

Co-op CORNER

March 2026



SEC Line Crews replacing a damaged pole in the early hours of the morning - photo credit: Ernest Torres

"WE WANT TO SERVE YOU!"

The SEC Board of Trustees proudly invites you to attend the 81st Annual Meeting held at the Macey Center on April 18, 2026, celebrating this year's theme: "WE WANT TO SERVE YOU!"

This special day is about you — our members — and the cooperative spirit that has powered our communities for more than eight decades. Come out and meet old friends and make new ones!

The 2nd Cooperative Principle of "Democratic Member Control" means Your Co-op, Your Vote. Registration and Voting begins at 1:00 PM, giving members the opportunity to:

- Elect a District 3 Trustee
- Vote on bylaw amendments focused on transparency and accountability
- Receive a \$25 bill credit for members voting in person; \$10 bill credit for mail-in ballots

Free Meal - After casting your ballot, we encourage you to stay and enjoy the festivities! This year, SEC is providing a free meal of hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks and even dessert! Raffle drawings will begin during the meal, so don't leave as the Business Meeting will start at 3:00PM.

Special Keynote Speaker at Business Meeting - we are honored to welcome one of our own back to town, Mr. Paul Guterrez from Magdalena, a recipient of a SEC scholarship many years ago. Paul's career had led him to Washington, D.C. working at NRECA on behalf of rural electric cooperatives all across the nation. Paul's journey is a true testament to how your cooperative investment in local youth, supports future leaders who make a difference in our communities.

Health Fair - Courtesy of SEC, one of our community partners, Presbyterian Health Services, will be onsite to provide health screenings, including blood pressure checks, sugar and cholesterol tests.

Truck Giveaway & Door Prizes - The Grand Prize this year is a 2013 Dodge 4WD pickup with other door prizes and a \$500 Cash Prize! Winners must be in attendance to win.

The Annual Meeting is more than a meeting — it's a celebration of community & cooperation. We hope you'll join us as we connect, celebrate, and continue working together to serve you.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 YOUTH TOUR WINNERS!!

Socorro Electric Cooperative Foundation is sponsoring six students to attend NRECA's Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, DC, June 15-20, 2026. Students from across our service area entered an essay competition for a chance to win an all-expense paid trip for the opportunity of a lifetime!

We are happy to announce this year's six winners represent four local area high schools, which includes two students from Magdalena High, two from Alamo High, one from Quemado High and one from Socorro High.



Raymond Apachito III
Sophomore at
Alamo High School



Kasee Ganadonegro
Junior at
Alamo High School



Jeremiah Alvarez
Sophomore at
Magdalena High School



Zebulon Apachito
Junior at
Magdalena High School



Gentry Olson
Junior at
Quemado High School



Elyse Rosas
Junior at
Socorro High School

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Monday through Thursday
7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Before reporting a power outage, please check the circuit breakers in your house first. If you still do not have power after checking your breakers, please call **575-835-0560, 800-351-7575 or 855-881-8159.**

If you get a busy signal, it is an indication that someone else is experiencing an outage as well; however please continue to call, this will help us pinpoint the problem.

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Rauni Montoya, Chief Financial Officer
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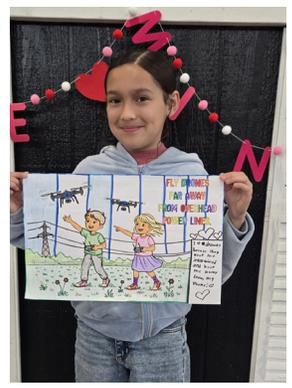
2026 Safety Coloring Contest Winners!!



1st Place
Elsie Otero
4th grade
\$100 winner
Magdalena Elementary



2nd Place
Azerah Esquivel
4th grade
\$75 winner
Midway Elementary



3rd Place
Amarisa Brannan
3rd grade
\$50 winner
Midway Elementary

Each year the SEC Foundation sponsors a Safety Coloring Poster Contest in an effort to help elementary age children learn about the dangers of electricity.

Each year the poster has a different safety message. This year's safety message was the danger of flying drones near power lines.

As an incentive to participate, the SEC Foundation provides the top 3 finishers with gift cards!

We want to send a very special Thank You! to the judges for this year:

Jill Madrid, Lorraine Archuleta, Olga Needy, Dawn Merrick

February 2026 Board Report - the Board

- approved a "Special Circumstances" Line Extension Loan Request
- approved the SEC Foundation 990PF
- approved (2) Capital Credit Estate Retirements