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This month I would like to go over a few requirements of being an ARES member. One of the first things is of course joining the Milam County ARES group. The second this is to sign up on the ARRLSTX Depot website (link is below). I know that Susan Reinders and myself appreciate everyone who wishes to receive these newsletters each month. If no one actually reads them a part of my job would disappear.

For those who not only read these newsletters but want to participate in drills, events, and other activities, I would advise you to participate in our weekly nets. Since taking over the E.C. position from Frank Stewart, KD5WRO, I have tried to make our ARES nets a little less formal to try to not only make our nets more friendly, but to let each person who checks in to have more of a say other than to check in.

After this newsletter, I would like for those who do not wish to participate in weekly nets, to send me topics they wish to hear discussed on air. I think it is imperative that we not only have three repeaters in the county, but the topics discussed on each is representative of the people who use them. Since I am a relative newcomer to this hobby, I know what it is like to see change in the local leadership of this hobby. And if you wish to see change in a different direction, you have to actually speak up.

We are about to embark on a new journey in this hobby in the very near future. Not only is ARES going in a new direction with the new website, but the new digital modes and the devices used to operate those modes are changing on an almost weekly basis. Gone are the days of using packet radio as the main way of sending data back and forth. As a hobby we are on the cusp of achieving incredible things. As some of you know, several things that were either created or modified by the Amateur Radio community have been either directly used, or used as a stepping stone in other government agencies, and even NASA.

With that being said, I am looking for other Amateur Radio operators who are looking to help out in this hobby, specifically with ARES. If you want to be the ARES Net controller, or help with the Milam County ARES website, please contact me at the email below.

Also if you wish to have something put in one of the newsletters, send it to me at KF5NIX@ARRL.NET and I will find a way to put it in.

If you have not done so yet, go to the ARRLSTX depot site listed below. http://www.arrlstxvps.org/vault_area/vault_gateway/site_gateway/vault_gateway.php There are several items listed on the workbook there that many of you have already accomplished in the past, just use your best guess as to the date and I will approve them.

If you complete any of the online courses send me a copy of the certificate so we can have it on file in case of an emergency so we know who we can call on.

You can get your workbook as well as other forms at the Milam County ARES website: <http://milamcountyares.weebly.com/>

Thank you,
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Rockdale – 146.760 – PL – 123, Milam ARC weekly net – Monday nights at 8:00 P.M. The members also voted to move the Milam County Ares net to Monday nights, at 7:00 P.M. Most felt that having the ARES net on the same night as the Milam Amateur Radio Club's net may increase the sign-ins for both nets as well as free up the rest of the week.

Cameron – 147.020 – PL – 123, Milam County ARES net – **Monday nights at 7:00 P.M.**

Davilla – 147.000 – PL – 123, Milam ARC nets – Last Monday of each month held here. **Milam ARES 2 Meter Data Repeater** 145.030 Mhz This repeater is a simplex repeater with store and resend software in the modem at the transceiver. This call sign is CAMRLY. The repeater is on the Milam County Communication Tower and uses the same antenna as the 147.020 repeater. That antenna is a db224 with 6db gain. It is approximately 150 feet AGL.