

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Funds help volunteer fire departments, nonprofit group

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative and the Lower Colorado River Authority have provided grants to volunteer fire departments and one nonprofit organization in the co-op's service area, part of the LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program, which works with Bluebonnet to provide the grants. The funds will help pay for new air tanks for the Meyersville VFD, new emergency helpaids for the New Ulm VFD and the Birch Creek Area VFD, and upgrades to the Maxwell Social Club meeting place. (LCRA photos)



A \$19,518 grant to the Maxwell Social Club will help make improvements to its building. Pictured, front row, left to right, are Sue Smith, club member; Johnny Sanders and Joyce Buckner, Bluebonnet representatives; Lori A. Berger, LCRA board member; Susan Ohlendorf, club secretary; Kirk Smith, club treasurer; Rick Amic, LCRA representative; and Liz Kristynik, member. Second row, left to right, are Daniel Note, club member; Ed Theriot, Caldwell County commissioner and club member; Richard Schmidt, Bluebonnet board member; Milton Shaw, Bluebonnet board member; Joe Kelly, club first vice president; and Darrell Hess, club member; David Kristynik, club first vice president; and John Buckner, club supporter.



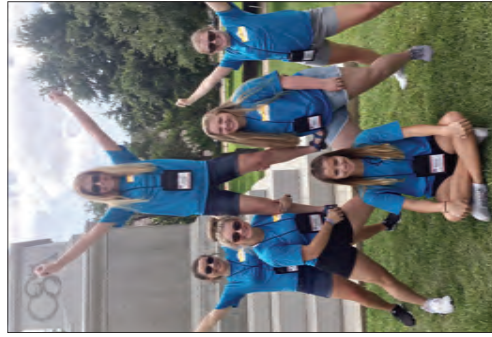
A \$25,000 grant from LCRA and Bluebonnet will pay for the construction of a new emergency helpaid for the New Ulm Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured, from left, are Kate Holman, LCRA governmental affairs representative; Bruce Luedke, VFD second vice president/assistant chief; Kayble Luedke, firefighter; Lori A. Berger, LCRA board member; Bryan Haevischer, VFD vice president; Byron Balke, Bluebonnet board member; Hondo Powell, Bluebonnet representative; Douglas Luedke, firefighter; Brent Boyce, VFD president; and Johnny Schupak, firefighter.



A new emergency helpaid will be built with the help of a \$19,856 grant to the Birch Creek Area Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured, from left, are Kate Holman, LCRA governmental affairs representative; Hondo Powell, Bluebonnet representative; Greg Wolf, Bluebonnet assistant superintendent; Donald Shockley, VFD president; Jimmy Hindman, fire chief; Leroy Haby, VFD treasurer; Lori A. Berger, LCRA board member; and Bob Ware, assistant fire chief.

GOVERNMENT-IN-ACTION YOUTH TOUR

Bluebonnet-area graduates visit nation's capital



Recent Giddings High School graduate Gillian Nietzsche, above left, and recent Lexington High graduate Madison Iselt, above right, at the U.S. Capitol. They joined 147 other Texas teens to tour the state capital and historical sites in Washington, D.C., from June 6-15 during the Government-in-Action Youth Tour. The pair enjoyed touring the Newseum, Smithsonian Institution museums and National Archives Museum, saw national monuments such as the Lincoln Memorial (Iselt, above center), visited the White House (at right) and met with lawmakers. Visit bluebonnet.coop in the fall for 2019 application forms. Photos from Travis Hill, Texas Electric Cooperatives, Nietzsche and Iselt



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