



## Lee County ARES Supports the Black Bridge Festival in Dime Box

Lee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, Lee Co. ARES, participated in their first Dime Box Black Bridge Festival, their very first public event of the kind, by providing radio communications to the organizers during the Mini-Marathon and the Parade.

Eight ARES volunteers, two of which are from Travis and Williamson County, arrived early in the morning to position themselves throughout the route.

They provided the organizers with radio communications from the route to the Start/Finish line and assisted in checking

on the wellbeing of the runners. "We were able also to determine the owner of a bull that had tried early on to join the race," Marida Favia del Core Borromeo, the Emergency Coordinator of Lee Co. ARES, stated.

"We were delighted to be helpful in this fun and family-oriented event and we are grateful to retired Sheriff Rodney Meyer and our Lee County Emergency Manager Delynn Peschke for having introduced us to the Black Bridge Festival back in 2019." Lee County ARES members are all very grateful to Dime Box Lions for hosting this event and inviting them to help. "We are looking forward to serving the Dime Box Black Bridge Festival in the future." Borromeo said.

"This was a very well-planned event and professionally executed, and I am glad they had such a success for their first public event," stated John Peck, Williamson County ARES Safety Officer and official observer. After the Mini-Marathon and a brief rest, part of the group assisted again the Parade organizer and the judges with the line-up of the vehicles and the Parade itself. All radio operators enjoyed the experience and learned from it. By helping, they simultaneously train in preparation of a possible true bad day.

If you are a licensed operator, or you have a scanner, we can be found on 147.22 during our training nets every Monday night at 7 p.m. We have monthly meetings on the third Sunday of each month at Elm Creek Café. Please verify meeting and repeater information on our website at [www.leccares.org](http://www.leccares.org)

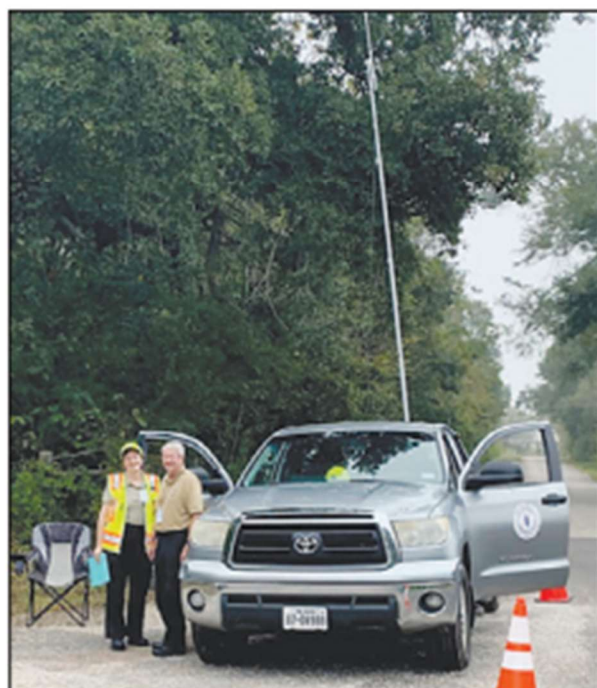
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League. The purpose of LeeCARES is to furnish emergency communication when regular communication fails or is inadequate during natural or man-made disasters. LeeCARES consists of licensed radio

amateur operators who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment, with their local ARES leadership, to assist with communications when disaster strikes.



Rover 1 Jeff Bullard, KI5HHI, providing communications between the patrolling ATV, equipped with a Radio mobile go-kit by Lee County ARES, and the organizer and other radio stations. PHOTOS BY MARIDA FAVIA DEL CORE BORROMEO.



Team Allison, Mark KI5MA Net Control for the Mini-Marathon and Julia KI5LNM Logger and Traffic Facilitator.