

March 26, 2017 Youth Amateur Radio Presentation

The Alcona County Amateur Radio Group and the Alcona County 4-H has teamed-up for 14 years to sponsor Amateur Radio FCC License classes for more than 50 youth. Included is a Youth Equipment program for those that successfully completed the license class. The equipment program provides new radios and is funded primarily by donations and group member "Silent Key" bequests. In amateur radio parlance a "silent key" is an amateur radio operator that has passed on.

New ham radios were presented to Mark Collins III, KE8GLF and Robby Mills, KE8GLG, who will as part of the 4-H Ham Radio Club provide communications assistance for various public service events like the County Fair, County Wide Cleanup, etc.



L-R are: Stan Darmofal, W8SZ, Alcona County Emergency Coordinator and Radio Officer; Ellie Mills, sister & Anne Mills, mother of Robby Mills, KE8GLG; Bob Mills, father; Rick Gull, KD8AQT, Instructor; Mark Collins III, KE8GLF; Mark Collins II, father; Seth, Eric & Dawn Collins, Traci Collins, mother; Art Laatz, K8AKL, Youth Program Administrator.

Also see Channel 11 WBKB-TV interview, CLICK here:

<http://www.wbkb11.com/local-kids-earn-licenses-and-radio-equipment>