

INTER-COUNTY ENERGY



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Christmas Blessings

Last year, Inter-County Energy raised more than \$9,600 to provide Christmas gifts and groceries for 33 children in 16 families who are members of the cooperative as part of our Christmas Blessings program. Since 2008, the co-op has provided Christmas gifts and food for 282 children. This would not be possible without the support of the businesses and individuals who donate to our annual silent auction. We appreciate your help with this program.



From left, April Burgess, Farrah Coleman, Lena Tate, Davonne Elliott and Morgan Janssen on wrapping day. Photo: Dan Hitchcock



From left, Larry Wheatley, Curtis Moss, Sam Bach and Ben Janes at the co-op's Lebanon office, prior to delivering the gifts. Photo: Amy Badgett



Danny Lynn, April Burgess, Dan Hitchcock and Farrah Coleman load presents at the Danville office. Photo: Morgan Janssen



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

Christmas Blessings

A special "Thank You" to the following businesses and individuals

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| 10th Planet | DecoArt | Ken Towery's | Peninsula Golf Resort |
| A Lasting Impression | Derby Shoppe and Raggs | Kentucky Cooperage | Perryville Embroidery |
| A&L Accessories | Digital Touch Photography | Kentucky Electric Cooperatives | Perryville Furniture Outlet |
| Advance Auto (Lebanon) | Dollywood Theme Park | Kentucky Railway Museum | Phillips Repair |
| AG&E Engineering | East Kentucky Power Cooperative | Kentucky Soaps & Such | Posh by PMB (Lebanon) |
| Ale-8-One | Eddie and Jennifer Montgomery | Lebanon Chiropractic | Pretty Please |
| Amanda Reichle, Salon 101 | Ellis Florist & Gifts | Lebanon Family Dental | Republic State Mortgage |
| Amy Badgett | Emily Zink | Lebanon Florist & Gifts | Rose Wood Bar & Grill |
| Andrew Automotive | Family Frame Shop | Lebanon Jewelry & Gift | Rose Wood Golf Course |
| Angela Todd | Farmers National Bank | Lebanon Massage Therapeutics | Sears |
| April and Rudy Burgess | Farrah Coleman | Lee Stephens | Sew Irresistible |
| Auto Zone (Danville) | First Southern National Bank | Limestone Branch Distillery | Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill |
| Auto Zone (Lebanon) | Fitness One (Lebanon) | Little Sign Shoppe | Sharon Bach |
| B & E Furniture | Floyd's Cycles | Loper's Floral | Shear Delite |
| Baskin Robbins | Giovanni's Pizza | Lou Kerrick | Shoe Sensation |
| Beaumont Inn | Great Clips | Luxe Salon | Simply the Best |
| Bill Peyton | Hampton Inn | Maker's Mark | Southern Hardware |
| Bishop's Nursery & Landscaping Company | Harley's Tire | Marion County Fiscal Court | Spirit on Main |
| Buffalo Trace Distillery | Heart of Kentucky United Way | Mary Ann Flanagan | Stacy Ann's Country Kitchen |
| Builders Supply | Hibshman's Home Improvement | Mat Newcome | Stanford Tire Center |
| Burke's Bakery | Hilltop Florist | McDowell Wellness Center | Stuart Powell |
| Burkman Feeds | Holiday World | Melvin Johnson | Studio Glitz |
| Caldwell Stone Company | Impressions Salon | Merle Norman | Sweets By Cindy |
| Campbellsville University | Inter County Energy Employees | Missy's Out of the Way Café | The Advocate Messenger |
| Car Express Wash | Intuitive Touch Massage Therapeutics | Morgan's on Main | The Cheesecake Factory |
| Casa Grande | J & J Shop | Mr. and Mrs. Keith Brock | Thea Long |
| Cedarwood Restaurant | Jesters Winery & Cafe | Nail Art (Lebanon) | Timberland |
| Centre College | Jim Jacobus | Napier Brothers | Tina Brummett |
| Cerci on Main | Job Masters Rental, Inc | Norby's Farm Store | Tom Lund |
| Cincinnati Reds | Joe Keith Bickett | O'Charley's | Town & Country Shoes |
| Coleman's Drug Store & Deli | Joe Spalding | O'Reilly Auto Parts | Uptown Salon |
| Creation Museum | John Deere | Ober Gatlinburg | USA Electric Supply |
| Curtis Homes | John Pruitt Bible Class | Oil & Lube Express | Walmart (Lebanon) |
| Danville Bowlarama | Judy Bennett | Orange Leaf | Weldquip |
| Danville Cinemas 8 | Judy Ross | PBK Bank | Wilderness Trail Ducks Unlimited |
| Danville Country Club | | | |
| Danville Mailing Center | | | |
| Danville Office Equipment | | | |

Get paid to be smart

Being smart has never been so simple. If you recently purchased a qualifying smart thermostat, you may be eligible for a \$100 credit from Inter-County Energy.

