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Local heroes return from Honor Flight 2023

The Honor Flight sponsored by Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives returned to a rousing welcome home ceremony at Blue Grass Airport on Sept. 16 after a full day of touring Washington, D.C. The flight transported 66 Kentucky veterans to see their memorials on the National Mall.

This is the 12th year the cooperatives have sponsored an Honor Flight. Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives began working with Honor Flight in 2010 to honor Kentucky's veterans.

This flight carried one World War II veteran, eight Korean War veterans and two women veterans who were inducted into the Military Women's Memorial during the trip. The other veterans served our country during the Vietnam War. The group included two Purple Heart recipients.

Inter-County Energy sponsored Alton Tatum and Charles Burkhead on this year's Honor Flight.

"I'm proud of my service and I'd do it all over again," says Harrison County resident and Purple Heart recipient Barry Gene Roseberry, who was wounded in Vietnam in August 1969 with six weeks left in his tour. "I feel very lucky. I got a piece of shrapnel

in my wrist and had a hunk taken out of my leg."

Jim Rains, a Whitley County cattle farmer, was severely wounded in Vietnam both by shrapnel from bombs and bullet wounds in 1969. Numerous scars on his body are a testimony to his bravery, resilience and service to his country. Rains received the Purple Heart as a result of his wounds.

"It's a privilege to be able to fly these veterans to their memorials, and it's an opportunity to repay them in some small way for their service to our nation and our community," says Vice President of Member Services Dan Hitchcock at Inter-County Energy. "Honor Flight is a significant part of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives' commitment to our local communities."

As in years past, veterans flew from Lexington to Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C., where they boarded three buses for a full day of honors and sightseeing.



Inter-County Energy sponsored Charles Burkhead, left, and Alton Tatum on the Honor Flight. Photo: Dan Hitchcock

The day included viewing the changing of the guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Kentucky veterans also participated in a wreath-laying service at the tomb.

Learn more at www.honorflightky.org and www.togetherwesaveky.com/community.

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Daylight saving reminder!

**Do not forget to fall back on Nov. 5.
Set your clocks back one hour.**



Inter County Energy will be closed Nov. 23 and 24 in observance of Thanksgiving. Please feel free to use our mobile app or contact our 24-hour outage line in case of an emergency or outage at (866)-224-2235.

Happy Thanksgiving from our family to yours.





ELENA/DESIGN/ADOBE STOCK

Use space heaters with caution

Sometimes you just need a bit more heat in a room that doesn't heat up as fast as the rest of the house. In that case, a space heater can solve your problem.

Still, use it with caution.

Space heaters are designed as a supplemental source of heat, not as the main source. You shouldn't use them constantly, especially in rooms that you don't use much. Check your space heaters for an Underwriters Laboratories seal, and follow these guidelines for safely using it:

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from drapes and furniture that could catch fire.
- Don't use extension cords with space heaters unless absolutely necessary.
- Inspect the heater's cord periodically for frayed wire or damaged insulation. Don't use a space heater with a damaged cord.



FREE/ADOBE STOCK

- Check periodically for a secure plug/outlet fit. If the plug gets hot, the outlet may need to be replaced by a qualified electrician. This could be the sign of a home wiring issue.
- Place your heater on a flat, level surface. Don't place heaters on furniture, as they may fall and break or even start a fire.
- Unless the heater is designed for use outdoors or in bathrooms, don't use it in wet areas.



A thankful season

Reflections on our co-op community

As the leaves rustle and the air turns crisp, we find ourselves in the embrace of the enchanting fall season. At Inter-County Energy, we believe that our mission extends beyond providing reliable energy; it's about fueling the warmth, togetherness and memories that make this time of year truly special.

As you prepare to welcome family and friends for fall festivities and Thanksgiving, Inter-County Energy aims to illuminate your celebrations and homecomings, creating an atmosphere that captures the essence of the season.

HARVESTING MEMORIES WITH RELIABLE POWER

The heartwarming traditions of fall and Thanksgiving often revolve around coming together to share meals, stories and laughter. We are committed to reliable power so you can focus on creating cherished memories without worry. Whether you're baking your famous pumpkin pie or capturing the perfect family portrait, Inter-County Energy is here to keep the lights shining bright.

COMMUNITY AT THE CORE

Just as the fall season brings communities closer, Inter-County Energy thrives on the sense of community that binds us all. We take immense pride in being more than just an energy provider—we're your neighbors, friends, and partners. As you gather with loved ones, know that your local co-op is working diligently to enhance the quality of life in our shared community.



LIGHTFIELD STUDIOS/ADOBE STOCK

BRIGHTENING THE PATH FORWARD

The fall season is a perfect reminder of the cyclical nature of life—a time to reflect on the past and anticipate the future. At Inter-County Energy, we are continuously looking ahead, exploring innovative technologies, energy efficiencies and solutions to meet the evolving needs of our consumer-members. We take our responsibility seriously as stewards of our community and the environment. Our promise to you is a steadfast commitment to enhancing your experiences through the power of partnership.

GRATITUDE AND GROWTH

As Thanksgiving approaches, we want to express our gratitude for your unwavering support. Your involvement and engagement empower us to serve you better. With every flicker of light, we aim to symbolize the strong connection we share with you, our valued consumer-members.

As you decorate your homes, prepare feasts and welcome loved ones this fall, remember that Inter-County Energy is here to brighten your celebrations and homecomings. Together, we're writing the story of a brighter future for our community. We hope you enjoy this co-op community spirit each month in *Kentucky Living*.

Wishing you a fall season filled with joy, warmth and unforgettable moments.

OUR MISSION

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