

COOPERATIVE NEWS



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Energy used for cooling and heating your home makes up the largest portion of your monthly energy bills. By combining regular equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings, you can save about 30% on your energy bills while helping our environment.

Source: energy.gov

Fiber Update as of 7/24/21

Miles of backbone - 1,152

Services Installed to the home - 1,138

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR GENERAL MANAGER

Brad Coppock | General Manager



Annual Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 18

A year ago, when we were planning for the annual meeting, we were fully in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. We looked forward to a return to life as we knew it before the pandemic. One thing everyone has had to learn this past year is patience. Progress has been painfully slow, but progress it has been, as the vaccine became available and businesses and schools reopened, albeit under different circumstances. Although the outlook is much improved and we are working our way back to normal, the pandemic will still have an impact on this year's annual meeting. Out of caution for the safety of our members, directors and employees, the program and activities of our traditional annual meeting day will be modified.

We will fulfill the requirements for the cooperative's business session and will conduct our business meeting as usual. Registration will open at 9 a.m. and the business session will start at 11 a.m. As it did last year, the pandemic will impact this year's activities. In recognition of COVID-19 concerns, we will not have entertainment, a

health fair, and we will not offer lunch and door prizes. The program and any related activities will be carried out as safely as possible. Although presently there are no mandates, we will follow the CDC recommended COVID-19 guidelines regarding social distancing, masks and attendance that are in place on the date of the meeting. Prior to the meeting, guidelines will be posted on our website at pve.coop. You may also call any of the PVEC offices for information prior to the meeting.

On behalf of the directors, management and employees of Powell Valley Electric Cooperative, we appreciate everything that each of you has done for others and for your communities that has made this journey through the pandemic easier. We hear it often, but we really are all in this together, regardless of the circumstances. We look forward to continuing to serve you, to doing our part to improve circumstances, and as a big part of that, we will continue to do the best we can do to provide safe, reliable, affordable power to everyone and the communities we serve.



Holiday Closing Notice

Powell Valley Electric Cooperative offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 6, in observance of Labor Day.

As always, cooperative dispatchers will be on duty to answer your emergency calls.

Have a happy and safe holiday!

OFFICIAL NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS POWELL VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEETING SEPT. 18, 2021 – HANCOCK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, SNEEDVILLE, TENN.

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9-11 a.m. Registration

Special Note: CDC recommended COVID-19 guidelines regarding social distancing, masks and attendance that are in place on the date of the meeting will be followed. Guidelines will be available at all PVEC offices and will be posted on our website at pve.coop prior to the meeting.

11 a.m. Call to Order – Roger Ball, President
Invocation
Reports
Business Session – Roger Ball, President

ANNUAL MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Report on number of members present.
2. Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication or mailing thereof, or the waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be.
3. Reading of unapproved minutes of previous meetings of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon.
4. Presentation and consideration of, and acting upon, reports of officers, directors and committees.
5. Election of directors.
 - a. Report of Committee on Nominations.

Pursuant to the Bylaws, the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations. This Committee has met and nominated the following members for your consideration:
District 2 - Roger Ball
District 7 - Michael Shockley
District 8 - David Kindle
 - b. Report on nomination by petition.

No nominations made by petition.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Adjournment.

/s/ Judith Robertson, Secretary

*Any customer with special needs, i.e., ramp for access by wheelchair, etc., at the annual meeting location, please notify the cooperative at 423-626-5204.



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Fall Checklist: Check for Safety, Maintenance Issues

The blistering summer heat isn't far behind us, but it won't be long until heating season arrives and the house is full of company for the holidays.

Head off any potential problems by scheduling maintenance and safety checks for your home's heating and electrical devices now. Here's where to start:

Furnace. A qualified HVAC tech should do a twice-a-year check of your system: once in the fall for heating and again in the spring for air conditioning. Before you need to turn on the heat, make sure yours is in good working condition. The tech can spot problems before they ruin your system or shut down when your house is full of company.

Thermostats. If your home doesn't have a programmable thermostat, you could be paying more to heat and cool your home than you have to. Programmable thermostats automatically turn the heat up or down, depending on the times of day when your family is home or away.

Ground-fault circuit interrupters. A licensed electrician can install GFCIs in your bathroom, kitchen and laundry room, and around hot tubs, pools and under windows. All of those areas have the potential to get wet. A GFCI will shut off the electricity to an appliance that does. In addition, it can interrupt a circuit if it's overcharged.

Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. If you don't have them near all bedrooms in your home, it's time to install them. Then, check them twice a year to make sure they're still working and that they have fresh batteries.

Overloaded outlets. You can overload an electrical circuit by plugging an appliance that uses a heavy amount of electricity — like a range, a dishwasher, a refrigerator or even some entertainment systems and exercise equipment — into a circuit that is designed for a smaller load. You can also overload a circuit by using a power strip to plug too many appliances into a single outlet. Ask a licensed electrician to inspect your home for potential circuit overloads. They can cause fires.

Safety Tips



Joey Southern
Snedville Area
Supervisor

Agriculture is the backbone of our country, and our livelihood greatly depends on the crops provided by American farmers. In addition to being one of the most labor-intensive professions, farming is also considered one of the most dangerous jobs in the U.S.

The hard work and exhaustive labor are tough but rushing the job to save time can be extremely dangerous — even deadly — when farming near electrical equipment.

Every year, we see collisions where tractors and other farming equipment accidentally collide with utility poles and power lines, causing injuries and power outages. These dangerous accidents can be avoided by looking up and around at your surroundings when operating large farm machinery. If you're preparing for harvest season, please keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Maintain a 10-foot clearance around all utility equipment in all directions.
- Use a spotter and deployed flags to maintain safe distances from power lines and other electrical equipment when working in the field.
- If your equipment makes contact with an energized or downed power line, contact 911 immediately and remain inside the vehicle until the power line is de-energized. In case of smoke or fire, exit the cab by making a solid jump out of the cab (without touching it) and hop away to safety.
- Consider equipment and cargo extensions of your vehicle. Lumber, hay, tree limbs, irrigation pipes and even bulk materials can conduct electricity, so keep them out of contact with electrical equipment. Sept. 19-25 is National Farm Health and Safety Week, but practicing safety on the farm year-round yields positive results. We hope you never find yourself in a situation where farming equipment contacts power lines or poles, but if you do, we hope you'll remember these safety tips.

Multitasking with Tech Affects Quality of Work



Parents: You were right. It turns out that your teenagers do not learn as well when they distract themselves with texts and TV while trying to do their homework.

A report by the nonprofit research organization Common Sense confirmed that productivity suffers when a student switches between tasks. The reason: The brain has to refocus with each switch, so it affects his or her ability to focus.

The report revealed that more than three-quarters of teens listen to music while doing homework; half of them believe it helps them concentrate. But research says that music with lyrics can hinder a student's reading comprehension and ability to perform complex tasks.

In addition, 60% of the children often or sometimes text during homework, and half use social media or watch TV while working. Those activities tend to prolong the time it takes for homework to get done, the study said.

Teens who flip between work and tech can develop problems having face-to-face conversations, the report noted.

The authors advised parents to monitor their teenagers' grades; restrict phone use until after homework is finished; and use tech time as a reward for finishing assignments.

4 Ways to Combat Cyber Threats

- 1 Periodically change the password for your Wi-Fi router.
- 2 Use unique phrases to create stronger passwords.
- 3 Do not click on links or open attachments from unknown senders.
- 4 Update software regularly.

