



Media Advisory

GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY
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UTILITY WORKERS PUT IT “ON THE LINE” *Texas Lineman Rodeo Set for Saturday, July 16, in Seguin*

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WHAT: Electric utility line workers from across Texas show off their skills at the 9th Annual Texas Lineman Rodeo. Teams compete in various events including the “hurt man rescue,” where a 150-pound mannequin is rescued from a 40-foot pole and the “raw egg pole climbing,” where participants climb up and down a pole with a raw egg in their mouth.

Competitors vie for the “Best in Texas” award at the Texas Lineman’s Rodeo Association’s event which offers a showcase for the skills of professional high voltage linemen. Competitors include teams from throughout Texas including Seguin, New Braunfels, Austin and San Antonio, and from as far as Portales, New Mexico. The event is free and open to the public.

The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) and the Guadalupe-Valley Electric Cooperative (GVEC) are among the corporate sponsors of this year’s Lineman Rodeo, and the event is held at GBRA’s Nolte Island Recreation Area in Seguin.

WHEN: **Saturday, July 16**
Flag Raising Ceremony: 6:30 a.m.
Ongoing Competition –begins immediately after flag raising and continues until early afternoon.
Awards Ceremony begins at 5 p.m.

WHERE: The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority’s Nolte Island Recreation Area- off FM 466 in Seguin, Texas.
Directions: From Seguin, take 123 bypass to the FM 466 intersection – (Wal-Mart location). Turn east on FM 466 and go 1.9 miles to the entrance of Nolte Island (just before the river bridge). Turn right on the entrance road and follow the signs to the Rodeo location.

WHO: Bobby Christmas, Chairman, Texas Lineman’s Rodeo Association, (830-857-1137 or 800-223-4832)

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