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Jr. High Students Attend Convention

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Xzavier Ortiz.

These students had the opportunity to go to the Bob Bullock Museum and IMAX theatre.

At the convention they attended a general session and heard the guest speaker John R. Beede.

That night they attended a dance with the other students. On Saturday everyone attended group discussions led by various schools.

The convention ended with a multimedia presentation on how every student needs to use their voice.

All in all everyone had a great time and got to meet many other people from around the state.

Water District

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on water conservation.

Board members agreed to have Schonenberg and Betty Schuirring serve on a committee help formulate a proposed budget.

Briscoe and Scott Brasher will serve on a committee to look into alternatives on financing.

Board members discussed that they would set a tax rate next year after a public hearing on the budget.

Asked about a possible tax rate after the meeting, Kelley noted the authorization to levy a tax of up to 3 cents, but said he hoped that the rate can be lower than the maximum.

He noted that each cent of the tax rate will bring in about \$150,000.

In addition to office expenses, board had noted that technical studies will need to be undertaken of the county's underground water supplies.

Board members scheduled their second meeting for Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in the county facilities service building in Columbus and tentatively agreed to meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

They also agreed to apply to be temporary members of the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts.

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Eagle Lake City Council Discusses Alley, Sewage

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conform to the city's guidelines for an alley.

Council agreed that a list of items that need to be addressed with the alley would be given to the property owner. They also indicated that they would see what can be done to make sure that the problem is taken care of.

Council also discussed a problem with sewer backups on Laughlin Rd.

Residents said that when a very heavy rain occurs, sewage has backed up into their houses.

Residents did indicate that if a special backflow preventer were

installed that it would correct the problem. This, however, caused other homes to backup that had not backed up before.

Residents questioned whether there was a problem with the line where water from rains is getting in.

Holland indicated that the city has inspected what they are able to, but have not found any problem in the area.

He said that whenever they find a problem they fix it, unfortunately problems tend to be difficult to find.

He indicated that the best way

to find the problems is with a video camera system that can be run through the sewer lines, but that those systems cost around \$12,000 for a basic setup.

Morales said that he felt the city needs to try to find a way to get the money for the system if it can help with problems like this.

"Health is one of the major priorities of a city council," he added.

Council also discussed the city's tree trimming ordinance.

Holland said he felt that the ordinance should be adjusted so that the city can properly take

care of trees in the city.

The issue came up when a complaint was made that the city was improperly trimming trees, against its own ordinance.

The ordinance says that oak trees should only be trimmed in January and February to help discourage the spread of oak wilt disease.

The city recently trimmed some trees due to interference with city equipment and school buses driving on the streets, as well as problems with some power lines.

The ordinance provides for emergency situations where the trees may be trimmed at any time, and Holland said he felt these situations were in that category.

Council members, as well as Public Works Director Thurston Webb, said that currently accepted trimming guidelines indicate

that anytime other than spring is an acceptable time to trim oak trees. The ordinance in effect was adopted about five years ago.

Council agreed to revisit the matter as an action item on the next agenda.

Cook Will Not Seek Re-Election

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interests play out," he predicted.

Property tax relief has also been a big accomplishment, he said.

He noted that more state funds have been put into public education and local school property taxes cut.

Some other accomplishments, he pointed to included legislation to provide grants for rural fire departments from the Texas Forest Service to upgrade equipment, as well as better workers compensation issue for fire fighters.

Another area where progress has been made, Cook said, was slowing down the Trans Texas corridor, which has drawn large opposition from rural areas.

The corridor would allow private firms to develop new massive freeways that would transport goods and people, but cut a wide swath through rural areas and have limited access.

Cook noted that the legislature had passed a two-year moratorium on new projects and that state officials have announced plans to narrow the width of the I-69 corridor from the Rio Grande Valley to Houston and I-35 corridor from Laredo to North Texas.

In addition, Cook cited legislation to help rural hospitals receive grants for equipment and expansion.

"I want to sincerely thank my constituents for a wonderful, wonderful opportunity to serve," he said.

Cook said he looked forward to having more time to spend with his children.

In addition to the family farm, he said, he planned to continue some consulting work he had been doing on rural development with the Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative.

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Starting Monday, November 19, Eagle Lake and surrounding areas will begin seeing a new Colorado County EMS unit serving their area. The new, state of the art, Type 1 Frazer ambulance was made possible by a generous grant from the David and Eula Wintermann Foundation.

In October of last year, CCEMS made a request to the David and Eula Wintermann Foundation for their assistance in helping CCEMS with the purchase of the new unit. The high mileage and age of the present fleet along with mounting maintenance costs were related to the board along with other factors for their consideration. Currently, the majority of the units serving Colorado County are classified as Type 3, or a smaller sized patient care area on a van front. Medics only have access to one side of the patient and room is very limited if additional medics are needed for critical care of a patient in the back. The Type 1 units have a larger patient care area mounted on a larger truck chassis. These units will allow for patient access on all sides and can allow transport of up to 3 patients in a disaster or mass casualty situation. Additionally, the Type 1 configuration allows for re-mounting of the patient care area or "box" on a new truck chassis when the service life of the chassis has been reached. Instead of having to purchase a brand new unit in the future, the only costs involved will be the price of the new chassis and re-mount labor, which currently would equal to a savings of \$74,000.00.

After making a presentation to the David and Eula Wintermann Foundation Board of Directors, CCEMS was notified that our grant was approved. Without their assistance, the new Medic 3 would still be in the planning stages. Colorado County EMS would like to express our appreciation to Foundation President Jack Johnson and Directors Don Bendy, Steve Balas, Judy Johnson for seeing the need and providing the Eagle Lake area a critical response vehicle that will serve Eagle Lake the surrounding area for years to come.

Xmas Cash

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