

INTER-COUNTY ENERGY

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Local students represent Inter-County Energy in Washington, D.C.

When you hear about Inter-County Energy investing in the communities we serve, it's not just in electrical infrastructure, economic development or the local events we support. Our commitment to community is all about our consumer-members, including sponsoring local students on the 2022 Washington Youth Tour.

In June, six local high school seniors joined 58 other Kentucky electric co-op students for the weeklong program where they learned about the political process, interacted with elected officials and gained an up-close understanding of American history.

"This trip gave me the opportunity to meet amazing people and see the most beautiful sights," says Lindsay Jessie, a Mercer County High School senior. "I would not have had this opportunity if not for Inter-County Energy."

The students joined more than 1,800 of rural America's best and brightest high-schoolers representing electric cooperatives across America. Now in its 57th year, the youth tour educates students about the issues facing co-ops, encouraging them to come home to Kentucky and help lead the co-ops in the future.

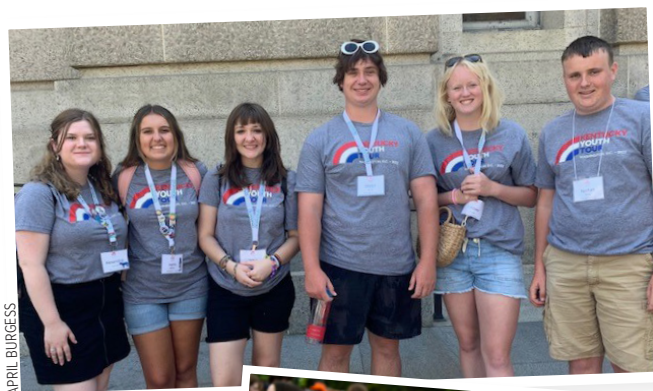
"I had tons of fun on youth tour," says Burgin Independent High School student Jayma White.

The itinerary included visits to national monuments, Smithsonian museums, the National Archives, the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery. At the U.S. Capitol, Inter-County Energy students interacted with Kentucky's congressional delegation, including Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, Sen. Rand Paul and Congressmen Brett Guthrie, Thomas Massie and James Comer.

"This is the best trip ever. I met so many amazing people," says Lleyton Penn of Mercer County High School.

Kentucky Electric Cooperatives has been coordinating the tour for Kentucky co-ops since 1972. Among the eight chaperones from Kentucky co-ops who supervised the youth tour is April Burgess of Inter-County Energy.

"Our goal this week is to foster a new era of leadership and cultivate a culture of service to shape the future of these students who will go on to create change in their communities," says Mary Beth Dennis, the statewide association's cooperative outreach director.



APRIL BURGESS



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Other local high school seniors sponsored by Inter-County Energy on the youth tour were Alexandria Carroll, Garrard County High School; Jamie Isaacs, Burgin Independent High School; and Nathan Smith, Marion County High School.

"The youth tour is an investment in rising leaders and the future of electric co-ops," says Jerry Carter, Inter-County Energy president and CEO. "We are so proud of these students. They impress us with their passion for their communities and our nation, and they give us hope for the future."

INTER-COUNTY ENERGY COOPERATIVE

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

Honor Flight to return in 2022

Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives and Inter-County Energy are once again joining with Honor Flight Kentucky to sponsor a flight for around 70 Kentucky veterans who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

The Honor Flight is scheduled for September 17 at Bluegrass Airport. It takes off early that morning and returns in the evening. Join us for the Welcome Home Celebration on September 17 around 7:30 p.m. at the airport.

"After a two-year hiatus, we are thrilled to say we're back this year," says Joe Settles of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. "Our sponsored flight means so much to the communities and veterans we serve. We'll help send around 70 veterans and their guardians to Washington, D.C. on September 17."

Each of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives sends two veterans and two guardians for the Honor Flight. This



year, Inter-County Energy will send Louis H. Walker, Air Force, and William R. Tungate, Army.

Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives have been Honor Flight sponsors since 2011, beginning with the Honor Flight Bluegrass Chapter out of

Louisville. The Honor Flight Kentucky Chapter was formed in 2015, and we've been sponsoring flights with Honor flight Kentucky since then.

For more information on the national Honor Flight network, visit online at www.honorflight.org.

UTILITY POLES ARE NOT SIGN POSTS

If you are having a sale or have something else to post, please do not post it on utility poles.

Staples, nails and tacks used to hang signs—as well as the signs themselves—pose dangers to electric lineworkers who might have to climb that pole when either restoring power following a storm or performing routine maintenance. It may seem innocent, but a small nail partially

driven into a pole can have deadly results around high-voltage electricity.

Utility poles look like an attractive place to easily hang roadside signs. But a lineworker's job is dangerous enough. Please don't add to that danger.

