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Annual Texas Lineman's Rodeo Coming Saturday, July 20

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SEGUIN –More than 190 professional electric linemen from throughout the state and Kansas City will compete for the “Best in Texas” award at the Texas Lineman's Rodeo on Saturday, July 20 at Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Nolte Island Recreation Area in Seguin.

The rodeo is free and open to the public. Opening ceremonies will begin at 6:30 a.m. and competitive events will continue throughout the day. Rodeo winners will be announced at the 6 p.m. awards presentation.

In addition to the rodeo, the annual barbeque cook-off will occur throughout the day with judging to begin at 4 p.m.

The Texas Lineman's Rodeo is designed to encourage three-man teams to test their skills in a competitive, controlled environment with safety and job knowledge as the judging criteria. Main events include pole climbing, hurt man rescue, using an insulated hot stick to replace electrical components at the top of poles, line splicing, knot tying and other competitions designed to test team and individual safe line work practices. The pole climbing and hurt man rescue events draw the largest crowds and loudest cheers. Pole climbers must ascend and descend a pole without breaking the raw egg each competitor carries in his mouth. In the hurt man rescue, a 120-pound mannequin must be 'rescued' from the top of a 40-foot pole.

GBRA and the Guadalupe-Valley Electric Cooperative (GVEC) are among the 16 corporate sponsors of this year's rodeo.

“GBRA has operated a Hydroelectric Division since the 1960s, so we have a first-hand appreciation of the skills required to be a top lineman,” said GBRA general manager Bill West. “We are delighted to host the rodeo. We invite everyone to come out and enjoy the competition and the beautiful setting along the Guadalupe River.”

Nolte Island Recreation Area is located off FM 466 in Seguin, Texas. 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.

The GBRA was established by the Texas Legislature in 1933 as a water conservation and reclamation district. GBRA provides stewardship for the water resources in its 10-county statutory district, which begins near the headwaters of the Guadalupe and Blanco rivers, ends at San Antonio Bay, and includes Kendall, Comal, Hays, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Gonzales, DeWitt, Victoria, Calhoun, and Refugio counties.