

# **Man Sentenced for Continuous Violence Against Family Member**

sentenced in the 21st revoked for unauthorized District Court of Lee use of a vehicle – attempt, County on January 7, 2025 for continuous violence against a family member. The Honorable Carson Campbell presided. Anselmo Chemo Ojeda, 29 yoa, was ordered to return from Shock Probation and to serve the remainder of a ten year sentence on Community Supervision. For this charge, he was fined \$,3000 and ordered to pay an additional \$1,370.42 in court costs, fees and restitution. He was also ordered to perform 200 hours of community service. In addition, Ojeda was sentenced to an additional seven year probation for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. Additional charges were assessed for this count.

John William Guynes, 48 of Giddings, saw his original sentence revoked and he was sentenced to two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) for having a prohibited substance in a correctional facility.

Jason Michael Surrency, 50 of Georgetown, also

### It's Noteworthy Local Author to be Included in **Round Up**

Lexington resident

and he was sentenced to 90 days in the Lee County Law Enforcement Center (LCLEC).

Jovanna Shante Hurd, 31 of Houston, had her original sentence revoked and she was given 30 days in the LCLEC for unauthorized use of a vehicle – attempt.

Nicholas A. Dehoyos-Velasquez, 24 of Giddings,

A Giddings man was had his original sentence was given eight years fines, court costs, fees and fines, court costs and fees, probation for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. He was assessed \$3,715 in fines, court costs and fees, as well as being ordered to serve 300hours of community service.

Laci Marie Bradshaw, 25 of New Caney, Texas, was given two years probation for possession of a controlled substance (POCS) - Fentanyl. She was assessed \$1,895 in restitution.

A week later, on January 14, 2025, eight more people were sentenced in the 21st Judicial district Court of Lee County with the Honorable John Winkelmann presiding. Zachary Wayne Walker, 25 of Beaumont, TX, was sentenced to ten years in Patterson, 35 of Giddings, the TDCJ, probated 10 years, for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. He was assessed \$3,240 in for failure to comply as

as well as ordered to perform 300 hours of community service. On a second charge, Walker was given ten years probation for engaging in organized criminal activity - robbery. Court costs and fees were assessed.

Brandon Jerome was sentenced to ten years confinement in the TDCJ, probated three years,

a sex offender's duty to register annually for life. He was assessed \$1,715 in fines, court costs and fees. Patterson will have to serve 150 hours of community service too.

Alan Reyes, 26 of Houston, was given two concurrent terms of five years probation each for POCS – Methamphetamine and for tampering with or fabricating physical evidence with the intent to impair. Court costs and fees were assessed.

Terry Wayne Tusie, 56 of Dime Box, was given two years probation for deadly conduct discharge of a firearm – attempted. He was ordered to pay \$1,695 in fines, court costs and fees and to perform 100 hours of community service.

Natalie Nicole Willis, 43 of Baytown, TX, was given two years probation for POCS Tetrahydrocannabinol. She will pay a fine, court costs, fees and restitution and perform 80 hours of community service.

Timothy Kenneth Miller, 42 of Giddings, was given two years probation for POCS – Methamphetamine and will pay a fine, court costs, fees and restitution, as well as service 75 hours community service.

Johnta Lamont Harris, 22 of Pflugerville, was given two years probation, ordered to pay \$1,645 in fines, court costs, fees and restitution, as well as to perform 75 hours of community service.

James Anthony Baty, 41

## **Amateur Radio Operators Prepare for Disaster**

This past weekend, amateur radio enthusiasts from Lee County and Williamson County came together to

(ARES) and Williamson organized annually by the such as fluctuating weather County ARES was more than just an exercise. It was a demonstration of the

Winter Field Day Association to encourage ham radio operators to practice setting



Lexington resident and amateur radio operator Mark Allison is seen in the foreground, working with another volunteer in one of two communication trailers used last weekend as Lee and Williamson County ARES practiced using their communication skills in case of disaster. PHOTO BY PHILIP CONCAN.

