

# INTER-COUNTY ENERGY

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*From the President/CEO*

## An attitude of gratitude

*Giving thanks is good for the soul*

Did you know gratitude can make you happier?

It's not just a platitude. In a landmark 2003 study, psychologists Robert Emmons and Michael McCullough divided 201 college students into three groups and asked them to write weekly reflections. For 10 weeks, members of the first group recorded positive occurrences they were grateful for. The second group wrote about occurrences that made them annoyed or displeased. The third group simply wrote down neutral happenings.

Ten weeks later, the first group of students not only had a more positive outlook than the other two groups—they also exercised significantly more each week and experienced less illness. “Our results provide some important findings that have not been reported in the empirical literature on happiness,” the authors write. “There do appear to exist benefits to regularly focusing on one’s blessings.”

This Thanksgiving month, we have a lot to be grateful for at Inter-County Energy. Working in the electric industry has changed the way I see many daily actions. Every time I plug in the coffee pot,

take a picture on my phone, stream a show on the television or simply turn on the lights, I'm grateful for the forward-thinking leaders who founded our co-op in 1937.

Even today, in a much more urbanized society, co-ops fulfill a mission that would look daunting to other kinds of utilities. Did you know that investor-owned utilities have an average of 35 customers per mile of line, whereas electric co-ops serve an average of just seven consumer-members per mile? Co-ops cheerfully do more with less—and I'm so grateful for what they accomplish every day.

I'm grateful to our employees who make it all happen here at Inter-County Energy. We are all aligned with the mission of providing safe, affordable, reliable electricity. We know how important this work is, and I'm grateful to be surrounded by people who take it as seriously as I do.

Most importantly, I'm grateful for you, our consumer-members. Thank you for trusting us to be your partners



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in providing electricity to your homes and businesses. Thank you for being community leaders and contributing to the quality of life here in the place we call home. Thanks for showing up and engaging with us, supporting our community initiatives and taking ownership of your cooperative.

Thanksgiving Day will be here soon. As you're buying your turkey, gathering the family and getting into the holiday spirit, I hope you'll join me in counting your blessings. It's never too soon to be grateful.

President/CEO  
Jerry Carter



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ENERGY COOPERATIVE

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative 

# SWEETS AND PHOTOS

## with Santa

FREE EVENT | TREAT BAGS | TAKE YOUR OWN PHOTO

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025 | 3-6 P.M.

Inter-County Energy  
1009 Hustonville Road, Danville



JULIASJONITSKAYA/ADOBE STOCK

## Hey Lebanon! Come visit with The Grinch

NOVEMBER 28 | 5-7 P.M.

Farmers Bank Annex Building  
on Main Street

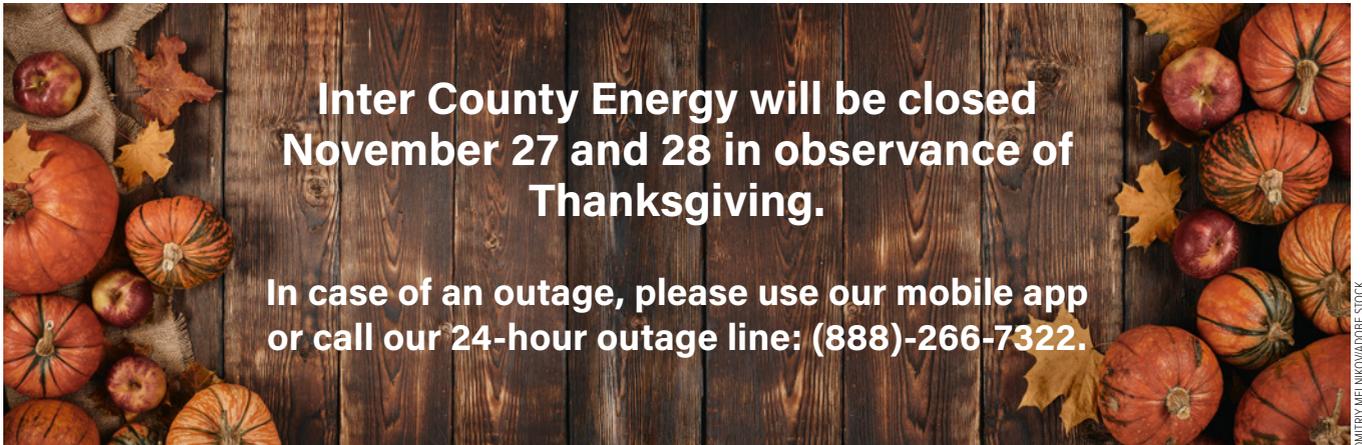


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All events are Sponsored by Christmas Blessings Inc.

Inter County Energy will be closed  
November 27 and 28 in observance of  
Thanksgiving.

In case of an outage, please use our mobile app  
or call our 24-hour outage line: (888)-266-7322.



DMITRY MELNIKOVA/ADOBE STOCK

# Daylight saving reminder!

Don't forget to fall back on November 2. Set your clocks back one hour.



