

BLANCO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026



Food Pantry Donation Theme
For February is:

Sugar Land

Cake & brownie mixes, cupcake liners, frosting, sprinkles, dried fruit, other favorite sweets.
Make it a kit! Cake mix + frosting + disposable pan.

District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX

REGISTRATION OPENS: Mon., Mar. 2, 2026

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 24, 2026

LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri, Mar. 25-27, 2026

Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES

Apr 14, 2026

· Leaders 4 Life (TBD)

Apr 15, 2026

· Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)

Apr 20, 2026

· Livestock Judging

Apr 21, 2026

· Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation (AM)

· Soil Judging (AM)
· Wool & Mohair Judging (PM)

Apr 22, 2026

· Livestock Skillathon
· 4-H Storyboard & Textiles

Apr 23, 2026

· Duds 2 Dazzle (Team/Solo)

· Fashion Show Contests

Apr 24, 2026

· Talent Showcase
· Consumer Decision Making

Apr 25, 2026

· Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)

District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX

REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, May 1, 2026

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 26, 2026

LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 27-29, 2026

EVENT DATE: June 24-26, 2026

District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg

REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, June 1, 2026

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 23, 2026



Congratulations

Hill District Grandstand

Market Goats

Laney Strauch - 2nd & 3rd

Lila Graham - 5th

Malachi McAngus - 11th

Mallory Steele - 11th

Market Lambs

Lila Graham - 6th

Addison hohenberger - 7th & 9th

Hudson Hohenberger - 9th

Ava Thompson - 9th

Breeding Sheep

Lila Graham - Champion ewe & 3rd

Addison Hohenberger - 4th & 3rd

Heston Hohenberger - 2nd & 7th

Hudson Hohenberger - 11th and 12th

Gilts

Will Krobot - 4th & 7th

Owen Keith - 6th & 10th

Livestock Judging

Kendall County Livestock Judging Contest

Team - 7th overall

Lila Graham

Will Krobot

Rylee Thomas

Individual Highlights

Lila Graham

15th Kendall County

7th Hill District Grandstand

Looking for members to join the team! Email

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Youth Exhibit Hall Results



Golden Ticket Winners: Staycer Broglie, Esther Caldwell, and Brisa Thompson



Sweepstakes Winners: Senior-Aiden Soltesz and Junior Emrie Fulton



Champion Sewing-Emily Beyer, Champion Hobbies-Jake Snow, and
Champion Educational Exhibits-Brailee Snow

Not pictured: Champion Foods-Aiden Soltesz and Champion Fine Arts-Mariel Steele



Reserve Champion Hobbies and Reserve Champion Educational Exhibits-Emrie Fulton,
Reserve Champion Foods-Emily Singletary,
and Reserve Champion Fine Arts-Greyson Steele
Not pictured: Reserve Champion Sewing-Aiden Soltesz



TEXAS 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

4-H WILDLIFE PROJECT WORKSHOP

February 28, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

West Texas A&M University, Canyon



Contact

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for questions

Participants will learn:

- **Wildlife Species Ecology**
- **Wildlife Habitat Features & Habitat Management**
- **4-H Wildlife Contests Strategies focusing on the 4-H WHEP State Contest to be held in D-1 on May 16th-17th (<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/wildlife-fisheries/>)**

Register on
4-H Online
February 1 - 17



Sessions will be held indoors and outdoors. Come prepared to explore and learn in the field, the woods, and the water.

Open to 4-H Youth and Adults Statewide



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TCFA Jr Fed Beef Challenge

The 2026 Junior Fed Beef Challenge, hosted by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA), will be held on Friday, July 31, 2026, at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. This educational contest gives junior and senior youth the opportunity to learn more about the cattle feeding industry through hands-on evaluation of cattle performance, feeding efficiency, and carcass data. Participants compete in teams of up to three, making it a great learning experience for both new and experienced exhibitors.

Entry validation is due April 6, with important weight deadlines in July. The contest emphasizes education and career exploration in the beef industry and welcomes participants, parents, and families. More information and entry forms are available at www.tcfa.org.

For more information, email carley.howell@ag.tamu.edu



TEXAS
CATTLE FEEDERS
ASSOCIATION

Registration open: CORE Academy 2026

Event Date: June 15th – 19th, 2026

2026 CORE Academy June 15-19th! CORE Academy is an educational and explorative opportunity for 4-H members who are rising sophomores through seniors to gain awareness to an assortment of possible careers. For 2026, the CORE Academy will explore the Texas Panhandle and will explore a variety of careers of hospitality, tourism, manufacturing, culinary arts, agriculture & natural resources, marketing & more. Registration deadline for CORE Academy will be April 15th!



JUNE 15-19 2026

EXPLORE Texas Panhandle

Mission

TO PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE CAREER AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN A DIVERSE GLOBAL ECONOMY AS WELL AS LEARN ABOUT POST-SECONDARY DEGREE INSTITUTIONS ACROSS TEXAS

CORE
Career Opportunities Reflecting Excellence

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Participants that are not selected for the 2026 CORE Academy will be refunded their \$250. Once selected, payments will not be refunded.

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\$250
With Application

April 15th

GOALS

Includes

- 5 Day/4 Nights Exploration
- Hotel
- Meals
- Transportation

Registration Deadline

- Payment **MUST** be Submitted

Experiences in

- Higher Education
- Career Choices
- Teambuilding
- Networking


Register NOW

CLICK HERE

Questions Please Contact

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Youth Gardening & Horticulture

Dig into the world of plants with monthly tours led by Blanco County Master Gardeners.

Each month we'll visit a new location, ranging from Blanco County Master Gardener demonstration gardens to local landscapes and other horticulture businesses.

Discover soil, gardening, native plants, pollinators, and more while exploring real-life garden spaces in our community.

February 17, 4:30 p.m.

Real Ale Brewing Birdwatching
2250 US-281, Blanco, TX 78606

Questions? Email
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Hill Country Spurs

The club met on January 21 and held their monthly business meeting. Afterward, members had fun working together to make cookies and enjoy time as a group. Get meeting reminders by joining Remind @HCS4H



Early Bird

Early Bird 4-H Club Meeting

On December 6th, some of our team volunteered to help with breakfast with Santa at the 2 mile Rec Center

And December 20 our club presented the annual Coats and Cocoa at the Blanco Square. We started with 937 coats and ended with 158 coats, so it was a success!

And, on December 29, lots of Lucky Leaf members participated in Exhibit Hall, and there were lots of winners this year!

Our next meeting is Feb. 23 - and anybody is welcome to join our photography intro lesson at Lucky Leaf's monthly meeting.

-Notes provided by Sadie Farbstein - Lucky Leaf Delegate

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