



Nominees by Nominating Committee

On Thursday, June 1, the Powell Valley Electric Cooperative Nominating Committee met for the purpose of nominating three candidates for the cooperative's board of directors for three-year terms to begin in September. The individuals nominated are as follows:

- District 1 – Tracey Sharp
- District 3 – Judith Robertson
- District 6 – Bill Surber, III

The cooperative's board of directors consists of nine members who are representatives of their respective districts across the cooperative's service area.

Fiber Update Info as of 5/22/2023

Miles of backbone – 1,801
Services installed to the home – 6,720

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We're Here to Serve You

"We're here to serve you." We've all heard this phrase countless times. These words may sound generic, but to us — your local electric cooperative — they mean everything.

Powell Valley Electric Cooperative was created to serve our community. In 1938, neighbors banded together and formed our co-op for the common good. In our case, it was the only way the community could bring electricity to the areas where there was none. In doing so, Powell Valley Electric Cooperative helped the community thrive. That mission-focused heritage is the golden thread that is woven throughout our history.

Today, we are continuing to empower the community. While our focus has remained steady on providing reliable energy to our members, today's energy landscape and consumer needs are far different than they were decades ago. That's why we're adapting, to keep pace with changing technology, evolving needs and new expectations.

Serving as your trusted energy advisor means we want to help you save energy (and money). If you're looking for ways to save energy, consider a Home Energy Assessment. Members can conduct a DIY Home Energy Assessment or schedule a free energy audit with one of TVA's energy experts to identify ways you can save energy at home. Understanding how your home uses energy can help determine the best ways to modify energy use and thereby keep more money in your wallet. For more information on this program, visit pve.coop/programs/diy-home-energy-assessment and click the "Learn More" link.

At Powell Valley Electric Cooperative, we understand that unexpected and costly repairs can sometimes arise without warning. To help with one of those unexpected expenses, we offer heat pump financing through TVA's EnergyRight



Manager's Message

Brad Coppock
General Manager

Residential Services program. Members who qualify can have a new heat pump financed for 10 years. To inquire about the requirements for approval, contact your local PVEC office.

Another way Powell Valley Electric strives to serve its members is through our various youth programs and scholarships. The co-op provides several opportunities to its future members, including Youth Leadership Summit, Young Leaders Conference, Washington Youth Tour and more. In addition to these, the cooperative makes efforts to educate the youth of the communities we serve by visiting schools and participating in career days and safety days.

In the same way that co-ops formed to provide electricity to those who did not have access to it, the cooperative has made advances to provide internet and phone service to our members. Historically, citizens of rural communities didn't have access to high-speed internet. This is why Powell Valley Electric Cooperative has partnered with Scott County Telephone Cooperative to form PVECFiber. PVECFiber offers fiber internet and unlimited telephone service to members within Powell Valley Electric Cooperative's service area.

So, the next time you hear Powell Valley Electric Cooperative use the phrase "we're here to serve you," we hope you know that we mean it. Service is deeply ingrained into who we are. We continue to evolve with the times, and in return, we've found additional ways to serve you and provide more options for you to empower your life. We're here whenever you need us.

Area High School Seniors Earn Electric Co-op College Scholarships

Five high school seniors from the service territory of Powell Valley Electric Cooperative have each received \$1,000 college scholarships awarded by the Education Scholarship Foundation of the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives.

The 2023 scholarship recipients are Seth Bailey, Claiborne High School; Hannah Fugate, Claiborne High School; Jordan Fultz, Claiborne High School; Taylor Pressnell, Claiborne High School; and Noah Cavin, Thomas Walker High School.

The students were eligible for consideration because their parents or guardians are members of Powell Valley Electric Cooperative.

The Foundation is supported through tax-deductible donations and bequests from individuals, proceeds from fundraising events and CoBank's Sharing Success Program. One hundred percent of donations go to students for scholarships. For information on donating to the Foundation, visit vmdaec.com/scholarship.



Storms Cause Widespread Outages

On the evening of May 16, two F1 tornadoes touched down in Southwest Virginia. These tornadoes swept through and around Powell Valley Electric Cooperative's service area, bringing with them heavy rain and wind gusts of up to 90 miles per hour. This caused significant damage to PVEC's system, including numerous fallen trees, several sections of downed electric wire and more than 30 broken poles. Through the efforts of PVEC lineworkers, our electrical contractors, tree-trimming crews, and the assistance of crews from Plateau Electric Cooperative and Holston Electric Cooperative, power was restored to all affected members within 30 hours.

Powell Valley Electric Cooperative would like to express its gratitude for our members for their support and understanding. The kind words of appreciation and encouragement uplifted personnel both in the field and manning the phones as they worked to restore power.

PVEC hosts Member Appreciation Days

Throughout the month of May, Powell Valley Electric Cooperative hosted Member Appreciation Days at each of its offices. Members were invited to join cooperative employees for a time of fellowship as they were served hot dogs and other refreshments.

