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DECEMBER FOX HUNT

Ham Radio operator Curtis Guyote, using radio directional finding equipment, was the first to find a hidden transmitter (the "Fox") hidden by the winner of last month's hunt. This monthly radio hunt is sponsored by SCARS to hone members' radio operation and signal-tracking skills.

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THEY OUTSMARTED THE FOX

Left to right: Ham Radio operators Wayne Chauffe and Gary Bowers, using radio directional finding equipment, were the first hunt team to find a hidden transmitter (the "Fox") hidden by the winners of last month's hunt.

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N37/60 CHRISTMAS PARTY

N37/60 held their Christmas party on December 18 at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center's Florence/Georgetown Room. The photo was taken by Judy Lunn, who also provided music for the event.

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SUN CITY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY FOX HUNT

Left to right: Ham Radio operators Don Parrish and Bob Frost, using radio directional finding equipment, were the first hunt team to find a hidden transmitter (the "Fox") hidden by the winners of last month's hunt.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY VIRGINIA DAVIS

Sun City resident Virginia Davis is an avid golfer and has enjoyed playing for 60 years. She still sports a 16 handicap and is a member of the WGA-9 ladies golf group.

Virginia is a native daughter of Platt, Kansas. She and her late husband, Clinton, moved to Sun City in 2000. They were very happily married for 63 years.

Virginia celebrated her 90th birthday on Feb. 23. Congratulations, Virginia!



VALENTINE FUN

Several members of the Dance/Drill Club decided the Sun City 20th Anniversary Valentine's Day Dance was the place to be on Feb. 12. What a band! What a dance! What fun! Pictured left to right: Karyn Breeckner, Barbara Dorrah, Denise Coraggio, Sandy Jordan-Kandel, Sharon Hickenbottom, Vun Ziegler, Linda Webb.

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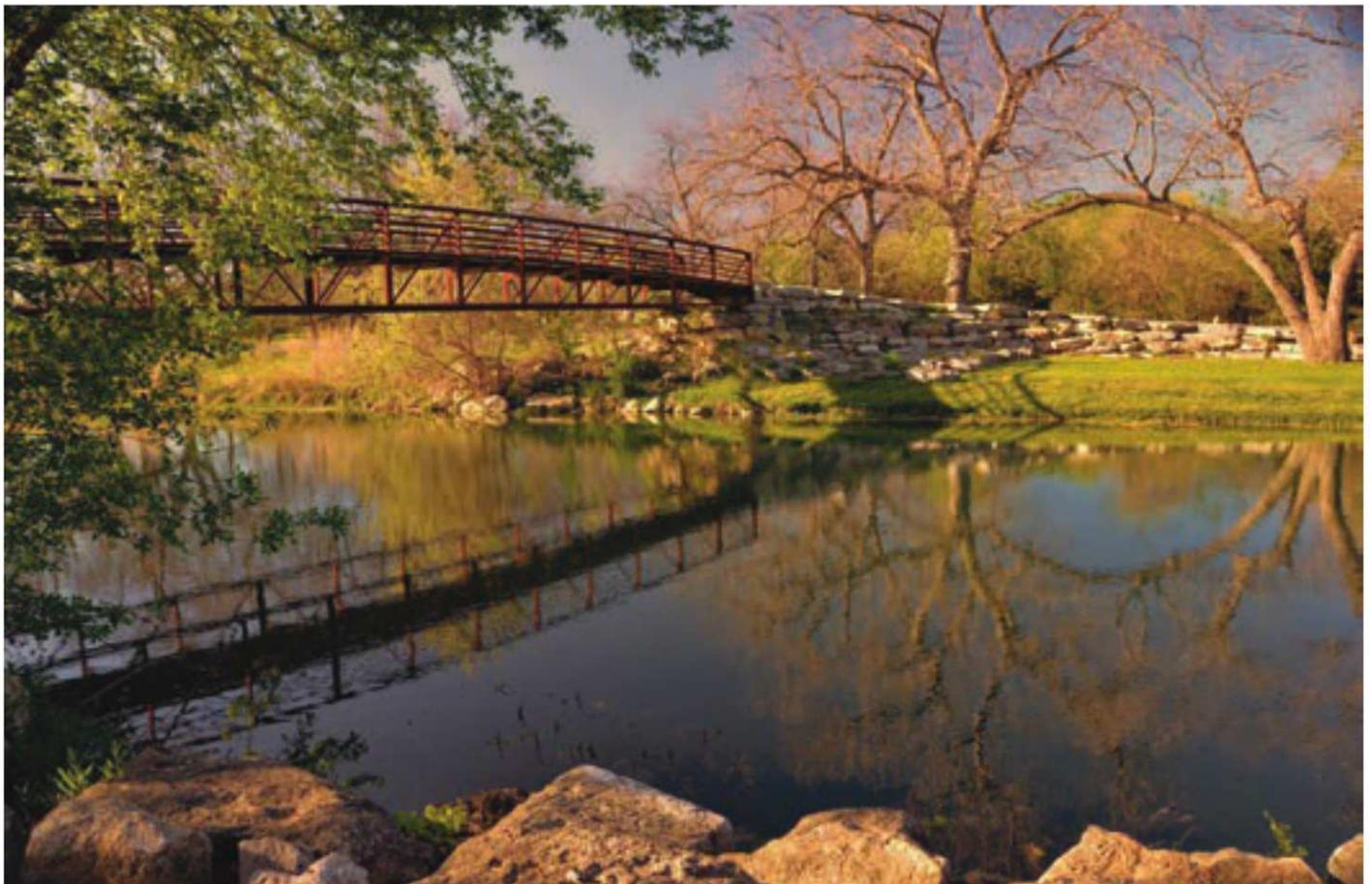
Above: April winners John Scott, left, and Don Parrish, right.

