

Cascades Amateur Radio Society event is June 27-28 in Napoleon

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If you're on the right wave length the weekend of June 27-28, then you just might be in Napoleon.

The Cascades Amateur Radio Society is planning its annual Field Day on a grassy field west of the township hall, at 6755 Brooklyn Road.

Dennis Byrne, chairman of the society's event, explained in a letter to the township board that the annual Field Day is an event for all radio operators in the United States, Canada, Mexico and other countries. It is sponsored by the <u>American Radio Relay League</u>.

The event showcases the amateur radio community's ability to communicate in a simulated emergency. One major guideline is to set up operations in a place where the public can observe operators and equipment in action.

In recent years, the Cascades group has conducted its Field Day on the grounds of Jackson Catholic Middle School and near the Jackson Community College fieldhouse. Normally, 25 or so members of the group participate.

The actual radio operation will take place between 2 p.m. June 27 and 2 p.m. June 28.

"We typically contact states and Canadian provinces from the East coast all the way through the Rocky Mountain area," according to Byrne. If conditions are favorable, he added, contact may extend to the West coast and even Alaska.

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