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BLANCO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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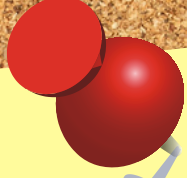
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 1:** 4-H Council Meeting, Blanco County Community Resource Center, 6:00 PM
- May 9:** Early Bird 4-H Meeting, Pleasant Hill School, 6:30 PM
- May 16:** Hill Country Spurs 4-H Meeting, Hoppe Room, 6:30 PM
- June 9:** Record Books Deadline
- June 8-9:** Sewing Series, Blanco Baptist Church, 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM
- June 21-23:** Cooking Series, Blanco County Community Resource Center, 9 AM-12 PM
- July 17-18:** STEM Galactic Quest, Blanco County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, 1-3 PM
- July 19:** Club Officer Training
- August 1:** Project Logs Deadline
- August 21:** Food Challenge Kick Off, Hoppe Room, 5-6 PM


May Club Meetings



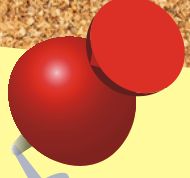
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@ 6:30 PM
Pleasant Hill School
Johnson City



Hill Country Spurs
May 16th
@ 6:30PM
Hoppe Room
Johnson City



4-H Council
May 1st
@ 6:00 PM
Blanco County
Community Resources
Center
Johnson City



Lucky Leaf
End of Year Party
TBA
Blanco



May Food Pantry Donations "Cino De Mayo"

**Spices, Beans, Tortillas, Tortillas Chips, Taco Shells,
Rice, Rotel, Salsa, Velveeta Cheese**



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Hill Country Spurs



Hill Country Spurs ran a Lavender tea and cupcake booth at Becker Vineyards on April 14th and 15th.

Reported by: Taylor Strauch

LUCKY LEAF



Lucky Leaf participated in the 23rd Annual Keep Blanco Beautiful Trash-Off event. Volunteers helped to keep roads, ditches and sidewalks clean including our beautiful, Blanco Historic Cemetery.



Reported by: Willow Lemanski

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Blanco County 4-H Scholarship Winners



Shelby Perrenoud

Shelby will be attending Tarleton State University majoring in Biology/Pre-Dental. Her goal is to be an orthodontist.



Dusti Welch

Dusti will be attending Angelo State University and will major in Agricultural Leadership/Education. She would like to run her own production ranch to create quality show and meat stock in sheep and cattle.

4-H Spring Round up *Results*



Willow Lemanski



Liberty Lemanski

Willow Lemanski will return to State 4-H Roundup after earning 2nd place at the District 10 4-H Roundup today in Fredericksburg. She played Gavotte in G Minor by J.S. Bach and Elves dance by E. Jenkinson. Liberty Lemanski earned 1st place. She played Minuet by Boccherini and Wednesday Addam's Paint It Black. Congratulations!



Introducing Our New Blanco County 4-H Livestock Judging Team

Preston Craig, Heston Hohenberger, Tenli Thomas, Ollie Doyle, McKaylenn Crider-Amberg, Addison Hohenberger & Rylee Thomas



Our team traveled to Fredericksburg with County Extension Agent, Chris Wiemers to compete in the District 10 4-H Livestock Judging Contest.



What a successful event for this group of 4-H Members, this team's future looks bright!



Thank you to Casey Sullivan our Assistant Extension Agent for help coaching our 4-H members. Thank you, Amber Crider for helping to prepare this team for competition & for creating great looking team shirts!

Congratulations Heston & Addison for receiving High Individual Awards in the Sheep & Goat Division



2024 Youth Exhibit Hall Division Rules & Guidelines

Check out our updated categories!

Baking Hack-2024 Ingredient-SODA POP.

Entry should be a baked good made with soda pop (i.e., Coca-Cola, 7Up, Big Red, cake, cupcakes, cookies). Judging will weigh heavily on creativity.

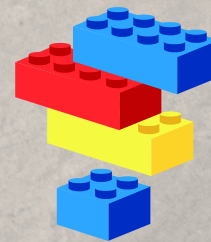
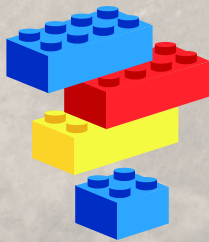


Nailed It!-2024 Project-ICE CREAM CONE PULL-APART CUPCAKES:

<https://bit.ly/2024NailedIt> Exhibitors must re-create an edible masterpiece with only the picture in the link to go by. Must include all frosted/decorated components: cherry, ice cream, cone, sprinkles, and 1 dozen cupcakes. Can use mixes and pre-made frosting. Judged on appearance and decorating abilities only. Must submit construction information sheet. No recipe required.



