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From the President/CEO

Powering our communities

Co-op history informs our future

As America celebrates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence this year, many of us have history on our minds. You can see some of that on display in this issue of Kentucky Living as we look at historical travel destinations across the state, from ancient caves to important sites in military history, bourbon, horse racing and more.

There's so much to explore in our state's heritage—and in Inter-County Energy's history, too. We take great pride in our deep roots and our legacy of service. But the true power of history is its ability to shape the future.

Electric cooperatives were built to bring reliable electric power to every home—no matter the challenges. The community members who built our cooperative knew how important electricity would be for farms, businesses and homes. They understood that power had to be safe, reliable and cost-effective to truly make a difference.

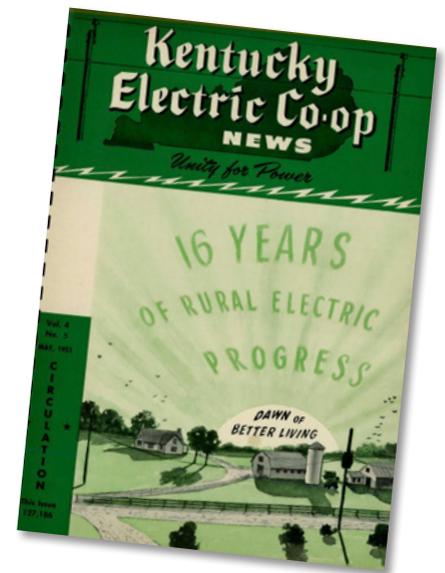
Providing power to our community is a responsibility that we take personally. When outside interests propose changes that could threaten

reliability and drive up costs, electric cooperatives are the first to speak up in Frankfort and in Washington, D.C., advocating for commonsense solutions to ensure the power keeps flowing at a price consumer-members can afford.

Inter-County Energy is truly part of the communities we serve. That historical connection grows more important every day as new opportunities and challenges emerge for our area. Because we are locally owned and operated, and guided by a board that you elect, we are directly tied to the well-being of our community. And like all of Kentucky's electric cooperatives, we advocate for our consumer-members in a way that sets us apart from other utilities.

We continually look for ways to serve you better. For example, after weeks of punishing cold weather in January and February, Kentucky co-ops, including Inter-County Energy, backed a measure in the General Assembly to help levelize energy bills. Passed unanimously, with leadership from members of the Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperatives Caucus, the Fuel Surcharge Stability Act enables utilities to spread out over time the cost of fuel spikes that happen during peak usage.

From artificial intelligence to manufacturing to smart devices, electricity powers more of our lives than ever before. In this fast-paced



Since the beginning of rural electrification in the 1930s, Kentucky's electric cooperatives have been consumer advocates, dedicated to improving the quality of life in our communities.

environment, we are proud to be your trusted power partner and to advocate on your behalf.

Our history at Inter-County Energy is not a set of past accomplishments that we take for granted. It's an expression of our commitment to you—both now and in the future.

President/CEO
Jerry Carter




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ENERGY COOPERATIVE

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative 

Russell earns Credentialed Cooperative Director certification

Program teaches electric utility competencies

John Henry Russell, an Inter-County Energy director who represents members in the Casey and Taylor counties district, recently received the Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. A native of Moreland, Russell is currently employed by AGE Engineering Service Inc. and has worked there since graduating college in 2009.

Russell is a member of Southland Christian Church and is involved with yearly fundraising for DSACK, Down Syndrome Association of Central Kentucky, and Ronald McDonald House, which are both special to his family. Russell is also involved with youth sports as a volunteer helper and a coach for youth teams. Russell and his wife, Katosha, reside in the Ellisburg area of Casey County. He has two sons: Major, 9, and Woods, 7.

An ever-changing business environment has imposed new demands on electric cooperative directors, requiring

increased knowledge of changes in the electric utility business, new governance skills and a solid knowledge of the cooperative principles and business model. Kentucky's electric cooperatives are committed to continued education for the benefit of their electric cooperative consumer-owners as the electric industry continues to change.

The NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director program requires attendance and demonstrated understanding of the basic competencies contained in five core courses:

- Director's Duties and Liabilities
- Understanding the Electric Business
- Board Operations and Process
- Strategic Planning
- Financial Decision Making

NRECA represents the nation's almost 900 private, consumer-owned electric cooperatives, which provide electric service to more than 42 million people in 48 states, with over 7,200 directors.



Kentucky's 26 electric cooperatives serve more than 1.8 million people—about 35% of the state's population—in 117 of Kentucky's 120 counties. Inter-County Energy serves more than 28,000 meters throughout 13 counties in Central Kentucky.

TORNADO WATCH

A Tornado Watch is issued when **a tornado is possible.**

Know your safe place (storm shelter, basement, interior hall away from windows). Be ready to act quickly if a Warning is issued.

Be Prepared.

TORNADO WARNING

A Tornado Warning is issued when **a tornado is happening or about to happen.**

Immediately seek shelter in your safe place!

Take Action!



Stay alert for overhead hazards during planting season

It's getting near planting time. As you begin the process of buying seed and getting equipment ready, we want you to think about electrical safety. Inter-County Energy reminds our farmers to work smarter and safer this spring by being alert to the dangers of overhead power lines.

Take precautions when moving equipment around the farm, traveling down the road or planting in fields.

- Look up and around to keep yourself and equipment at least 20 feet from power lines. Don't forget that nonmetallic materials like lumber, tree limbs, ropes and hay can conduct electricity, too.
- Check the height of farm machinery to be sure it can safely clear overhead lines. Lower equipment to its lowest level before moving or transporting. Remember that wind, uneven ground or other factors outside of your control can cause equipment to contact power lines.
- Use spotters when operating large machinery near power lines. Ensure the spotters do not touch the machinery while it is moving near power lines.
- Never attempt to raise or move power lines to clear a path for tall machinery. Doing so could result in electric shock or death. If power lines need to be raised or moved to help with moving large machinery this season, call the co-op at (859) 236-4561 so we can safely assist you.

If contact is made between farming equipment and overhead lines, guy wires or poles, stay in the cab and warn others to stay away. Call 911 to alert emergency services and call the co-op. Don't exit the equipment unless there's a fire or risk of fire.

If you must leave the equipment, jump—don't step—away, land with feet together and shuffle as far away as possible. Make sure both feet are always touching each other and touching the ground. Don't touch the ground and equipment at the same time.

When heading back to the fields, take a safety-first approach to kick off your season with a good start.

The people behind the power

April 13 is National Lineworker Appreciation Day

Weathering the storm is just another day on the job for Inter-County Energy lineworkers. On April 13, National Lineworker Appreciation Day, we pause to celebrate these individuals who are committed to keeping the power on, maintaining the grid and growing our energy infrastructure to better serve the our members.

On the average blue-sky day, our line teams support daily member needs or pursue projects that help to strengthen the grid to improve its reliability and resiliency.

Lineworkers also perform the work they're best known for: dependably restoring power when nature dishes out harsh weather that damages the system. Through severe storms, lightning, wind, ice, extreme heat and cold, they faithfully perform the critical hands-on work necessary to keep the power flowing.

"Being a lineworker isn't the job for everyone, but we're certainly glad it is the chosen profession of a select few," says David Phelps, vice president of engineering and operations. "Whether it's the everyday work of efficiently delivering power or going head-to-head with storms and emergencies, we know the co-op can depend on them to deliver safe and reliable service."

The 21 individuals who make up the Inter-County Energy line team are responsible for constructing, operating and maintaining equipment and more than 3,470 miles of power lines in the co-op's service area.

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.

SAFETY MESSAGE

Keep kites, balloons, and drones away from power lines. If one gets caught, do not try to retrieve it; instead, call us.

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