



Closing Notice

Powell Valley Electric Cooperative offices will be closed April 7 in observance of Good Friday. Our best wishes to all of you for a blessed Easter! As always, PVEC dispatchers will be on duty throughout the holiday weekend to take your emergency calls.

Reminder

Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives Education Scholarship deadline: **April 3.**

Fiber Update Info as of 1/16/2023

Miles of backbone – 1,801
Services installed to the home – 5,642

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Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Jonesville Office

All Inquiries: 276-346-6003

Sneedville Office

All Inquiries: 423-733-2207

Tazewell Office

All Inquiries: 423-626-5204

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Speaking for Our Communities

As you may know, Powell Valley Electric Cooperative's service territory spans across two states — Tennessee and Virginia. Every year, each state's legislative body, the Tennessee General Assembly and the Virginia General Assembly, convenes in the second week of January to conduct the business of the state. Each of these bodies are "part-time" bodies, and many of your elected leaders hold other jobs while serving. Each state's legislative body spends on average 45-60 days in session.

This means that most legislators spend around 60 days a year in the State Capitol. That's 60 days away from family, 60 days away from careers, 60 days away from neighbors and friends. Politics aside, I am grateful for the sacrifice made by members of the Tennessee and Virginia legislatures who give up so much to serve our states. While we might not always agree on the details, it is safe to say that each and every one of these lawmakers is willing to make these sacrifices because they all genuinely desire to improve the quality of life in our communities.

The decisions they are asked to make can have enormous consequences for all state citizens, and that is why Powell Valley Electric Cooperative works to engage with lawmakers representing our service area.

Connecting with lawmakers is important for a couple of reasons.

Trust matters. During the course of the legislative session, lawmakers meet with hundreds — if not thousands —



Manager's Message

Brad Coppock
General Manager

of visitors who are advocating for or against various issues. It is hard to trust a stranger. Because Powell Valley Electric Cooperative has built relationships with our lawmakers, they can trust what we have to say on issues that impact our co-op and the communities we serve.

Knowledge is power. The subjects discussed with legislators can be incredibly complex, and it is unreasonable to expect them to be experts on every issue. Because they know us at Powell Valley Electric Cooperative, we are sometimes invited to provide additional context and serve as subject matter experts during discussions that could impact the cost of energy or the ability for us to serve our communities.

Leaders from our co-op join other electric co-op leaders in Nashville during each legislative session for the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association's annual legislative conference. Employees and members of our co-op spend time with our lawmakers, discussing energy policy, broadband and other issues important to our members.

Powell Valley Electric Cooperative is proud to advocate for the people and places we serve. It is an important part of our work to deliver safe, reliable and affordable energy to our communities.

Is Your Information Up to Date?

To be able to best serve you, it is essential that we have the most up-to-date information available. We ask that all members ensure that we have both your 911 address and your billing address, as well as updated phone numbers. If you are unsure whether your 911 address has been provided, look to your monthly bill. At the top of the page, there is a section labeled "Service Address." If this section is incorrect or left blank, please call your local PVEC office to update.



50 YEARS

40 YEARS



Wanda Combs



Judy Shelburne

Years of Service Awards

Cooperative employees were recently recognized and presented years-of-service awards. Employees receive awards beginning with their fifth year of employment and at five-year intervals thereafter. Pictured are cooperative employees, who were presented with years-of-service awards by PVEC General Manager Brad Coppock.

25 YEARS

20 YEARS



Danny Baker



Dennis Collins



Richard Mallicoat



Jason Stapleton



Brad Coppock

15 YEARS



Tyler DeBusk



Jamie Hughes



Matt Rodgers



Summer Singleton



Lisa Tarver

10 YEARS

5 YEARS



Daniel Goldsmith



Jessica Smith



Gerry Wright



Jessie Cupp



Jacob Rosenbalm

Ronnie Williams Retires

Ronnie Williams was recently honored by his coworkers upon his retirement from Powell Valley Electric Cooperative. Ronnie served the members of the cooperative for 48 years, beginning his career in right-of-way cutting and later moving into the Tazewell area supervisor position.

Ronnie lives in New Tazewell with his wife, Jeanine. He is also surrounded with several children and grandchildren, with whom he enjoys spending his time.

He plans on spending time with his family and embarking on many adventures, including traveling, farming and riding his Harley.

PVEC wishes Ronnie the very best in his retirement.



Maintaining PVEC's Rights-of-Way

Powell Valley Electric Cooperative is responsible for maintaining the rights-of-way along its 3,500 miles of transmission and distribution power lines. After extensive evaluation, PVEC has determined that the best and most effective way to maintain its rights-of-way includes the herbicide ground-spraying program. The cooperative has been very pleased with the results of this program and believes that you, as co-op members, will be impressed with the results as well.

