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LIBERTY UTILITIES – EMPIRE DISTRICT LINEMEN EARN TOP SPOTS IN INTERNATIONAL LINEMAN’S RODEO

JOPLIN, MO – October 19, 2018 – Liberty Utilities –Empire District linemen had a successful competition at the International Lineman’s Rodeo last weekend. Local Apprentice, Ezra Piper, received first place in the apprentice Pole Climb competition against 290 competing apprentices. Three more local linemen, Ben Heydt, Eric Clark, and Aaron Bittle, placed fourth in the journeyman Hurtman Rescue competition against 220 competing journeyman teams.

A total of 22 Liberty Utilities competitors from Joplin, Mo.; Tahoe, Calif.; and Londonderry, N.H. competed in the rodeo on Saturday, October 13, at the National Agriculture Center and Hall of Fame in Bonner Springs, Kan. The Lineman’s Rodeo attracts the best linemen from around the world to compete in events based on traditional lineman tasks. Competition provides the opportunity for linemen to enhance their skills and productivity, all while keeping safety during the competition at the forefront.

“We trained hard for the past few weeks, and it was great seeing that hard work pay off in competition. Our crews really applied themselves and competed with safety in mind, and it’s that mindset that served them well. It’s always exciting getting to see one of our own cross the stage, and I couldn’t be more proud of the way it turned out. I’m already looking forward to next year,” said Rick Sprenkle, T&D Training Manager, Liberty Utilities.

About Liberty Utilities

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