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DECEMBER 2020

Meny Christmas FROM INTER-COUNTY ENERGY

Member Appreciation Day

During Inter-County Energy's 2020 drive-thru Member Appreciation Day, we registered 259 members at our Lebanon office and 437 at our Danville location for a total of 696 members.

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With this being our first time giving away buckets, bulbs and ice cream in Lebanon, we had a great turn out. We also got tons of positive feedback from board members, employees and, most importantly, from our members. Thanks to the employees who helped-we could not have pulled it off without you. Photos: Morgan Janssen, except as noted



APPLIANCE CHECKLIST

Are your home's appliances up to date on annual checkups?

REFRIGERATOR: average life expectancy = 14 years

• Check water connection for leaks.

- Check hoses for links and kinks.
- Plug into a ground fault circuit interrupter outlet.

DISHWASHER: average life expectancy = 12 years

- Check water connection for leaks.
- Check drain connection for clogs.

STOVE: average life

- expectancy = 20 years
- Check oven door for broken glass.
- Check for gas leaks.



Co-op welcomes Alyssa Kurtz

nter-County Energy would like to welcome Alyssa Kurtz, our new VP of Finance & Administration. She

l is coming to us from Clark Energy Cooperative, where she worked for 12 1/2 years. Alyssa and her husband, Aaron, have two children, Lilly, 12, and Bain, 9. In her free time, she likes to read books, cook, hike and spend time with her family at their cabin. Welcome to our co-op family, Alyssa!



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nter-County Energy will be closed December 24–25, 2020, and January 1, 2021, in celebration of the Christmas holiday and the New Year. Please feel free to contact our 24-hour outage line in case of an emergency/outage at (866) 224-2235. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from our Inter-County Energy family to yours!

INGREDIENTS FOR SAFETY

LEARN SOME BASIC HOLIDAY FOOD PREPARATION SAFETY TIPS BEFORE YOU START COOKING.

- Never leave cooking equipment unattended. Turn off burners if you have to leave the room or have someone else take over.
- Clean the stovetop and oven of grease and dust.
- Keep the cooking area around the stove/ oven clear of combustibles, such as towels, napkins and pot holders.
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves to avoid catching clothing on fire.
- Use the back burners and turn the pot handles in, away from reaching hands to protect from spills and burns.
- Locate all appliances away from the sink.
- Plug countertop appliances into ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI)-protected outlets.
- Keep appliance cords away from hot surfaces like the range or toaster.
- Turn off and unplug all appliances when cooking is complete.



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OUR MISSION

The mission of Inter-County Energy Cooperative is to provide long-term valued electrical energy and services to our members through a culture of safety, accountability, innovation, integrity, and commitment to community.

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From the President/CEO

by Jerry Carter



I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

A holiday wish for a peaceful and happy holiday

ach year, the Christmas season offers a reminder of our common humanity. And in 2020, do we ever need it.

Throughout this tumultuous year, all of us at Inter-County Energy have not only worked to provide safe and reliable electricity, but also to recognize our responsibilities as a member-owned cooperative. We are here for you. We are working with consumer-members who are struggling because of COVID-19, and we continue to support community initiatives to help those in crisis.

Inter-County Energy has made a conscious effort to connect members with resources and useful information. When bad weather hits, our team is dedicated to powering local homes and businesses and responding quickly when Mother Nature damages our lines.

Yes, our state and nation face challenging times, but in this season of hope, a Christmas carol from an even darker era echoes resilience.

In December 1863, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was still reeling from the death of his wife in a fire two years earlier. He then learned their eldest son, Charley, had been critically injured in the Civil War. As he set about nursing Charley back to health, the bloody war persisted. Longfellow's melancholy was deepening. What did he have to celebrate during that awful time?

The poem Longfellow wrote on Christmas Day reveals his despair, then his renewed hope.



I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old, familiar carols play, And wild and sweet The words repeat Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Longfellow writes how the thundering cannons of war drowned out the carols which sing "of peace on earth, good-will to men."

And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said: "For hate is strong, And mocks the song Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep "God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!

The Wrong shall fail The Right prevail, With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

In 1872, John Baptiste Calkin set Longfellow's poem to music, a Christmas carol that still resounds.

In that spirit of resilience and hope, all of us at Inter-County Energy wish you a peaceful and happy holiday season.