

farms. We exist on donations and our operating expenses vary from month to month, so your support with annual dues is critical to our operations.

We are so happy to advise that our new Fire Station and community center is in the works. Concrete has been poured and the building has been delivered in sections that are ready to be assembled. As of this writing, the main structure is being erected and it won't be long until we have a beautiful building, all thanks to our generous donors and tons of hard work from our volunteers. This is a project your members have been planning and working towards for 20 plus years and we are very excited to see it completed in the coming few months.

Keep in mind, our monthly business meetings are held at 7:00 PM the third Tuesday of each month at our Station 1 located at 349 CR 278, just off Highway 89. You are welcome to come and join in our meetings, meet your neighbors and volunteers that keep our department moving forward.

Remember our once-a-year big fund raiser called the ECCA Bonanza. It's a great time with lots of fantastic food, live music, door prizes and a live and silent auction. We typically schedule the Bonanza the last Saturday in January. That will put our Bonanza on January 28th 2023. Advance work and planning will begin in July or August, and your help with participating in the behind-the-scenes operations will be most welcome. It takes lots of volunteers to fully staff and produce this event and we're proud to say for the past 22 years it has been flawless. This annual event is very important to the fire department's mission to continue the path of upgrading equipment and replacing worn or damage gear. Please plan to help and or attend.

We have included a self-addressed return envelop for your convenience and we also have a PayPal and Venmo (@ECCA-VFD) available for those that prefer to pay online.

Thank you so very much for the support in years past and going forward.

ECCA VFD Officers