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## Annual Pole Top Rescue Training

A pole-top rescue is necessary when something has happened that has caused a line worker to become unconscious, unresponsive, or otherwise unable to descend the pole on their own.

Once a year operations goes through pole-top rescue training so in the event that if a real emergency arises the crews will be more confident in their ability doing so.



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### WNCC POWERLINE CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

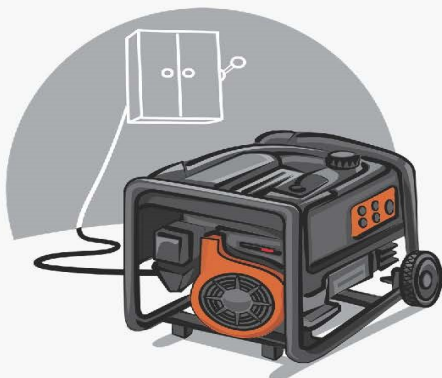
It's that time of year again where PREMA in conjunction with CoBank Sharing Success Program come together to donate \$10,000 to Western Nebraska Community College, Powerline Construction & Maintenance Program. This marked the third of five years we have committed to making this donation and are happy to be able to. We believe in this program!



Pictured above is Misty Curtis, WNCC Alliance Campus Director with Zac Bryant, PREMA General Manager.

sharing in the success!

## What is a **TRANSFER SWITCH**?



A transfer or throw switch is an essential mechanism that safely shuts off power to the electrical grid before backup power is used. This switch is sometimes referred to as a double-throw switch, as it controls two separate circuits.

The switch's job is to safely transfer power from its primary source to a backup power source, enabling users to maintain power during an outage. It works by connecting a generator to your home's main circuits to provide backup power.

Properly installed transfer switches are essential because they prevent dangerous backfeed into the power grid, which endangers utility workers and others.

Make sure your permanent generator and switch are installed according to code and working properly. Never plug a portable generator into a wall outlet, as this can cause backfeed.

Learn more at:

**Safe**  
**Electricity.org®**



# BOX BUTTE COUNTY FAIR



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PREMA SPONSORED A TEAM IN THE RUBBER CHECK RACE. THE TEAM CONSISTED OF TWO OF OUR LINEMEN: TY COSS & TRELL SHREWSBURY ALONG WITH DELANEY CHILDERS & REGAN BRAUN. FUN WAS HAD BY ALL & THEY EVEN PUT A LITTLE EXTRA MONEY IN THEIR POCKETS BY PLACING 3RD! PREMA ALSO HAD AN ENTRY IN THE PARADE AS WELL!



PICTURED ABOVE IS KATIE CHILDERS, BRECKLEN HICKOX, KAYLA BISHOP AND DOUG HICKOX.







## Notes From Load Management

All participants in Load Management can be controlled every day for the month of September. Control will start on Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> as there is no control on Sundays and Holidays. Groups will be controlled as needed. We do not anticipate control days to extend past September 15.

If you are an irrigator with PREMA and have not participated in Load Management in the past, information is available at [www.prema.coop](http://www.prema.coop) under the irrigation tab or by calling the office at 308-762-1311.



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