Right: March winners Jeff Hahn, left, and Curtis Guyote, right.



SUN CITY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MONTHLY FOX HUNT WINNERS

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BERRY CREEK BRIDGE EASTER SUNDAY BY CHRIS MEYER

KXAN Report; May 16, 2016

Weather radio reception limited due to old equipment



By [Calily Bien](#) and [Lauren Kravets](#) Published: May 16, 2016, 12:35 pm Updated: May 16, 2016, 6:36 pm



AUSTIN (KXAN) — If you depend on the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration weather radio for weather alerts, you might have noticed some issues with the signal over the past week. Right now, the NOAA radios are nearly useless in parts of Central Texas.

Bob Frost helps program the radios for people who live in Sun City, a retirement community in Georgetown. But Frost says they haven't had a clear signal in months and people aren't getting weather alerts.

"A number of our residents aren't smart phone folks, and so they don't have the ability to get alerts either through an App or the phone itself, so this [radio] is their lifeline," explains Frost.

The National Weather Service says the transmitter in Westlake appears to be working, but the reception radius is down to only a few miles. The cable and antenna on the transmitter are more than 10 years old and are scheduled for a replacement. The National Weather Service hopes to get the repairs done by the end of May, but they say it all depends on the weather.

"We already have it ready to be installed, however it's the riggers, the people who go up the tower to install the cable, to install the antenna, they have to arrange and schedule that work," says Joe Arellano, Jr. Meteorologist In Charge for the National Weather Service in the Austin area. "It cannot just be done by anyone, it has to be licensed and people who know what they're doing."

Since only specially trained technicians can repair the tower, it sometimes takes weeks for the towers to be repaired.

The situation with the Westlake transmitter is similar to the incident in Llano a few years ago. [In August 2014, lightning struck the NOAA weather radio transmitter in Llano County](#) and knocked it out of service. The tower supplied emergency weather alerts for all the radios in Mason, Gillespie, Llano, Burnet and Blanco counties.

The National Weather Services advises if you live in Travis and surrounding counties, you should [register your cell phone](#) to receive community notification including severe weather warnings.

INTEREST GROUPS

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Light of Christ Anglican Church

Weekly Bible studies are offered each week on Monday or Thursday at the homes of Sun City residents. No previous knowledge is required or expected as we explore together the Old and New Testaments in small sections. We meet from 7 to 9 p.m. with time for study, fellowship and refreshments. Sunday worship is held at City Lights Theater at 10 a.m. For information, contact Steve Pope, 512-591-7183 or frsteven2@yahoo.com.

Unity Church of Georgetown

Contact: Alice Cooper, President, Board of Trustees, 512-686-5432

Unity Church of Georgetown's monthly Book Club meets at the Activities Center, Room 1, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. Sunday services are held at 10:30 a.m. at the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce at 1 Chamber Way in Georgetown. The book club and church services are open to any who wish to attend.



NAUTILUS BY TIM SCHMOLL

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praise songs. Sunday services, 8:15 a.m.: Vintage worship - traditional hymns and old-time favorites. 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.: Traditional worship. For Bible study and ministry information, visit www.theworshipplace.org, call 512-869-1310 or email twp@theworshipplace.org.

WEATHER RADIO ASSISTANCE

Sun City ham radio operators Hal Miles, Don Parrish and Paul Marriott assist Sun City residents in programming their weather radios prior to the Emergency Management Committee Town Hall meeting on April 21. The hams are members of the Sun City Amateur Radio Society.



