Inter-County welcomes new employees

nter-County Energy welcomes three new employees to our co-op family: Jody Blanton, Austin Wethington and Jacob Prewitt.

Jody Blanton began his career with us on March 27. His newly created position as fleet mechanic will keep him busy here at Inter-County Energy. Jody lives in Crab Orchard with his wife of 15 years, Tiffany, and their four children, Levi, Abram, Chevy and Dixie.

Austin Wethington joined our team on March 27, as a second step apprentice lineman. He lives in Lincoln County and enjoys hunting in his free time. Wethington was previously employed with Davis H. Elliot for nearly two years before coming to Inter-County Energy.

Jacob Prewitt started his career with us on April 10 as a lineman. He is a graduate of Somerset Lineman School, and recently was employed with Davis H. Elliot. In his spare time, he enjoys the great outdoors.

Welcome to our co-op family!

Photos: April Burgess



Jody Blanton



Austin Wethington



Jacob Prewitt





NOTICE OF THE 2023 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
INTER-COUNTY ENERGY COOPERATIVE

Where: Inter-County Energy's Main Office When: Friday, July 21, 2023 Registration Time: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Business Meeting Time: 4:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Article III, Section 3 of the Cooperative Bylaws, the annual membership meeting of this cooperative organizes to take action on the following matters:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Appointment of Parliamentarian
- 3. Determination of Quorum
- 4. Reading of the Official Meeting Notice and Proof of Mailing
- 5. Reading of the Minutes of the
- previous Annual Meeting of Members
- 6. Report of the Credentials and Elections Committee
- 7. Election of Board of Directors for the Boyle and Garrard Districts.
- 8. Unfinished Business
- 9. New Business
- 10. Report of the Officers, Board Members and Committees
- 11. Adjournment

Member Matters

eplacing trees killed by the flash freeze last December? Consult our tree planting guide first to avoid conflicts with power lines and right-of-ways. For more information, scan the QR code:







To protect against electrical hazards,

Know the pool rules

othing beats a plunge in a backyard pool on a hot summer day. To ensure you're splish-splashing safely, take the necessary steps to protect against electrical hazards.

Know and follow these pool rules:

- All outdoor receptacles should be ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI)-protected, covered and dry.
 Test GFCIs monthly to ensure they are functioning properly.
- All electrical equipment used for the pool, even the cleaning equipment, must be grounded.
- Keep electrical devices and cords at least 10 feet away from water sources.
- Don't handle any device that is connected to a live electrical current while wet or touching wet surfaces.
 Safer: Use battery-operated appliances.
- Carry long-handled cleaning tools horizontally and stay at least 10 feet away from power lines.
- Never string electric lights above or near swimming pools.



- Label power switches so they can be turned off quickly in an emergency.
- Watch for flickering lights, which may indicate an electrical failure or loose connection. Don't go into the water until a licensed electrician checks the problem.
- Never go in the water during a thunderstorm.

It can be easy to overlook, but electrical safety is extremely important around water. Remember and abide by the pool rules.

Innovation leads to being more efficient

nnovation is one of Inter-County Energy's core values, and embracing new and improved technology is important in serving our members more efficiently.

On September 1, 2023, we will implement new software that will include an improved bill format, more transparent to our members by adding a breakdown of charges for their electric service. It will also incorporate QR Codes on the front of the bill that will allow for a convenient link to the new SmartHub. Here, payments can be made, daily usage can be accessed and tracked, as well as reporting power outages. More information on this transition will be available in the coming months in our local section of the *Kentucky Living* Magazine, on our website, through social media, and in the lobbies of both the Danville and Lebanon Offices. Change is on the way, and as always, we are here to assist you.



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

From the President/CEO

by Jerry Carter



Power with purpose

upporting hometown businesses and their local owners is not a new concept for electric cooperatives. It's been the standard here at Inter-County Energy since our founding in 1937. This cooperative is your cooperative. We're in your community. We help power your home and our community, and we're committed to making it better each and every day.

We've always been in the business of not just providing you with safe, reliable power, but also a better way of life that goes beyond the electric lines. By working alongside our fellow Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, Inter-County Energy demonstrates our commitment through a variety of high-impact programs and initiatives. Because you're a part of our cooperative, you're also supporting a number of amazing initiatives that make our city, county and state a better place to live.

One of my favorite community projects is this month's Special Olympics Kentucky Summer Games. We've been sponsoring the games since 2015. It's an event that brings athletes, their families and an army of volunteers on June 2-4 at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. If you've never seen the kind of pure joy that is Special Olympics Kentucky, I invite you to go or even get involved as a volunteer.

Local communities are also strengthened by our educational investments. Inter-County Energy actively supports science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education for K-12 schools. We also provide scholarships for students who enroll in Kentucky community college programs to train for careers in high-demand electric utility industry jobs.

Lastly, we're working to bring good-paying jobs and investment to this area. Economic development projects are helping local communities revive and thrive. Since 2015, Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives projects have attracted more than \$11 billion in new business investment and 16,500 new jobs. That investment means we grow our local revenues so we can have a better quality of life not just for employees of those businesses, but for everyone.

Many things about the electric industry have changed since the first power lines were strung across the hills and valleys of this area. But the purpose of your electric cooperative has remained consistent. Now and always, we are dedicated to elevating the quality of life for you.

OUR MISSION

Inter-County Energy accomplishes our daily mission by providing energy and services to our members through a culture of Safety, Accountability, Integrity, Innovation and Commitment to Community.

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Jerry Carter

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