

Local Businesses Protect the Night Sky

The Blanco Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Night Sky recently honored two local businesses for their commitment to responsible outdoor lighting. Michael Green is shown presenting certificates of compliance to Noel and Richard Katay, owners of The Feed Store, and to Crystal Spybuck, Brian Fields and Katie Gentry of the Blanco Library. These Blanco businesses were recognized for implementing lighting practices that reduce sky glow, glare, and light pollution.

The recognition program is sponsored by the Blanco Chamber of Commerce, endorsed by the Hill Country Alliance, and supported by the Blanco County Friends of the Night Sky. The program's goal is to promote outdoor lighting practices that prevent light from escaping above the horizon, ensuring the Hill Country night sky remains our natural treasure. Participation is open to all businesses and organizations in the Blanco area, regardless of Chamber membership.



(l to r: Richard Katay, Noel Katay, and Michael Green)



(l to r: Crystal Spybuck, Michael Green, Katie Gentry, and Brian Fields)