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Stage 3 Drought Declaration in Effect

See drought conditions map of Blanco County, TX | U.S. Drought Monitor

Burn Ban Status

Check Blanco County Burn Ban Page for current status.

Call (830)868-7104
prior to burning.

Water Leak Hotlines

Save that precious water!

City of Blanco

(830)554-0716

Johnson City

(830)868-7111 Extension 2

Flood Decision Toolbox

Check current conditions at: Texas Water Development Board

Board Members

Contact any of your Board members listed below for information and to give support. They want to hear from you!

1st Annual J David Bamberger Day

June 11, 2026

The community celebrated Blanco County's 1st Annual J David Bamberger Day on June 11th at the Blanco County Fairgrounds. On what would have been his 98th birthday, the legendary conservationist and founder of Selah, Bamberger Ranch Preserve was honored with songs by Bill Oliver and the Otter Space Band and a screening of Water From Stone, a Ben Masters film about the ranch and Mr. Bamberger. A wonderful evening of laughs, some tears, and a great story from his wife, Joanna. Mr. Bamberger's vision of restoring and protecting the land evolved into a vision which guaranteed to protect these restored lands in perpetuity, which has become increasingly important given the current reality of fragmentation and development of the landscape in central Texas.

Bill Oliver sings about the Bamberger Ranch and conservation.

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BCCI Partners with TLTC

BCCI has joined the Texas Land Trust Council as a **Partner Member** to collaborate on land and water conservation education and advocacy. Land trusts conserve landscapes and waterways for the benefit of people, economy, and wildlife. TLTC's member organizations have protected over 2 million acres in Texas and BCCI looks forward to the collaboration through this partnership.

Pollinators like bees, butterflies, and birds provide an essential role in our ecosystems and agriculture. They facilitate the reproduction of many plants, which in turn supports wildlife and biodiversity. By transferring pollen, they help plants reproduce and produce fruits, vegetables, nuts, oils, fibers, and raw materials. Approximately one-third of the food we consume relies on pollination, making them crucial for agricultural productivity.

Update on McCar Companies Quarry in Blanco

BCCI Board Members have a seat on the Advisory Council and are working to ensure all impacted parties are represented and facilitating dissemination of information to affected Blanco County residents on the quarry permitting process. Understanding how quarries are permitted and operated is an important first step.

Resources:

Dirt, Sand, and Rock Quarries and Aggregate Processing Plants: Compliance Resources
Aggregate Production Operations: How to Register
Aggregate Production Operations (APOs): General Best Management Practices (BMPs)

BCCI - Blanco County Landowner Outreach Project

BCCI has sent a land ownership survey to hundreds of landowners in Blanco County in an effort to seek input on land stewardship views and goals. With 50+ surveys received, we are off to a good start on input and understanding the concerns of our fellow landowners. In the coming weeks, we hope to build on this participation with a round of survey reminders for those who may have set the first letter aside and forgot to respond. A landowner gathering workshop is in the planning stages with details to be released soon.

So far, the surveys have shown that the majority of land ownership is for ranching, livestock, and wildlife habitat with the majority of landowners hoping to pass their land onto their children or family. The biggest threats seen to their land is subdivision and development, as well as the availability of water. It is clear from the responses received so far that the top priorities for landowners are continued good stewardship through maintaining open spaces and rural character of the county, preserving wildlife habitat, and water and spring development for continued privacy and personal enjoyment in preparation for passing along to future generations of Blanco County landowners.

Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District
Drought Stage 3
Stage 3 Restrictions and Compliance Guidelines

Conservation Goal: 20-50% + reduction in groundwater use

Are you a water well owner? Here's a BPGCD survey of some importance …Please consider participating! Your input will be anonymous, and will not in any way affect permitting, metering or regulatory status of your well.

GROUNDWATER WELL SURVEY

Fellow Texans,

Groundwater is an increasingly important resource for Texas. Many data are collected to characterize, monitor, and plan for groundwater but information is limited for some use types.

Therefore, we are asking groundwater well owners to provide very basic, very limited information about their wells by **completing a survey**. The survey may take as little as a few minutes to complete, and some well owners may find it helpful for learning about their well.

The survey is intended ONLY for groundwater wells that are NOT subject to well metering or otherwise report pumping information to entities of the state.

The survey results are anonymous, grouped at the county level, and will not in any way affect the permitting, metering, or regulatory status of respondent's wells.

The survey can be completed on a mobile device or computer and can be accessed using the QR code and link below, or at this address:

https://utexas.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8Im6MqaHZd3yrVs

SURVEY LINK

Thank you for your time and contribution!

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What Else Has BCCI Been Working On?

Here is some of the other stuff we had going on in the past month:

- The next **BCCI Community Gathering** is July 28, 2026. Stay tuned to our website for details on topic and location.

BCCI Friend - Annual gift of $25 or greater
BCCI Champion - Annual gift of $250 or greater
BCCI Lifetime Member - Single gift of $1,000 or greater
BCCI Charter Member - Single gift of $2,000 or greater
BCCI Business Supporter - Annual gift of $500 or greater

Learn more at the BCCI Membership page

Welcome to our new Members
Lisa & John "Tony" Leech

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