and limited infrastructure. However, rare severe weather events, like the 2021 'Snowmageddon' that caused widespread disruption across Texas, underscore the importance of preparedness even in regions with typically milder winters. These conditions make exercises like Winter Field Day an excellent opportunity to hone skills in realistic scenarios. This year's event saw

Lee County ARES simulate a local disaster, requiring assistance from Williamson County ARES. During the exercise, a generator failure highlighted the importance of adaptability, as participants worked around the issue by employing an alternate power source. This realtime problem-solving reinforced the value of identifying and addressing potential weaknesses in emergency setups. The two organizations, bound by a mutual assistance agreement, coordinated their efforts to establish a fully operational

and well known local author, Ruth Meyer, will be among seven authors who will be featured in the sixth annual Texas Lutheran Writers Round Up on Friday, January 31, from 9:00-2:00 at Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas, located in Warda. This is a free event for the public and one that students at Faith Lutheran High School enjoy very much, especially since they will go from classroom to classroom for writing workshops with the featured authors. Adults attending will also get to spend some one-on-one time with the authors, as well.

Sessions for the adults include "Time and Manure" by Christina Hergenrader, "Writing, Reading, and Repetition in Isaiah" by Rev. Kachelmeier, "Fitting Fiction Into History" by Sarah Baughman, a Bible study by President Newman on "Courage in the Cultural Furnace," and more.

Lunch is provided for all who attend. Faith Lutheran High School shares facilities with Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 600 FM 1482 in Warda.



Day, an international emergency communications exercise. Held at Firemen's Park in Giddings, the event highlighted the essential role of amateur radio operators in disaster preparedness while showcasing advanced communication techniques.

The collaboration between the Lee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

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Association. In his first year lost in the first round after

as head coach of the Lady not making the playoffs the

participate in Winter Field invaluable capability amateur radio provides in ensuring reliable communication during emergencies. In scenarios where traditional communication methods fail, such as during severe weather or natural disasters, amateur radio can keep communities connected to first responders and other critical services.

Winter Field Day is

up portable operations in challenging conditions. While Texas winters may not bring the snow and ice faced by northern participants, local operators still contend with unique challenges

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of Giddings, was sentenced to one year in the LCLEC, probated two years, for assault causing bodily injury to a family member. He will pay \$1,435 in fines, court costs and fees.

## **Elderly Woman's Death Still Under Investigation**

woman from Rockdale is still under investigation by the Milam County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), according to Brett Eberhart, Public Information Officer.

On Wednesday, December 18th, the MCSO responded to a home on Beverly Drive at about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, just outside of the city limits of Rockdale. The call concerned a deceased

The death of an elderly female. Law Enforcement tests have been ordered, ordered an autopsy to determine the cause of death. A press release concerning the incident said, "Several dogs located on the property were removed and secured out of an abundance of caution."

> On Tuesday of this week, Officer Eberhart confirmed to the Leader that the autopsy results have been received by the MCSO, but more

the results of which have not been received. Officer Eberhart said the department does not know how long it will be before the results of the latest tests requested would be received by the MCSO.

Officer Eberhart said after they get all the information needed to conclude their investigation, the name of the deceased will be confirmed.

2024 LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL THSCA EXAS FARM BUREAU **Collin Rutherford** 

STATE BOUND! Two Cross Examination teams at LHS will be going to State in March! Case Boettcher and Jace Bryan finished 1st; Oliver Conner and Braden Rodgers finished 2nd. Both teams went undefeated on the day. The final placement was determined by speaker points. Boettcher was also named the Best Speaker at the tournament!

### **LEXINGTON LEADER**

operators may need to bridge

local radio transmissions

with global internet-based

during the event, including

the trailers and much of

the communications

gear, was made possible

primarily through grants.

