



December 2023 Blanco County 4-H NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME TO THE TEAM



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Carley Howell

County Extension Agent -Agriculture & Natural Resources

Carley is the new Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent for Blanco County. She was born and raised Orange, TX, and a graduate from Little Cypress Mauriceville High School. In 2019, she became a graduate of Sam Houston State University, studying Animal Science and Equine Science. She became a Certified Equine Massage Therapist while completing her undergraduate studies. She also holds a Master of Agriculture in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Environment from SHSU as well. She was a veterinary technician for several years before transitioning to an Extension Agent for Harris County, focusing on backyard gardening and self-sustainability. Carley enjoys forming relationships with those in the community and hopes to make a positive impact in agriculture and the environment by offering support and sharing information learned in the classroom as well as in the field. In her personal time, she enjoys hunting and other outdoor activities with her husband and dog.



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4-H Club Meeting Information

Early Bird 4-H Club

- **Club Manager - Debby Sulzemeier**
- tsulte_ranch@yahoo.com
- **Date of Meetings - December 8th**
- **Time: 6:30 PM**
- **Location: Pleasant Hill School**

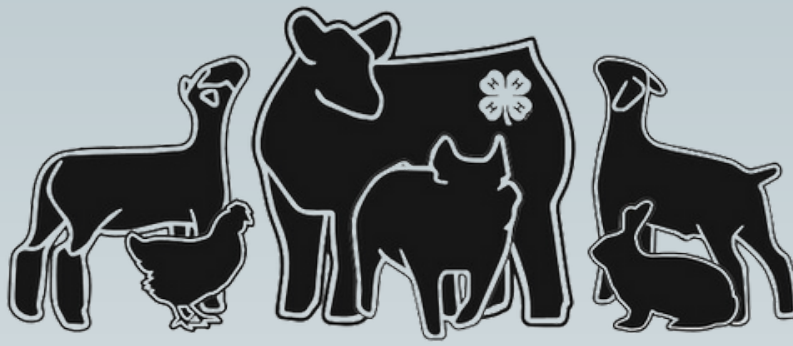
Hill Country Spurs 4-H Club

- **Club Manager - Kari & Wesley Thomas**
- kthomas@realibleaccessibility.com
- **Date of Meeting - December 14th**
- **Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**
- **Location: Proof & Coopers in Johnson City**

Lucky Leaf 4-H Club

- **Club Manager - Jessi Snow**
- luckyleaf4h@gmail.com
- **Date of Meeting: December 8th**
- **Time: 6 PM**
- **Location: First Baptist Church in Blanco**





IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

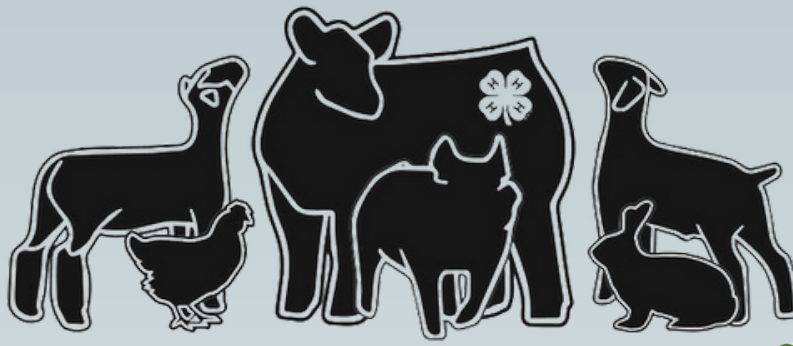
- **December 1**- Entry Deadline for Blanco County Youth Exhibit Hall Entries
- **December 1** - Entry Deadline for Blanco County Youth Show
- **December 2** - *Workday #1*- Show Barn Setup / cleanup at 8:00 AM
- **January 3-5** - Blanco County Youth Show
- **January 4** - Blanco County Youth Exhibit Hall Show
- **January 5** - Blanco County Youth Exhibit Hall - Silent Auction of Food Items - will conclude at 5 PM
- **January 13** -Silent Auction - Shop Projects starting at 11 AM
- **January 13** - Premium Sales Begins at 1:00 PM
- **January 13** - Silent Auction of Sewing, Hobbies, Fine Art & Photography projects from 10 AM - Noon
- **January 5** - *Workday #2* starting at 4 PM or close of last division
- **January 21** - *Workday #3* Show Barn Cleanup starting at 1 PM

[2024 Blanco County Youth Stock Show Rule Book](#)

[2024 Youth Exhibit Hall Division Rules & Guidelines](#)