Your local Touchstone Energy Cooperative has partnered with several thermostat manufacturers, including Nest, Honeywell, ecobee and others. Once you've registered your qualifying smart thermostat online, you'll receive an email from the manufacturer about enrolling in the SimpleSaver program.

If you meet the requirements and enroll in SimpleSaver, you are eligible for a \$100 rebate.* Plus, there's a \$10 one-time enrollment incentive. Each year you continue in the program, you'll receive an additional \$20 bill credit after the summer season.

"Your participating is risk-free," says Dan Hitchcock, vice president of Member Services. "It's a great way to reduce energy demand, but not your comfort."

When you sign up for the program, your thermostat will be adjusted a limited number of times throughout the summer. Here's how it works:

- At the start of an adjustment period, your thermostat will be automatically adjusted up to four degrees above the current temperature.
- The adjustment will typically last no more than four hours on non-holiday weekdays and will occur between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Once the temperature adjustment is over, your thermostat will return to its normal set point and/or schedule. In some cases, your thermostat may be adjusted by up to three degrees prior to an adjustment event to pre-cool your home.

Those minor thermostat adjustments help us all work together to

reduce energy use during peak demand times. And at any time during one of the events, you can opt out from your thermostat, mobile device or web app. For the majority of the devices, when you opt out of the pre-cool, you are also opting out of the temperature adjustment.

Sounds simple and smart, right? Find out if you're eligible by visiting www.enrollmythermostat.com/simplesaver.

For questions about the program, email simplesaver@energyhub.com.

**Eligibility requires being a member of one of the 15 participating local Touchstone Energy Cooperatives who uses an eligible, fixed internet-connected thermostat for cooling. The \$100 credit is available for qualifying thermostats that were purchased on or after March 2, 2019. See website for complete details.*



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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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Safety Matters Play it safe with electricity at home

Electricity improves our lives in amazing ways, but it must also be respected. Without the proper precautions, electricity can cause serious injuries, fires or even death.

Use lightbulbs rated at the proper wattage for all fixtures in your home or business. Using a higher wattage than the fixture rating will increase brightness, but it can also melt light sockets, damage wire insulation or cause fires.

Never pull plugs out by the cord. This damages the cord, creates a spark and a fire hazard. If you have young children in the house, always put caps on the outlets and don't overload with too many plugs. If the outlet feels hot, you probably have a dangerous fire hazard.

If bread gets stuck in your toaster, always unplug the toaster before



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trying to get the toast out. Never use a metal fork to remove toast while it is plugged in.

If you have a garbage disposal, unplug it before pulling anything out and shut off the breaker to be safe.

Water and electricity are dangerous together, so never use electric equipment in wet conditions, and keep devices like cell phones and video games away from plugs and sinks. Keep electrical cords away from sinks and always use dry hands to flip the switch or touch an electric appliance or tool.

Inter-County Energy wants you to be safe to protect your home and loved ones.

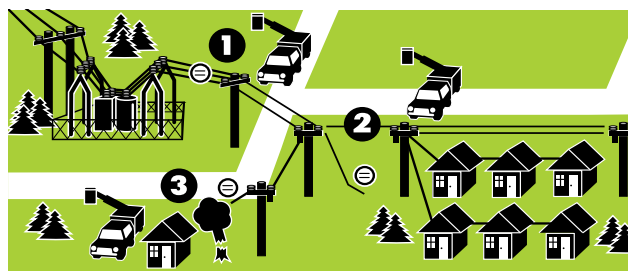
Getting you back on line

The first priority in any outage is to get the greatest number of people back on as quickly as possible. So, electric co-ops follow a sequence of repairs to restore power to large groups of consumers before tackling smaller groups and individual consumers. This fictitious example details a typical repair sequence.

1 The main distribution line from substation must be fixed before anyone can have power.

2 Next, repair crews fix the lines that bring power to the greatest number of people in a community.

3 After larger pockets of consumers are back on line, crews fix service lines to individual homes.



Presidents Day
Inter-County Energy will be closed Monday, February 17, in honor of Presidents Day. Please feel free to contact our 24-hour outage line in case of an emergency/outage at (866) 224-2235.