These grants represent a

the community's emergency

preparedness, ensuring that

Lee County is equipped

also served as a reminder

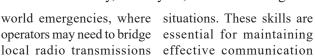
Marida said, "Participants

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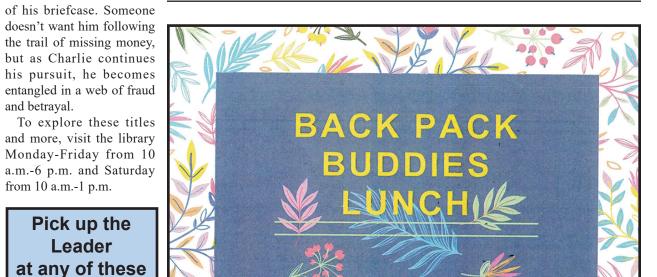


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when it matters most. The success of this year's Winter Field Day highlights the vital role amateur radio plays in disaster preparedness. While it may seem like a niche hobby to some, amateur radio is a lifeline during emergencies, providing a reliable means of communication when cell towers and internet connections are unavailable. Exercises like Winter Field Day ensure that operators are ready to step in and serve their communities at a moment's notice.

As the event concluded on Sunday, participants reflected on the importance of their work. The simulated scenario had proven that the collaboration between Lee County and Williamson County ARES is not only functional but highly effective. By testing their equipment and practicing their coordination, these amateur radio operators have demonstrated their commitment to keeping the community informed and connected, no matter what challenges arise.

For residents of Lee County, the efforts of these dedicated volunteers provide peace of mind. Whether responding to a local disaster or assisting with broader emergencies, amateur radio operators are prepared to ensure that critical communications remain intact. Thanks to their work, the community is better prepared to face the unexpected.



# Radio

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emergency communication setup. This simulated that the equipment used disaster scenario emphasized the importance of regional cooperation and demonstrated how prepared both groups are to respond to real emergencies.

The two groups brought significant investment in a range of advanced equipment to the field. Each organization deployed an trailer, equipped to handle a crisis. The exercise provide reliable power and connectivity in remote areas.

Marida Favio del Core Borommeo, Emergency Coordinator for Lee County ARES, said, "A key aspect During this time, operators of the event was the use connected with participants of diverse communication across the country and around techniques. Operators the world, testing their frequencies across HF, VHF, and UHF bands while also leveraging technique allowed radio opportunity to build transmissions to connect camaraderie among the directly to internet-based networks, enabling broader communication beyond collaborated on problemthe immediate area. Such methods ensure flexibility and adaptability in real- required in emergency

emergency communications with the tools needed to

began on Saturday morning, running continuously until Sunday afternoon. utilized traditional radio equipment and practicing their skills under realistic conditions." modern technologies like technical abilities, Winter radio-over-internet. This Field Day provided an amateur radio community. Operators shared knowledge, solving, and demonstrated the resilience and adaptability

of how critical funding and Williamson County also community support are in brought a portable station building and maintaining housed in a tent, which took approximately 90 minutes to set up and was designed for worked tirelessly to prepare one or two operators. These for the event, arriving on mobile setups demonstrated Friday afternoon to set up how amateur radio operators the trailers, antennas, and the can quickly establish a tent-based portable station. communications hub even in Once the infrastructure was areas with no infrastructure. in place, the 30-hour exercise



### **Dust Off Your Cowboy Boots for the** Alamo's Rodeo Round Up!

The Alamo invites visitors to immerse themselves in the vibrant spirit of the Wild West during Rodeo Round Up on Saturday, February 1, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This annual event, timed to coincide with the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, promises a day rich in historical education and engaging activities.

The Alamo's Living History team will demonstrate frontier traditions of roping, branding, candle making, and blacksmithing. Special activities for kids include games, target shooting with rubber-band guns, story time, and even a giant tumbleweed. Storytelling, live music, and firing demonstrations will round out this cowboy-themed day.

Rodeo Round Up is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to embrace the spirit of the occasion by donning their favorite cowboy attire. Join us for a day of fun, learning, and unforgettable memories! The Rodeo Round Up will be held at The Alamo, located at 300 Alamo Plaza in San Antonio.

# **Giddings Library News**

younger are invited to join us for storytime with crafts Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Visit soon to explore these recent book arrivals:

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