

# SOUTHEAST ELECTRIC Cooperative



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## 'TIS THE TIME FOR GIVING

**C**OOPERATIVE Principle Number 7 is Concern for Community. Cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies supported by the membership. Southeast Electric Cooperative has always felt that it is important to help build and support the community in which their members serve.

Through the years, SECO has done several matching grant donations. These donations are applied for and usually CoBank and/or Basin Electric Power Cooperative match our funding. Positive Choices, the Carter County

Ambulance and the Veterans Memorial Park have been recipients of the donations and matching funds.

We have also helped government and not-for-profit organizations with LED lighting conversions. Carter County High School, Ekalaka Library, the town of Ekalaka, Carter County Shop, Dahl Memorial Healthcare, Alzada School and Alzada Community Hall have benefited from these funds.

Each year SECO also donates to Shakespeare in the Park; the Bump-n-Run; Track & Arena; 4-H Livestock sales in Fallon, Powder River and

Carter County; Wild Game Feed; After Prom in Plevna and Ekalaka; Chamber of Commerce July 4th activities and the Shindig.

Southeast Electric will continue to support and help build our communities. If you are in the giving spirit during the holiday season, remember all of the above organizations. The following organizations are also good choices: the town of Ekalaka Pool Fund and Baseball Field Fund, your local fire departments and food banks, just to name a few. **RM**

## CO-OP MONTH TAILGATE PARTY WAS A HIT

**F**RIDAY Night Lights, football, tailgate party, volleyball and free popcorn! What a great way to celebrate National Cooperative Month 2022.

Several years ago, Community 1st Credit Union in Ekalaka and Southeast Electric Cooperative celebrated co-op month by hosting a Tailgate Party with burgers and brats. Fast forward to 2022, when Stacy Knuths approached SECO about Mid-Rivers Communication joining the party.

Friday, October 14, almost 200 people enjoyed sloppy joes, salads, chips and cookies in celebration of Co-op Month! Bandanas and footballs

were handed out, and T-shirts were thrown out to fans during halftime. The Co-op Month celebration did not end there.

The following Saturday night your local cooperatives also treated volleyball fans to free popcorn and water! T-shirts were again tossed to spectators in the crowd.

Cooperation among cooperatives is one of the seven principles we live by. We are proud of our cooperatives.

We all share a passion for serving our members and helping our local communities thrive. We are COMMUNITY BORN, COMMUNITY LED AND FOCUSED ON YOU! **RM**



Mid-Rivers, Community 1st and Southeast Electric join forces to celebrate National Cooperative Month 2022. From left: Jaelee Strangford with Community 1st, Pam Castleberry, wife of Mid-Rivers Board Member Dane Castleberry, and Robin Kuntz of Southeast Electric Cooperative, help serve up food.

# A *Lineman's*

## CHRISTMAS EVE



*'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring cause the power was out.  
How could this happen? How could it be?  
The house is all dark, even lights on the tree.  
The linemen asleep all cozy and warm,  
Their snooze apparently spared by the storm.  
Deep into slumber but soon to awake,  
Cause a tree on the line has caused it to break.  
The foreman calls the crew in despair  
Telling the men there is need for repair.  
In three or four hours the trouble is found  
The road didn't pass where the tree went down.  
Out in the snow they carry their tools  
And fix the line as they learned in school.  
They leave the scene and drive back in the dawn,  
The line is now clear and all power is on.  
The linemen are home, not asking for applause  
Cause according to them it's just part of their jobs  
But we may hear them in the wee morning hours  
"Happy Christmas to all, and you all now have power"*

# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM OUR FAMILIES AT SOUTHEAST  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TO YOURS

Southeast Electric Cooperative will be closed Monday,  
December 26 for Christmas, and Monday, January 2  
for the New Year's holiday.