping-related lung illness, also known as EVALI (E-cigarette, or Vaping, product use Associated Lung Injury), include shortness of breath; weight loss; night sweats; fatigue; gastrointestinal problems; low oxygen levels; and lung failure and death (in severe cases).

In addition to the health risks associated with THC-containing e-cigarette use, THC is a felony-level controlled substance under Texas law. THC vape cartridges typically come in 500mg and 1,000mg (1g) concentrations. This means that you can get into the range of possessing 1-4 grams of THC very easily. Possession of a controlled substance, Penalty Group 2, in this amount will be a 3rd Degree felony, carrying a penalty range of 2-10 years in prison. If you are caught selling or delivering, the penalty is bumped up one level: to 2nd Degree Felony. If you have as few as four 1g THC vape cartridges and are caught, you could face a Second-Degree Felony charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance, which can lead to a sentence of 2-20 years in prison.

Even if you are caught in possession of a very small amount (Less than 1g), the charge will be a felony. Teens who are caught with THC can face the same penalties as adults, should local authorities choose to prosecute. Parents and caregivers who find their teens using e-cigarettes should confiscate them, find out where they got them, and finally ask them 'What's in that vape?'. The Blanco CoAPT's vision is to keep Blanco youth healthy and drug/alcohol free.