Powell Valley Electric Cooperative appreciates its members and their loyalty to the cooperative. We will honor that loyalty by continuing to strive to provide safe, reliable and affordable power.



PVEC Visits Local Schools

First-Class Lineman Jeremiah Day at Soldiers Memorial Middle School Safety Day.



Powell Valley Electric Cooperative strives to be present and involved in the lives of our future members. For that reason, the co-op takes pride in visiting various school functions, including career fairs and safety days. In May, the co-op was busy with both. Powell Valley Electric employees met with young people to give safety demonstrations and discuss careers within the co-op.

We hope these demonstrations will help our future members to live safe, happy and successful lives in the years to come.



Fiber Crew Leader David Smith at LMU and Claiborne County Schools Career Fair.



First-Class Lineman Matt Rodgers at Soldiers Memorial Middle School Safety Day.



Matt Rodgers at LMU and Claiborne County Schools Career Fair.



Safety Tips

Tyler DeBusk
Tazewell Area Supervisor



Whether you're in charge of a fireworks display for your community or you're just having fun with your kids and some sparklers, put safety above all else this Fourth of July.

Be sure to steer clear of power lines. A fireworks display, no matter how grand or how modest, should take place only in open areas where there are no power lines. Fireworks that come into contact with power lines can start a fire, injure spectators, and leave nearby homes without electricity.

The kind of fireworks that you shoot into the sky aren't the only ones that can start fires. Even sparklers burn hot enough to start a fire; in fact, they can burn up to nearly 2,000 degrees. Officials advise parents not to give sparklers to their children, and to keep the kids far away from the site of a fireworks display. Never let them help set up a fireworks show or light the fireworks.

By keeping these safety tips in mind, you and your family can have a fun and safe holiday.

Beat the Peak

It's summertime, and in keeping with our efforts to provide you with reliable, affordable power, we want to share information about peak demand and how to beat the peak during the hot summer months.

KWHs + DEMAND + O&M = YOUR CHARGE PER KWH ON YOUR ELECTRIC BILL

If we can lower any of these — the number of kilowatt-hours you use, the demand charge we pay, or operations and maintenance costs — we can lower electricity bills for all of us, or with the rising costs of everything today, help keep our rates from increasing. The easiest of the three to control is our demand.

We pay TVA monthly for the electricity we use to meet the needs of all our members, plus we pay TVA a charge to meet peak demand for the month, because TVA must either generate enough capacity to meet peak or go to the wholesale market and buy electricity when it is most expensive. Our demand charge is based on the single hour each month that our demand for power is at its highest. By cutting back on the power we buy from TVA during these peak periods, we can reduce our power costs, and that helps hold down your cost. It's a simple matter of using energy wisely.

HERE'S HOW TO DO IT

1. Turn your thermostat up a degree or two between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.
 2. Use major appliances such as washing machines, clothes dryers and dishwashers before 3 p.m. or after 6 p.m.
 3. Delay using hot water as much as possible until after 6 p.m. Wait awhile before washing dishes.
 4. If you prepare meals before 6 p.m., think about going outside and using the grill, or use the microwave, toaster, air fryer or convection oven as much as possible, rather than the stove or oven. Not only will these use less electricity, they will generate less heat in your kitchen.
 5. Turn off all unnecessary lights during peak hours.
 6. Close window shades and drapes to help keep heat out.
- Here at Powell Valley Electric, we are always looking for better and more economical ways to serve our members. Lowering demand not only saves money on our electric bills, but also helps us continue to have the lowest rates in the Valley. We encourage you to conserve or limit energy use during peak energy times, then go back to your customary activities and your normal way of living!
- Let's all work together — it will make a difference. We can beat the peak!

Honor Our Flag

In the Armed Forces of the United States, at the Ceremony of Retreat, the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold, and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out, and at the Ceremony of Reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton field of blue containing the stars, representing states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted only when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our country honorably in uniform.

1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of our belief in God.
 2. The second fold is a symbol of our devotion to the United States of America.
 3. The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans who have departed our ranks.
 4. The fourth fold represents our reliance on God for guidance and strength.
 5. The fifth fold is a tribute to freedom and all that it means to us.
 6. The sixth fold represents our heart, for it is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.
 7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is the Armed Forces who protect our country and our flag against all her enemies.
 8. The eighth fold is a tribute to honor our mothers' faith, love, loyalty and devotion that have shaped the character of the men and women who have made this country great.
 9. The ninth fold is a tribute to fathers, who give their sons and daughters for the defense of our country.
 10. The tenth fold is a tribute to American families everywhere. Our strength is built upon their strength.
 11. The eleventh fold is a symbol of our belief in justice and equality for all.
 12. The twelfth fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies our faith in God.
 13. The thirteenth fold is a symbol of our 13 original colonies.
- When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto "In God We Trust." After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the American soldiers who first served under Gen. George Washington to establish and preserve the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

