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### **South Plains Electric Cooperative to Host Electrical Safety Demonstrations**

[ **LUBBOCK, TX** ] – Local fourth graders will participate in a four-part program demonstrating the dangers of electricity and the technical skills required to be a lineman, hosted by South Plains Electric Cooperative. The program will be Thursday, October 6, from 10 a.m. to noon. The Cooperative will host about 70 students. The demonstrations are held at the Cooperative's Spur Office. This program is presented to help demonstrate the Cooperative's commitment to community during National Cooperative Month.

The four demonstration areas include:

- an arcing demonstration showing the danger of overhead power lines. SPEC employees use a mini-transformer/power line set up to demonstrate different dangers of contacting overhead power lines. The demonstration unit produces 7,200 volts, which is less voltage than an actual power line but produces sparks and fire, impressing the real danger of power line contact to the students.
- SPEC linemen demonstrating a pole-top rescue. The foreman expresses the importance of a quick response time when rescuing an injured crew member. He explains the procedure in detail, but also makes it clear that this is one procedure they hope they never have to practice in real life.
- other SPEC employees demonstrating a bucket truck rescue. They explain and demonstrate how a crew must work together to get an injured crew member to the ground safely and quickly. They explain how crew members have less than five minutes to get an injured person to the ground and start cardiopulmonary resuscitation before the brain is damaged due to lack of oxygen.
- a fourth demonstration station features a safety video, "The Shocking Truth," which helps students pull all of the safety information together.

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**About South Plains Electric Cooperative**

South Plains Electric Cooperative, a local Touchstone Energy<sup>®</sup> Cooperative, serves more than 60,000 connected meters in all or part of 18 counties. When you see Touchstone Energy, you know you are being served with accountability, integrity, innovation and commitment to community. For more information about South Plains Electric Cooperative, visit the Co-op's website at [SPEC.coop](http://SPEC.coop) and follow them on social media.