

Member Newsletter



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June 2011

Storms take toll on SVEC area

The storms that swept through the south on April 27, 2011 will go down as one of the most deadly and destructive outbreaks of tornado activity in our country since 1925.

While the damage to our area was not as extensive as that of our Alabama neighbors, the Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative service area did not escape the damaging winds, rain and hail.

Across the SVEC service area upwards of 150 electric poles were snapped by the force of the wind or the weight of trees falling across the lines.

At the height of the storm, power was lost to several SVEC substations leaving approximately 20,000 of SVEC's 35,000 members without power. The majority of damage occurred in Sequatchie and Bledsoe counties, with members in those counties experiencing the longest outages.

SVEC crews, and crews from sister electric cooperatives, Energy United in Statesville, N.C., Tri County Electric Cooperative in Lafayette Tenn., Caney Fork Electric Cooperative in McMinnville, Tenn. and contract crews from APL contractors in Chattanooga,



Nearly 150 broken poles and countless downed trees resulted from the high winds of the storms that swept through our area April 27. At the height of the storm approximately 20,000 of SVEC's nearly 35,000 members were without power.

Dillard Smith Construction Company, Trees, Inc. and W.A. Kendall & Company, Inc. worked day and night to restore power. Through their hard work and dedication, most SVEC members had power restored by or before dark on Sunday night April 30.

The isolated outages that were left consisted mainly of homes that needed to have electrical repairs to their service entrances before SVEC could reconnect their service.

SVEC President/CEO, Bob Matheny stated, "I am proud to live in a community where neighbors reach out to help neighbors through the rough times. We saw churches and community groups opening their doors to those whose homes were damaged or destroyed, offering meals and a place of shelter until they could make other arrangements. Some even prepared meals for the line crews who hardly had a break for a meal or a rest

from work from Wednesday through Sunday."

"Local volunteer fire departments and law enforcement agents helped clear the roads of downed trees to help our utility crews get to the damaged lines and directed traffic to ensure that our crews could work safely on the roadsides where most of the distribution lines are located," Matheny continued

"The management and board of directors of SVEC wish to express their great appreciation for the dedication and hard work of the employees, contract crews and volunteers. We also want to commend and thank the SVEC membership for their patience and understanding while our crews worked to restore their power. We also appreciate the many expressions of gratitude and words of encouragement in the aftermath of this devastating storm. It is shining example of the true cooperative spirit."



SVEC crews and crews from neighboring co-ops worked night and day to restore power.

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Calendar of Events

Lion's Club Horse Show

June 25 - O.K. Hege Memorial
Horse Show Sequatchie Co. Ball
Park, Dunlap, TN. Contact Wayne
Reynolds at 423-949-3420.

Marion County Fair

August 23-27 - Marion County
Fairgrounds, Jasper
Registration of items for exhibit -
Monday August 22, from 4:00 p.m. -
7:00 p.m. and Tuesday August 23,
from 8:00 a.m - 9:30 a.m.
Contact: 423-802-6747 or
www.marioncountyfair.com.

Sequatchie County Fair

Aug 26 -Sept 3. - Sequatchie
County Fairgrounds, Dunlap
Fairest of the Fair - August 26.
Carnival Aug 30 -Sept 3. Contact
Karen Marshall - 423-834-6181.

Bledsoe County Fair

Sept. 13-17 - Bledsoe County
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