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MAY FOX HUNT CHAMPS

Sun City Hams Wayne Chauffe and Gary Bowers, in less than one hour, locate a small “hidden fox” transmitter operating at 0.5 watts of power. The transmitter is the size of a cookie box (left of small flag on top of golf cart). Once a month, Sun City’s Amateur Radio Society Club hides the “fox” and conducts a radio hunt to hone their equipment, antenna and directional-finding skills.



N59 HONORS VETERANS

N59 paid a lovely tribute to all veterans by decorating its entrance for Memorial Day.

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SUN CITY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY'S FOX HUNT

This monthly Saturday morning radio hunt is sponsored by Sun City's ham radio club to hone members' radio operation and signal-tracking skills. Each month's winners hide the "Fox" somewhere in Sun City for next months' hunt.

Left: July winners Pace McDonald, Don Parrish and Denny Searles, using radio directional finding equipment, were the first hunt team to find a hidden transmitter (the "Fox") hidden by the winners of June's hunt. The "Fox" is between Pace and Don and was hidden in the bush behind the winners.

Right: June winners Steve Lawrence, Jeff Hahn and Dennis Searles, using radio directional finding equipment, were the first hunt team to find a hidden transmitter (the "Fox") hidden by the winners of May's hunt.





ALOHA, HAWAII GROUP!

The Hawaii Group gathers for lunch at Hunan Lion restaurant in August. Great food and lots of laughs were shared.

AUGUST FOX HUNT CHAMPS

Ham Radio operators Dee and Curtis Guyote, using radio directional finding equipment, were the first hunt team to “tree” the Fox, a hidden transmitter broadcasting only five one hundredths of a watt. This monthly Saturday morning radio hunt is sponsored by the Sun City Amateur Radio Society to hone members’ radio operation and signal-tracking skills. Each month’s winners hide the “Fox” somewhere in Sun City for next months’ hunt.



Sensible safety measures may give added protection against falls

Submitted by Barbara Akers, Emergency Management Committee



As older adults we value our independence. A fall can significantly reduce our ability to remain self-sufficient. More than one-third of people aged 65 and older fall each year, and those who fall once are two to three times more likely to fall again. Among older adults, falls are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries and are responsible for significant disability, hospitalization, loss of independence and reduced quality of life.

If you want to stay in your own home for as long as possible, you certainly do not want to fall and risk an injury. Most serious falls occur in and around the home and can be life-changing. To help maintain your independence, it's important to understand the ways you can protect yourself from falls. Some simple precautions can ensure safety and reduce your risk of falling at home.

MAKE YOUR HOME SAFE!

- If you have steps, install and hold onto handrails when going up or down.



Both sides of the steps should have handrails.

- Don't use throw rugs or small area rugs.
- Mount grab bars near toilets as well as inside and outside bath/shower.
- Install adjustable height or hand-held shower heads.
- Place nonskid mats or strips in bath/shower.
- Place nightlights in hallways, bedrooms and bathrooms.

- Place a lamp and telephone near your bed.
- Keep electric and telephone cords near walls and away from walking paths.
- Arrange furniture and other objects so they are not in your way when you walk.
- Keep items you use frequently, such as dishes and food items, within easy reach.
- If you have to use a step stool to reach something, make sure it is steady and has a handrail on top to hold on to.
- Don't let your cat or dog trip you. Know where your pet is whenever you're standing or walking.
- Keep emergency numbers in large print near each telephone.

Assessing your home to identify fall hazards and making the necessary changes to prevent them are significant steps for protecting yourself against falls.

Sources: National Institute on Aging, Eldercare



You may have heard about it, but have you seen it? The Sun City Amateur Radio Society (SCARS) moved in to their new digs in the Activities Center earlier this year.

18 Landscaped Maintained Homes Town Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m., SCB

Attention, Landscaped Maintained Homes (LMH) residents: Please attend this year-end town hall! The LMH Committee will give a recap of landscape activities completed in 2016 and present the 2017 LMH budget. Various LMH subcommittee members will be introduced and we will discuss plans for the future. BrightView Landscape will provide refreshments. We will see you there. This meeting will air live on Channel 18 and will be available on the website following the meeting.



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**SEPTEMBER
FOX HUNTERS**

Ham radio operators Hal Miles and John Scott, using a homemade direction finding antenna, were the first hunt team to find a transmitter (the "Fox") hidden by the winners of August's hunt. Attached to the antenna's boom is an attenuator (narrows the Fox's signal thereby increasing the antenna's effectiveness) a transceiver and a compass.

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OCTOBER FOX HUNTERS

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**SUN CITY AMATEUR
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NOVEMBER
FOX HUNT**

Ham Radio operator John Scott, using his motorcycle and radio direction finding equipment, was the first hunter to "tree" the "Fox" and its personal transmitter. The transmitter sends a signal at five one-hundredths of a watt.

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