

Bluebonnet, LCRA grants support helipad, community center

The Lower Colorado River Authority and Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative provided two grants in Bluebonnet's service area in June. The grants are part of LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program.

The Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department is constructing a helipad that will significantly reduce patient transport time during medical emergencies, thanks in part to a \$25,000 CDPP grant. From left are Kate Holman, LCRA regional affairs representative; Stephen Cushing, former Fayetteville mayor; Rodney Sladek, assistant fire chief; Mark Johnson, Bluebonnet community development representative; Lori A. Berger, LCRA board member; Ronnie Pflughaupt, Fayetteville City Council member; Carl Marino, Fayetteville mayor; Luke Sternadel, Fayette County commissioner; and Kyle Merten, Bluebonnet community development representative.



The McMahan Community Center will undergo a major renovation, thanks to an \$18,880 CDPP grant to the McMahan Community Women's Club. Improvements will include upgraded electrical wiring, new ceiling and wall paneling, energy-efficient lights, rain gutters, rain collection and driveway repairs. From left are Barbara Shelton, Caldwell County commissioner; Ray Chandler, Caldwell County deputy constable; Martha Aiken, club treasurer; Avenell LeMar, club vice president; Kathy Hutto, restoration committee member; Lori A. Berger, LCRA board member; Margaret D. "Meg" Voelter, LCRA board member; Candyce Mueller, club secretary; Rick Arnic, LCRA regional affairs representative; Joyce Buckner, Bluebonnet community development representative; and Pat Parsons, club president.



LCRA photos

Teens explore U.S. capital during Government Youth Tour



Photo by Chris Salazar, Texas Electric Cooperatives

Hailey Sherrill, left, a Smithville High School graduate who is studying music education at Louisiana State University, and Carolina Barboza, a senior at Manor New Tech High School, toured the U.S. Capitol, met members of Congress and saw historical sites during the Government-in-Action Youth Tour in June. The teens were selected to represent Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative and joined 1,500 teens sponsored by electric co-ops, including 144 from Texas. Sherrill said her favorite stop during the tour was the Museum of the Bible, and Barboza said her favorite was the Newseum, an interactive museum dedicated to the First Amendment.

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