

Bluebonnet, LCRA grants to benefit VFD, Burton playground

The Lower Colorado River Authority and Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative provided grants to first responders and a school district in Bluebonnet's service area in May. The grants are part of LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program.

The Prairie Hill-Rocky Hill Volunteer Fire Department is buying a new all-terrain vehicle and other firefighting and rescue equipment thanks to a \$21,025 CDDP grant. This will mean improved access to rural areas during emergencies. From left are Evelyn Quebedeaux; Suzette Von Gontard; Emma Quebedeaux; Ron Arnold, firefighter; Doug Zwiener, deputy fire chief; Lori A. Berger, LCRA board member; Delphine Moehlmann, firefighter; Doyle Dahmann, fire chief; Kelly Strader, firefighter; Kyle Merten, Bluebonnet community representative; Robert Mikeska, Bluebonnet Board member; and Kate Holman, LCRA regional affairs representative.



Children having fun at a popular community playground will receive some relief from the Texas sun this summer thanks to a \$10,000 CDDP grant. The Burton Independent School District will install a shade cover at Burton Elementary School's playground, which also is open to the community. Standing, from left, are Robert Mikeska, Bluebonnet Board member; Kate Holman, LCRA regional affairs representative; Kyle Merten, Bluebonnet community representative; Melinda Fuchs, Burton Elementary principal; Kirk Hanath, Washington County commissioner; Lori A. Berger, LCRA board member; Joy Fuchs, Washington County commissioner; Teresa Shuey, Burton ISD Parent Teacher Organization vice president; Dr. Edna Kennedy, Burton ISD superintendent; Felicity Shuey, student; Rachel Harmel, PTO secretary; Adison Harmel, student; and Augustus Shuey, student. Seated are students Devlin Douglas, Camryn Douglas and Austen Bostain.



Photos from the Lower Colorado River Authority

Share your cherished family heirloom recipes!

As Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative celebrates its 80th anniversary this year, part of our focus has been the kitchen. It's the heart of the home, where rural Central Texans first added electric appliances in the 1930s and 1940s.

We want to share the wonderful recipes that have been passed down from generation to generation in your family. Send your most beloved recipe — an appetizer, a main course, a side dish or a dessert — with a short explanation of what it means to your

family to Lisa Ogle at lisa.ogle@bluebonnet.coop, 512-332-7968 or c/o Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, 155 Electric Ave., Bastrop, TX 78602.

The deadline for recipe entries is Sept. 6. We'll publish many of your recipes in Texas Co-op Power magazine and online at bluebonnet.coop.

Need some incentive? We'll give away dozens of copies of "The Best of Typically Texas Cookbook" from the publishers of Texas Co-op Power magazine to recipe entrants.



Not a **big fan** of the **dog days** of summer?



Bluebonnet's 6 SIMPLE TIPS TO CONSERVE POWER

TURN IT UP

Set the thermostat to 78° (or 80° when not home), especially from 3 to 7 p.m. Save as much as 10% on your bill.

TURN 'EM OFF

Lights can eat up a chunk of your electric bill. Also, when you leave the room, close curtains to block the sun's heat.

WISE UP

Upgrade to a programmable or smart thermostat to better control your temperature settings. A smart thermostat lets you remotely adjust the temperature and some can even learn and adapt to your habits.

TRACK YOUR USE

Log in to your online account at bluebonnet.coop or on our mobile app and see how much electricity you're using. Try the tips and see how much your power use drops.

KILL THE VAMPIRES

Gadgets silently eat electricity, even in standby mode. Plug them into an advanced power strip and turn them off when not in use.

LEAVE THE HOUSE

Can't stand 78°? Go someplace cool during the hottest part of the day: the library, grocery store, mall, gym, coffee shop.