Lego Challenge 2024-TEXAS PRIDE-
Symbols, animals, food, flags, etc. All entries should be MOC (My Own Creation). No LEGO kits will be allowed



For more information visit our website at
<https://blanco.agrilife.org/publications/>

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

ENTERING AN ARTS & CRAFTS CONTEST IS AS EASY AS...

- **CHOOSE A CONTEST**

The Fair has 14 different contests ranging from photography to scale models.

- **PICK A CATEGORY**

Each contest has a variety of different categories that target different age groups and crafting skills.

- **REGISTER ONLINE**

Simply go to www.BigTex.com/Creative and find the registration button to register your creative masterpiece(s).

- **DROP YOUR ENTRIES OFF**

All entries must be dropped off at the Creative Arts Building in Fair Park between Friday, August 4, and Sunday, August 6, 2023, for judging. Winning entries will be announced via email on August 23, 2023 and displayed in the Creative Arts Building during the run of the Fair. Contestants will pick up any non-winning entries before the Fair and winning entries will be picked up after the Fair.

Mail-In Entries

All entries **MUST** arrive before the entry deadline (July 24) and must include:

- Copy of registration confirmation.
- Return postage either in the form of prepaid postage, check, or money order.

Entries winning and non-winning will be returned no later than three weeks after the closing of the Fair



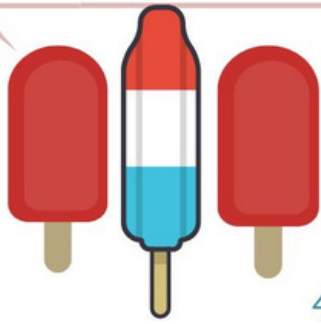
UPS or FEDEX address:
State Fair of Texas
Attn: Creative Arts Dept.
1327 Admiral Nimitz Circle
Dallas, TX 75210

U.S. Postal Service address:
State Fair of Texas
Attn: Creative Arts Dept.
P.O. Box 150009
Dallas, TX 75315



For more information: https://bigtex.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023_Creative-Arts_Arts-and-Crafts-Guide.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2A9JYJmBLKsxUw046-nYdDBahckYOcPH9cFmQfwedszDloUAb08DSilY

It is not a 4-H sanctioned activity so there won't be any excused school absences.



Please RSVP to Gretchen Sanders,
Blanco County Extension Agent,
Family & Community Health
830/868-7167

4-H SUMMER FUN 2023

Sewing Series-June 8 & 9

Series is for 4-H members who already know how to sew.

Participants must have a new, modern sewing machine with Instruction Manual.

Projects will include: pajama bottoms, tote bag, scrunchies, buttons, and embroidery stitches.

Participants will receive a list of supplies to bring.

Blanco Baptist Church, 9 am to Noon, RSVP by May 19

Cooking Series-June 21-23

June 21-Canning-Learn how to use a boiling water canner to create Strawberry Jam

June 22-Cooking with Soda Pop-hands-on workshop includes: Dr. Pepper Pulled Pork, 7Up Biscuits, and Big Red Floats

June 23-Bread & Butter-Tortillas, Bread Loaves, and Coffee Cake

(Participants may sign up for one day or all.)

Blanco County CRC, 206 US Hwy. 281, Johnson City, 9 am to Noon, RSVP by June 2

STEM Galactic Quest-July 17 & 18

2-lesson series includes: Stellar Optics, Cipher Space, Astro Adventure & Cosmic Claw

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Blanco County office, 101 E. Cypress, Ste. 109, Johnson City
1 pm to 3 pm, RSVP by May 15

Club Officer Training-July 19

All 4-H Club Officers for the 2023-2024 4-H year should plan on attending.

Agenda will include officer roles and responsibilities.

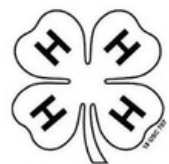
Location and details-TBA

Food Challenge Kick Off-August 21

A must for all Fall 2023 Food Challenge participants and team leaders.

We'll sort through and check out supply kits, learn about contest updates and enjoy an ice cream supper.

Hoppe Room, 101 E. Cypress, Johnson City, 5 pm-6 pm





HORTICULTURE CAREER DAY

JUNE 5, 2023 1:00pm

OPEN TO ALL
HIGH
SCHOOLERS

HORTICULTURE AND
FORESTRY SCIENCES
BUILDING




- meet faculty, staff, and current students.
- learn about careers in horticulture.
- visit with an academic advisor about applying to Texas A&M
- hands-on experiences in floral design, propagation & tissue culture, wine & enology, hydroponics, etc.



