Debate over proposed fire protection district heats up

By LAURA NEGRE

A debate over proposed fire protection districts has erupted among local firefighters, and one group has begun to form a citizens committee in support of the concept.

The group's most visible supporter is Volunteer Fire Protection

President Arthur Holzec. His group's agenda includes a

proposed fire department.

Holzec, a retired fire department

engineer, said he formed the group to make sure that fire protection is

available to all of the community.

He believes that every citizen should have access to fire protection, regardless of their location.

As for the concern about cost, Holzec argues that the benefits of having a fire department outweigh the initial expenses.

"We need a fire department," Holzec said. "It's not just about safety. It's about peace of mind."

The proposed fire department would have a board of directors to oversee its operations and ensure that funds are used efficiently.

According to Holzec, the proposed fire department would be self-sustaining, with funds generated through taxes and service fees.

The citizens committee is currently in the process of drafting a proposal for the new fire department, which they hope to present to the city council in the near future.

Steps to create a rural fire protection district

1. Collect the signatures of at least 100 property owners who own taxable property

2. Meet the requirements of the proposed fire district

3. Form a public hearing

4. Hold a vote on the proposed fire district

5. Comply with all applicable laws and regulations

The board of directors would be responsible for overseeing the new fire department and ensuring that it operates effectively.

According to Holzec, the new fire department would provide greater safety for all residents, regardless of where they live.

"This is a community issue," Holzec said. "We need to look out for each other."
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Walker completes program at law firm

Walker enrolled as a member in 1994 of the American Bar Association, having joined shortly after completing his studies at Harvard University. He will become the third member of the firm's legal staff to be admitted to the Bar Association. The firm has offices in Paris, France, and Brussels, Belgium.

Church to present Bible school

Walker attended a Bible school in Paris during his studies at Harvard University. He has been involved in the work of the church since his early years, and currently serves as a member of the board of directors. The church has a strong focus on community and social outreach.

BISD continues early dismissal of students

Bexar ISD plans to continue its early dismissal policy this week to allow for better determination of the required amount of school work to be completed by students. Although students were not required to complete any school work on Friday, they are expected to continue working on their assignments during this time.

Local man competes in contest of strength

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Card of Thanks for the family of Mrs. Vera Goodwin, who passed away recently. Mrs. Goodwin was a long-time member of the church and will be missed by all who knew her. The family asks for prayers for comfort during this difficult time.

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NACOGDOCHES SENDS TRIBE HOME EARLY

EAGLES - Nacogdoches won 13 games this season, but they lost three straight in the playoffs, which ended their chances of winning the district. The Eagles slightly defeated the Tribe in the District 11-4A title game, 17-16, on Thursday afternoon. Nacogdoches had a 10-9 lead after the third inning, but a three-run home run by Tribe's junior pitcher turned the tide.

PC INDIANS WIN BY 7-3 IN TOURNAMENT

EAGLES - The PC Eagles hosted the 3A baseball state tournament this week, and they won both games they played. They beat San Antonio 6-1 and then came back to beat San Antonio 7-3. The Eagles will play again at 1 p.m. Sunday to meet either Austin or San Antonio.

DIXIE 13-14 YEAR-OLD STATE TOURNAMENT

EAGLES - The Eagles hosted the 12U baseball state tournament this week. They lost to Austin Saturday, 6-4, and to San Antonio Sunday, 7-3. The Eagles will play their final game today to meet either San Antonio or Austin.

TATUM 9-10 TAKES PANOLA AMERICANS

EAGLES - The Tatum Eagles hosted the 9-10 baseball state tournament this week. They played against Nacogdoches Saturday and beat them 11-8. They played against the Panola Indians Sunday and lost 13-0.

SUGAR CREEK 9-10 TAKES PANOLA AMERICANS

EAGLES - The Sugar Creek Eagles hosted the 9-10 baseball state tournament this week. They played against Nacogdoches Saturday and beat them 11-8. They played against the Panola Indians Sunday and lost 13-0.

HORSESHOE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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Debs vie Friday in state

Horns nip Texarkana in district tourney

Dixie 12 Nationals win tourney opener

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