



## Lineworker's Safety Rodeo

Apprentice Lineman Kaiden Davis competing in the hurt man rescue at this year's Lineworker's Safety Rodeo.

Line personnel from Illinois Electric Cooperative participated in the annual Lineworker's Safety Rodeo coordinated by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) on Wednesday, Sept. 28. Fourteen teams from 12 electric co-ops, one municipal electric

utility, and one team of Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) linework students participated in the friendly competition. The rodeo highlights the skills lineworkers use to work safely and efficiently.

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Apprentice Lineman Kaiden Davis, Journeyman Lineman Josh Davis, and Journeyman Lineman Ike Richard.

Ike Richard, Josh Davis and Kaiden Davis represented the co-op at the rodeo, held at the LLCC Line School Yard in Springfield. They competed against teams from across Illinois in events using skills that focus on agility, speed and accuracy. While these skills are part of the judging criteria, above all, participants are judged on safe work practices.

Line personnel competed in four team and five individual events: a 40-foot climb, hurt man rescue, H-structure obstacle course, a surprise written exam for the mystery event, and a head-to-head climbing challenge.

Scores for each event are based on completion time, proper execution of the task and safety. Deductions were made to a team or individual's overall performance score due to mistakes such as slipping when climbing poles, dropping tools or executing inappropriate procedures or methods.



At the end of the day, the co-op's team earned second place in the hurt man rescue event and Ike placed in the H-structure obstacle course. Congratulations to our lineworkers on their team and individual efforts.

# Calhoun Fiber Update

Construction in Hardin is wrapping up. Our co-op crews are completing residential and business fiber internet and phone installations in Hardin. Construction in Batchtown is now underway.

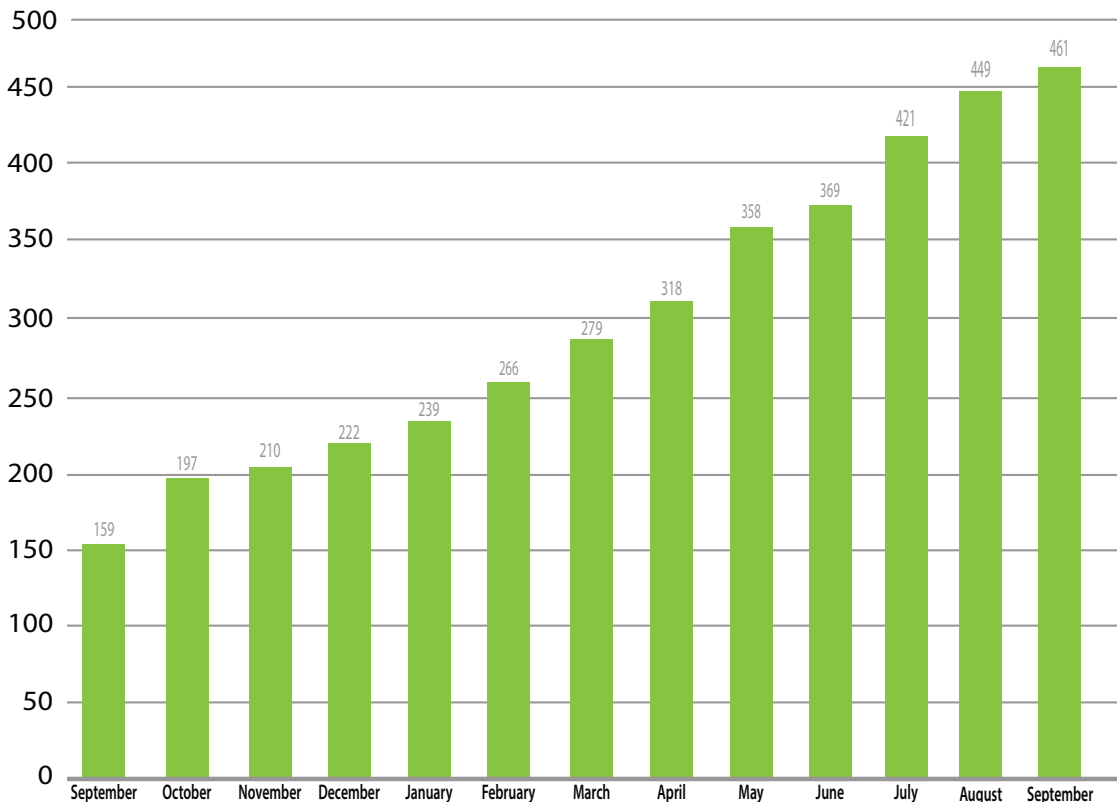
We encourage everyone in Calhoun to follow the Calhoun Fiber Facebook page, where we share regular updates, photos, and videos regarding fiber progress.

Calhoun Fiber is a multi-year project. Once all is said and done, there will be 421 miles of fiber optic cable ran in Calhoun. Along with the significant

amount of construction to be completed, easements are critical to the project. Easements can delay construction significantly. If you have not yet signed an easement, please do so and encourage your neighbor to sign one as well.

If you have any questions, we have an extensive Frequently Asked Questions section on *CalhounFiber.com*. We can also be reached at 1-800-468- 4732.

## Calhoun Fiber Connections





# 2022 MEMBER SATISFACTION SURVEY

The co-op strives to provide reliable, quality service to all our members across the service territory. One way we determine how we are doing is by conducting a yearly member satisfaction survey. The survey is led by the National Rural Electric Cooperative's (NRECA) Market Research Services.

Being a member-owned co-op means the feedback you provide is taken seriously. We want to know how we are doing, and this survey is one way we can find out. The survey results provide insight into members' overall satisfaction and help us evaluate members' perceptions of service quality. The survey also helps us learn how members' needs are being met and prioritize any improvement efforts.

This year, the survey is being conducted by email only. Members chosen by NRECA's Market Research Services can expect to be contacted beginning in late November. The survey takes about 10 minutes.

We ask that those members contacted take the time to participate in the survey. Your feedback is important to us and we appreciate hearing from our members. If you have any questions on the survey, please give us a call at 1-800-468-4732.

## Christmas at the Pike County Lodges

Tuesday, December 6th & Saturday, December 10th

Five Pike County lodges will be decorated for the Christmas season and open to the public on December 6th and 10th. Christmas at the Pike County Lodges, presented by Access Illinois Outdoor, showcases Harpole's Heartland Lodge, Sunset Valley Lodge, Illinois Xtreme Lodge, Sprague's Kinderhook Lodge, and Historic William Watson Hotel.

The tour includes a brunch, lunch, wine tasting, dessert, and appetizers. Each lodge features a different floral designer who will have their creations for sale that day. A diverse selection of talented musicians will be performing a variety of seasonal music at each lodge. For more information or to make reservations, call Access Illinois Outdoors at (217) 285-2464.

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