SIGN UP TODAY! **MORE
INFORMATION**

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2023
SUMMER POULTRY CAMPS

Youth Poultry Judging Camps

Age: 9-13 : June 14-15, 2023

room block available

Age: 14-18 : June 15-17, 2023

lodging included

Coaches & Ag Teacher Poultry Judging Camp

June 29-30, 2023

room block available

Register online at www.posc.tamu.edu by May 1st!



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Poultry Science

TEXAS SHEEP AND GOAT EXPO

YOUTH PROGRAM



Hands-on learning, focusing on SKILLATHON TOPICS, from industry experts including Dr. Shawn Ramsey, TAMU - Animal Science, Marty Vahlenkamp, CEA - Runnels County, Marty Gibbs, DEA - West Central District, and Whitney Whitsel, Extension Associate - Youth Sheep and Goat Program

Like our Facebook pages to stay up to date on registration and program information.



Texas Sheep and Goat Expo

Texas Youth Sheep and Goat Program

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SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 19, 2023

1ST COMMUNITY SPUR ARENA SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

Texas Sheep and Goat Expo

Friday 12:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The 2023 Texas Sheep and Goat Expo will begin with lunch at 12 p.m. on Friday at the San Angelo Fairgrounds First Community Spur Arena and the days' activities will conclude at 8:30 p.m. We will begin Saturday at 8:00 a.m. with the concurrent sessions for wool sheep, hair sheep, meat goats, angora goats, club lambs, and youth skill-a-thon workshop. Registration includes lunch and dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

First Community Spur Arena

4722 Grape Creek Rd., San Angelo TX

Hosting Parties for Teens

Planning a party for a teenager and their friends can be challenging. Figuring out the guest list, the food, and the venue requires planning and preparation by both teens and their parents. One decision that teens should not be able to make is whether or not to have alcohol at their parties. Alcohol is the most commonly used substance among youth.

In Texas, 55.7% of middle and high school students report getting alcohol at parties and 49% report that they obtained alcohol from a parent or relative, according to the Department of State Health Services. Underage drinking at parties is not a new phenomenon, however it is a dangerous one. Violence, binge drinking, alcohol poisoning, sexual assault, unintended pregnancies, drug use, and property damage are all associated with underage youth drinking at parties.

Adults may be away from home, unaware of the underage drinking, or in some cases at home and supplying the teens with the alcohol. Taking the keys and allowing underage teens to drink alcohol at parties may prevent them from driving while intoxicated, but there are still other factors to consider. Research shows that teens who are allowed to drink at home have a greater chance of abusing alcohol when they are away from home. In addition, teens who start drinking before the age of 21 are at risk of becoming dependent on alcohol or other drugs as adults since their brains are not yet fully developed.

Simply put, it is illegal for an adult to 'host' parties where minors are drinking alcohol. A social host is an individual who provides alcohol knowingly or unknowingly to minors in a home or on private property where underage drinking occurs. Texas has strict laws against providing, serving, or furnishing alcohol to a minor. The Provisions to Minors Law is a Class A misdemeanor and punishable by: a fine up to \$4,000; confinement in jail for up to a year; and automatic driver's license suspension for 180 days upon conviction.

A person may only provide alcohol to a minor if he or she is the minor's adult parent, guardian or spouse, and is visibly present when the minor possesses or consumes the alcoholic beverage, according to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission Code 106.06. In addition to not providing teens alcohol or allowing them to consume it on their property, parents and caregivers should take inventory of the alcohol beverages kept at home. When alcohol is not monitored, tracked or secured, teens can easily help themselves, and consume it without getting caught.

Here are some tips for hosting an alcohol-free party for teens: Have your teen create a playlist for the party. Set guidelines for what you deem as appropriate and inappropriate lyrics. Pick a theme for the party. This is especially fun around the holidays! Create a menu which includes easy to prepare finger foods that teens enjoy. Offer them a variety of non-alcoholic drinks such as flavored sparkling water, sodas, and flavor packs they can add to bottled water. Finally, have teen-approved games such as corn-hole, washers, basketball, volleyball, or trivia games to keep the teenagers busy and entertained. Provide small prizes or gift cards for the winners of each of the games.

The Blanco CoAPT's vision is to keep Blanco youth healthy and drug/alcohol free.

KAT STAAS
BLANCO COAPT COMMUNITY EDUCATOR