Entry Forms Due by December 1st
Click on links above for more details



2023-2024 District 10 4-H Calendar

**Tentative dates are subject to change.*

FALL & WINTER DATES

District 10 FALL Roundup – Kerrville, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, Oct. 6, 2023	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Oct. 31, 2023	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed. – Fri. Nov 1-3, 2023	
Fall Roundup CONTEST DATES	
Nov. 28, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed. Presentation & Public Speaking Livestock & Horse Quiz Bowl
Nov. 29, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Show FCH Quiz Bowl Entomology Judging
Nov. 30, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Challenge
District 10 4-H Horse Judging at HLSR	
<i>**All 4-H members must submit an HLSR Stock Show entry form/fees to their County Office to compete in the District 10 4-H Horse Judging contest that is being held conjunction with the Houston Stock Show.</i>	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION OPENS: Jan. 15, 2024	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Feb. 6, 2024	
DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION: Feb. 7-9, 2024	
Mar. 4, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horse Judging @ HLSR
District 10 4-H Virtual Photography Contest	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Thurs., Feb. 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tue. Feb. 20, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. Feb 21-23, 2024	
Feb. 23, 2024	4HOnline Registration CLOSES
Mar. 29, 2024	Photography <i>Results Released</i>
Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship	
APPLICATIONS OPEN: November 1, 2023	
APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Feb. 15, 2024 @11:59PM	
Nov. 1, 2023	Scholarship Guidelines Released
Feb. 15, 2024	Scholarship Applications Close
Information	Texas 4-H Foundation Website

SPRING & SUMMER DATES

District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, March 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 19, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri, Mar. 20-22, 2024	
Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES	
April 9, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaders 4 Life (Location TBD)
April 10, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)
April 15, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Livestock Judging
April 16, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumer Decision Making Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation Wool & Mohair Judging
April 17, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share the Fun Soil Judging
April 18, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duds 2 Dazzle Fashion Show & Natural Fibers
April 20, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
April 26, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-H Storyboard <i>Results Released</i>
District 10 Horse Show – Dripping Springs, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues. May 14, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, May 15-17, 2024	
EVENT DATE: June 13, 2024	
District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024	
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 28, 2024	
LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 29-31, 2024	
EVENT DATE: June 26-28, 2024	
District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Saturday, June 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 25, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. June 26-28, 2024	
EVENT DATE: July 11, 2024	

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4-H Food Pantry December Savory Staples



- Salad Dressing*
- Jam or Jelly*
- Syrup*
- Mayonnaise*
- Mustard*
- Salt & Pepper*
- Ketchup*
- BBQ Sauce*





BLANCO COUNTY SHEEP & GOAT CLINIC

December 21, 2023
Blanco County Show Barn
4:00pm

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Learn from former 4-H
members and
gain confidence in
showmanship



Register by email or phone

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*Informational
session for swine
included!*



LUCKY LEAF CLUB NEWS

Reported by: Emily Singletary



Lucky Leaf met on Monday, November 13th for our monthly meeting.

We talked about 2 upcoming community service events.

December 2nd –
Breakfast with Santa at the
Rec Center

December 16th –
Coats & Cocoa

We also made green bean casserole kits for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry.

Stephanie Broglie & Staycer Broglie Beth Holland & Braysen Holland shown below making Green Bean Casserole kits



We chose locations around Blanco & Johnson City for the collection boxes for Coat & Cocoa, broke into group to make posters for the boxes.





HILL COUNTRY SPURS CLUB NEWS



Reported by: Hank Doyle

“The new 4-H members attending were Emily Averitt, welcome to the club.”

The group voted for having a Christmas party and for having a showmanship clinic. We discussed the idea of sending special invitations to the sale, and agreed it was a good idea. We will email our special invites to Kari Thomas.

Gretchen Sanders gave a talk about exhibit hall exhibitors. The contest entry deadline is December 1st, with late entry deadline December 18th. The contest will be in the front of the show barn.

- Hank Doyle

The next 4-H meeting will be held on December 14th at Proof and Coopers at 6pm, & the club will celebrate with a Christmas party.

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4-H EARLY BIRD CLUB NEWS

Reported by: Emma Mayes

At the beginning of the November EarlyBird 4-H meeting Bridget Hurlbut handed out raffle tickets that are sold for \$10 and each student gets 20 and has to be turned in on January 5th.

There was a discussion about sausage wraps vs. hotdogs for lights spectacular. We went over what to do at lights spectacular and when (5-9) on the 1,2, and 3rd Saturday in December. We motioned to buy light spectacular supplies with the max budget of \$300, for lights and decorations. Mentioned what baked goods we would sell at lights spectacular.

Our annual White Elephant Christmas party will be held on December 8th, budget is set to \$10-\$20. We talked about making cards and getting coloring books for the Johnson City nursing home, so we set a \$200 budget for the supplies.

Christmas
PARTY



2024 National 4-H Conference: April 19-24, 2024

Application Period: December 1-15, 2023

Information: National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Civic Engagement, providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their communities, nation and world. Delegates across the country work together in the four weeks prior to the conference to prepare briefings on important topics. During the conference, delegates will virtually present their prepared briefings to federal officials in Washington, D.C. 4-H youth also have the opportunity to engage in personal development experiences that increase their knowledge, resources, and skills while discussing topics affecting youth and 4-H programming nationwide. Delegates not only learn while at the conference: they are empowered to create positive social change in their communities and have the opportunity to practice and apply their skills in a real-world setting.



Want to know more about Texas 4-H members experience? See the story linked here about last year's delegation: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/blog-post/civic_engagement/

How to Apply: Applications for youth to participate in the 2023 National 4-H Conference on April 19-24, 2024, in Arlington, VA will open on 4HOnline on December 1, 2023. Youth must be 15–19 years old to attend. Applications will close on December 15, 2023, the delegation will be announced early January 2023.