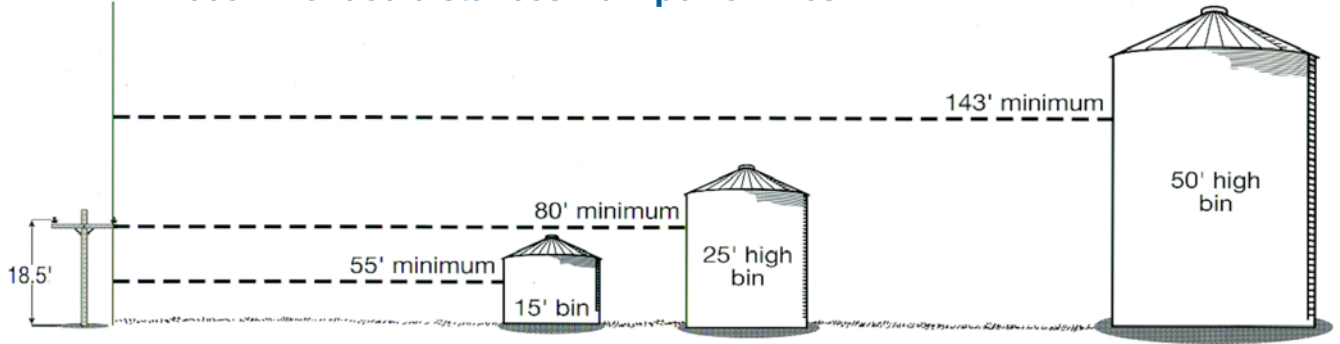
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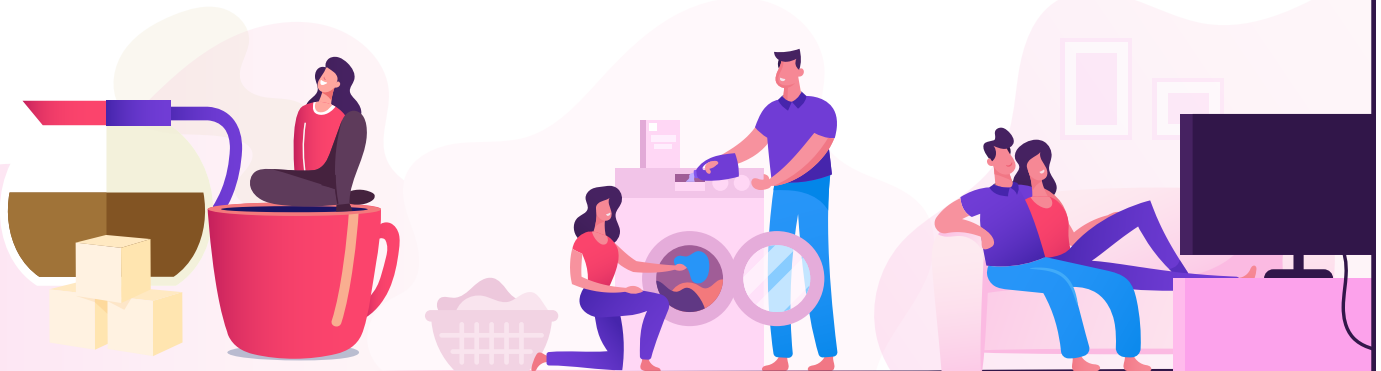
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Slow down: School bus safety for adults and children

OUR MISSION

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As our children and grandchildren return to classrooms to begin a new school year, they will be encouraged to develop good study habits, practice their best behavior and become involved with healthy activities.

Those are great lessons for all of us.

As a cooperative that belongs to and is led by our consumer-members, Inter-County Energy knows we have a responsibility to support area schools, students and teachers. Like many of you, our staff and board members are volunteers, coaches and neighbors.

We are proud to offer college scholarships and sponsor high school juniors to attend the youth tour in both Frankfort and Washington, D.C. Our skilled line technicians teach about how electricity works and how to be safe around it during demonstrations at area schools.

Just like in the schools we visit, Inter-County Energy practices a culture of safety and learning.

Of all of the ways members of our community support students, one of the easiest but most crucial habits we can all encourage is being careful on the roadways. As classes get underway this month, more vehicles will be on the roads and more children will be getting on and off school buses, crossing the road or walking alongside.

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of



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the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus.

Every morning Inter-County Energy crews begin their workday with a safety briefing. In a world filled with more distractions and demands than ever, it takes an intentional and mindful effort to truly stay safe.

Please also talk to your children or grandchildren about school bus safety when they get on and off the bus—wait until the bus makes a complete stop; wait for the bus driver to signal it is safe to cross in front of the bus; and watch for oncoming traffic in both directions.

We send our best wishes to all students beginning classes this month and extend our gratitude to both the teachers who educate them and the families who are raising them.