As a landowner, you have the right to take care of your own property. If a landowner does not want herbicides used on his or her property, PVEC will provide the landowner the opportunity to clear his or her own property to PVEC's specifications. This clearing must be done at the property owner's expense. A landowner choosing to clear his or her own right-of-way must remember that working around power lines is extremely dangerous and should only be done by someone specially trained and qualified for that type of work.



Members affected by the 2023 right-of-way program will be notified through their electric bills. If you have questions or comments about this program, feel free to give us a call at your local area office: Jonesville, 276-346-6003; Sneedville, 423-733-2207; or Tazewell, 423-626-5204. This herbicide application is one of the many efforts used by PVEC to provide maximum reliability of service at the lowest possible rates.

PVEC Fiber Options

Local - No Data Caps - Faster Speeds - No Contracts

 <p>100/100 Mbps</p> <p>Casual web browsing</p> <p>Emails</p> <p>Social Media</p> <p>Streaming HD & 4K video and music (5+ devices)</p> <hr/> <p>\$59.95 per month</p>	 <p>500/500 Mbps</p> <p>Home Schooling</p> <p>Light Work from Home</p> <p>Streaming HD & 4K video and music (5+ devices)</p> <hr/> <p>\$79.95 per month</p>	 <p>700/700 Mbps</p> <p>Working from home</p> <p>Home Security Devices</p> <p>Gaming</p> <p>Streaming 4K video and music (10+ devices)</p> <hr/> <p>\$89.95 per month</p>	 <p>1 Gig/1 Gig</p> <p>Running a home office or Creative Profession</p> <p>Home Security and Smart Home Devices</p> <p>Gaming</p> <p>Streaming 4K video (10+ devices)</p> <hr/> <p>\$99.95 per month</p>
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Leased wireless routers are required at an additional monthly fee of \$5.00.



Go Green this St. Patrick's Day

Want to go green this St. Patrick's Day? Start by saving energy, which is a great way to be kind to the environment.

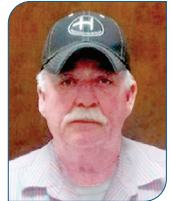
Here are 10 easy, no-cost ways to add a little "green" around the house:

1. Turn off lights when you leave a room or tuck yourself in for the night. Lighting an empty room is a waste of resources and money.
2. Load up the dishwasher before turning it on. You'll use less energy if you run the appliance only when it's full. A caution, however: Don't overload the dishwasher, as water needs room to get between the plates, glasses and silverware to do its best work.
3. Wash clothes in cold water. Most of the energy your washing machine uses is for heating water.
4. Take showers, not baths. Showers use less water than filling a bathtub does. And keep your showers to 10 minutes to save even more water.
5. Unplug appliances when you're not using them. Appliances continue to use small amounts of electricity when they're plugged in, even if they're turned off.
6. On warm spring days, turn the heat off and open the windows.
7. Lower the thermostat on your water heater to 120 degrees. That's the safe temperature recommended by manufacturers.
8. Close the damper of your wood-burning fireplace when you're not using it. An open damper in an unused fireplace sends heated air from your home up the chimney.
9. Move furniture away from heating and air-conditioning vents. If you block them, your HVAC system has to work harder to heat or cool your home. The harder it works, the more energy it uses.
10. Switch the directions your ceiling fan blades spin: counter-clockwise for summer; clockwise for winter.



Safety Tips

Joey Southern
Sneedville Area Supervisor



If you're collecting broken and outdated computers, monitors, microwave ovens and vacuum cleaners because you don't know what to do with them, read on.

Here are some tips for safely disposing of electronics.

- Determine whether the appliance still works or if you're getting rid of a device that still operates but doesn't suit your needs or the style of a remodeled kitchen, for instance. If it still works, you might try selling it at a yard sale, online auction site or on social media, or donating it to a local church or charity that can give it to someone who can't afford to buy one.
- Contact the manufacturer of the item or the store where you bought it and ask about a trade-in program. Some retailers offer a discount on new computers, cellphones, speakers and tablets if you trade in your old one for a newer model.
- Find a household hazardous waste facility that will pick up your items or accept them at a drop-off.

What not to do with unwanted electronics:

- Do not throw them in the trash with your other household waste.
- Don't send thermometers or other electronics containing lead or mercury to the landfill.
- Avoid trashing perfectly good items just because you have upgraded to newer ones. Local charities and even some of your neighbors will take them off your hands — and get plenty of use out of them.