NRECA

*Christmas Blessings Inc*  
**Silent Auction**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21**  
*Inter-County Energy*  
*Danville Community Room*  
1009 Hustonville Road  
Danville  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SVETLANA KOLPAKOVA/DOBE STOCK

## Residential energy efficiency/demand side management programs

Inter-County Energy offers Demand-Side Management Programs including rebates and incentives to assist our members in saving energy while living comfortably in the process. Incentives are available to members who meet certain requirements when weatherizing their home, building a new home or changing out their old resistance type of heating. Check with member services personnel before purchasing any equipment to ensure it qualifies. Contact our Member Services department for further details on the changes and new programs.

Learn more at [www.intercountyenergy.net/dsmenergy-efficiency](http://www.intercountyenergy.net/dsmenergy-efficiency), or scan the QR code:



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### 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

Hunter Electrical Safety: For those who hunt, know where power lines and equipment are located on the land where you hunt and avoid placing deer stands near power lines running through trees.

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Jerry Carter

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(859) 236-4561

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# Keep ladders clear of power lines

If cleaning your gutters is on your to-do list this fall, make sure you're being safe when using a ladder.

And make sure you stay clear of power lines when you're on or near your roof.

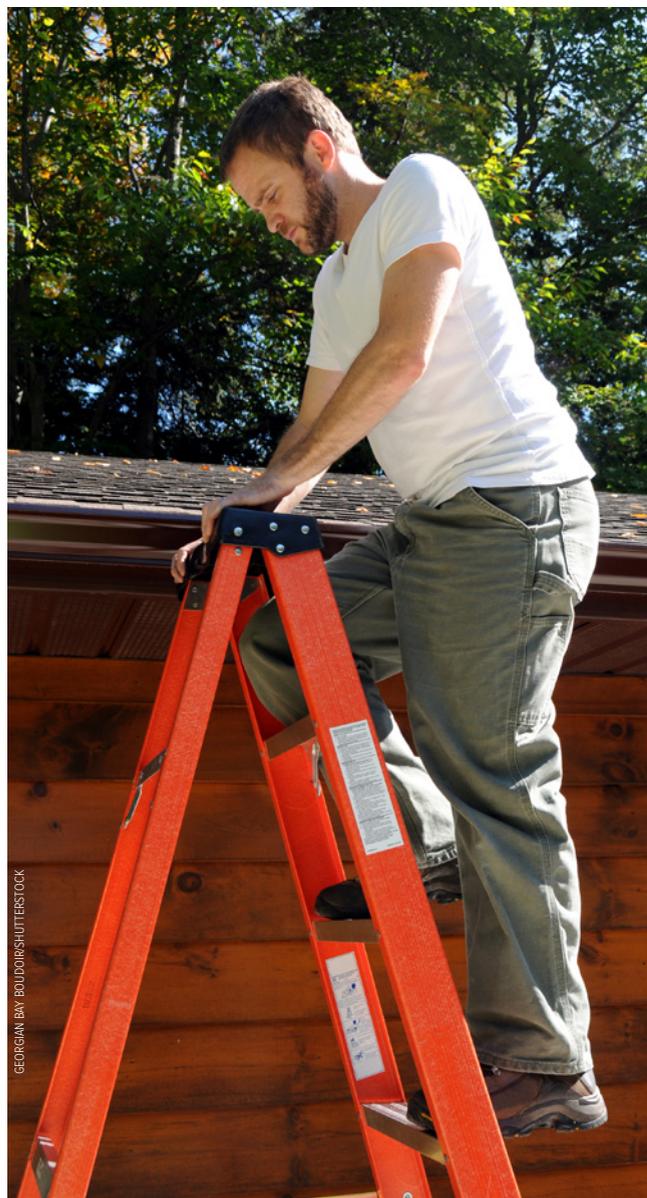
"When your fall maintenance project involves a ladder, take extra care to avoid accidental contact with power lines, including the service line that connects to your home," says Inter-County Energy's safety/loss control coordinator Bo McGuffey. "Always assume all overhead lines are energized and dangerous."

To help prevent serious injuries or possible death resulting from accidental contact with energized lines, remember these ladder safety guidelines:

- The distance to the nearest overhead line should be at least twice the length of the ladder.
- Use a fiberglass ladder, if possible, that will not conduct electricity.
- Secure the ladder on even ground, preferably on pavement. Ensure A-frame ladders are fully opened and locked in place. Follow the 4:1 rule for extension ladders: For every 4 feet of height, the base of the ladder should be 1 foot away from the wall.
- Use a ladder that extends at least 3 feet above the roofline.
- Lower and carry the ladder horizontally

when moving it. Since a long ladder can be unwieldy, get help carrying and setting it up.

- Never overreach. Losing your balance while in the air could result in a serious fall. Climb down and reposition the ladder instead of reaching.
- Never work on a windy day; a gust of wind can cause the ladder to shift and touch an overhead wire.
- Never touch someone who is in contact with a power line. Call 911 immediately.



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