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Three Jackson Purchase Energy teams participated in the Second Annual Lineman's Rodeo held by the Kentucky Association Of Electric Cooperatives. The rodeo pits more than 30 electric cooperative teams against each other in competitions like pole-climbing races and rescuing dummies simulating stranded workers. The rodeo helps promote safe working habits, teamwork and cooperation along with the unique skills and dedication of the line worker's job.

The event has an apprentice division and journeyman team division. In the apprentice division, JPEC line worker John Sutton took first place in the pole-climbing competition. Sutton placed second in the utility pole cross arm relocation event and third in the pole-top rescue of an injured worker competition.

JPEC line worker Robbie Smith placed third on the written test portion of the competition as well as placing third overall in the apprentice division.

Other members of JPEC's three teams included, Chad Culp, Terry Doublin, Jim Evrard, Shane Humphrey, Jimmy Johnson, Jason Story and Eric Todd.

JPEC's Lighting The Way To Safety education efforts are designed for employees and the public and include school presentations, line worker training and more.

Jackson Purchase Energy is not-for-profit cooperative electric utility serving 30,000 member-owners in six counties of far western Kentucky.