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TORNADO HITS MILAM COUNTY

On the afternoon of Monday, May 25, 2015 a F2 tornado moved from north of the Sharp community to the Pettibone area where major damage, injuries, and one death occurred. NWS out of Ft. Worth reported that the EF2 Tornado had 125+ sustained winds with 9 1/2 mile track and approximately 800 yards wide. Eight power poles were snapped in Pettibone, severing electricity to Buckholts. Power was restored there about 30 hours later. The storm then moved into north east Milam county where tall poles were snapped and farms were heavily damaged. The Milam ARES net was activated and included KD5MTG, KE5ISN, KB5DLK and KD5WRO. KB5DLK was on the ground in Pettibone and gave us a total overview of the damage and injuries. It was determined that all the homeless would seek shelter at relatives and neighbors homes. It was decided that Red Cross would not be called upon for assistance. The Red Cross representative, Elaine Kelly, continued to monitor the situation on the ground the next day.

HAPPENINGS

Welcome to our newest member KF6OKG. He has added a quarter wave whip to his Handie Talkie and can now communicate over the 147.020 repeater from his home near Rockdale.

KF5LTW has increased his mobile power to 125 watts and soon will go to 180 watts.

The Federal Communications Commission recently announced that it will close as many as 11 Field Offices. This will be done to save money. Observers predict a complaint from amateurs or broadcast stations will take years for violation to be investigated.

Anyone preparing to take the Technician Exam can go to QRZ.com to study sample exams. KE5LVI or KD5WRO or KF5NIX can be contacted in order to set a date for taking the exam. Upgrades can be taken at the same time.

KE5LVG, SK

Lee Roy Franklin, KE5LVG, became a Silent Key on April 9, 2015, after a long battle with cancer. He was raised in Milam County and graduated from Yoe High School in 1954. He entered the US Army Signal Corps and served in Korea where he installed radio communications along the DMZ. Lee Roy then went on to a long career as a Broadcast Engineer with stations in Central Texas. Lee Roy was a Past Commander of VFW Post 2010.

As a member of Milam County ARES he maintained a VHF station and emergency generator and was always ready to help in disasters. He will be missed. He is survived by: His wife Faye Franklin of Cameron and Son, Lee Roy Franklin, Jr. of Cameron.

NOAA WEATHER FREQUENCIES

WACO	162.475 Mhz
BRYAN	162.550 Mhz
AUSTIN	162.400 Mhz

Milam County ARES Thursday 7 PM 147.020 PL 123.0 Khz.

Bell County NET Thursday 8 PM 145.130 PL 123.0

STX ARES HF Net Monday at 7:30 pm on 3873 Khz.



Get Your Equipment NOW!

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