

INTER-COUNTY ENERGY

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JULY 2021



Kenny Gribbins retires

On June 1, Construction Superintendent Kenny Gribbins retired with over 28 years of service. Kenny was hired at Inter-County Energy as a line technician in 1993. He was promoted to Crew Leader in January 2004 and became Construction Superintendent in January 2016, where he worked until his retirement. We would like to thank Kenny for his years of dedication and hard work to our co-op and wish him a happy retirement!



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Brian Blandford promotion

Brian Blandford was promoted to Construction Superintendent on June 1. Brian has been with us for over 19 years, where he has worked in construction and maintenance. Congratulations, Brian, on your new position!



TIM WEBB



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Surge protectors help save your electronics from power surges or increases in voltage significantly above the intended level in the flow of electricity.

Nearby lightning strikes are most often associated with power surges in your home's wiring that can damage electronics and appliances. But smaller power surges are far more common and can happen at any time of day, regardless of weather.

Point-of-use surge protection devices protect the items directly plugged into them. This surge protector can't stop the surge, but it instead diverts the surge to the ground, away from your electronic devices.

REPLACING SURGE PROTECTORS

- After absorbing powerful surges and spikes, your surge protector eventually will turn into a typical power strip, unable to protect your electronics.
- When a voltage increases beyond the amount the appliance or device can handle, the surge protector diverts the extra voltage to the metal oxide varistor component in the surge protector. This extra voltage stays in the surge protector and gradually destroys that component. Eventually, the surge protector will no longer be able to absorb more surges.
- Lifespans vary depending on how many surges your surge protector is forced to try to absorb. The longer it's been since you last replaced your surge protector, the more voltage your surge protector has absorbed and the more likely you should replace it.

GONCALO/LEANDRE STOCK

Official Notice of the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting

OFFICIAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS INTER-COUNTY ENERGY COOPERATIVE

Where: Inter-County Energy's Main Office

When: Friday, August 27, 2021

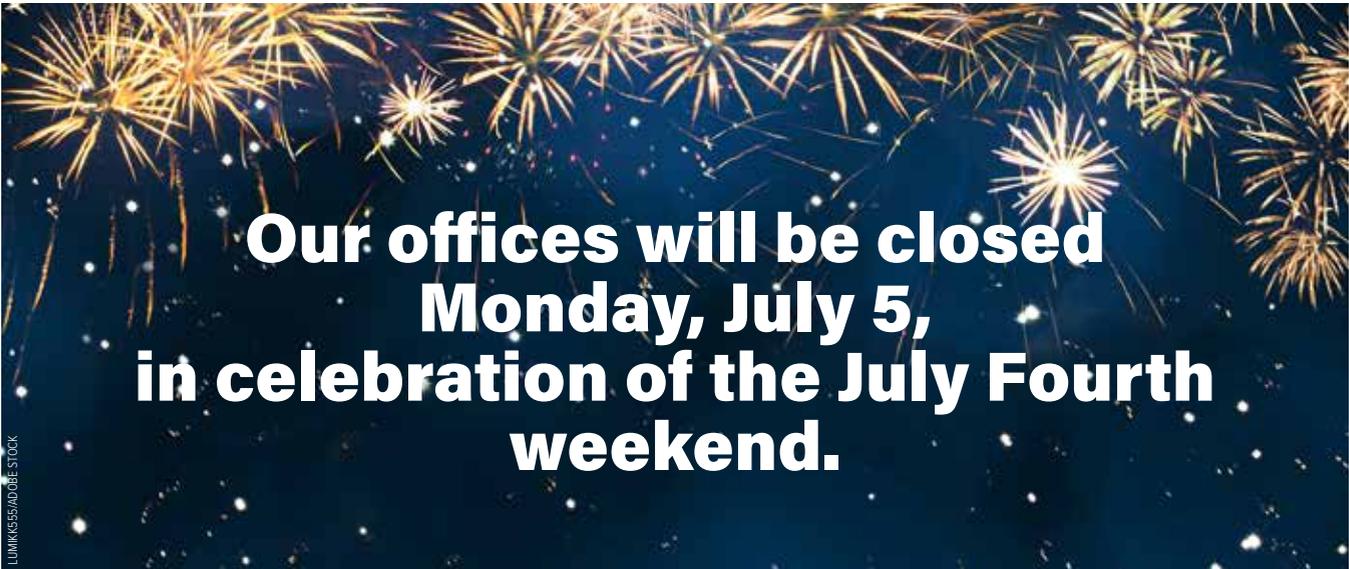
Registration Time: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Business Meeting Time: 4:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Article III, Section 3 of the Cooperative Bylaws, the annual membership meeting of this co-op organizes to take action on the following matters:

1. Call to Order
2. Appointment of Parliamentarian
3. Determination of Quorum
4. Reading of the Official Meeting Notice and Proof of Mailing
5. Reading of the Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting of Members
6. Report of the Credentials and Elections Committee
7. Election of Board of Directors for the Lincoln and Mercer Districts
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Report of the Officers, Board Members and Committees
11. Adjournment

Absentee voting and registration for this year's annual meeting will start in advance at our Danville and Lebanon offices on August 6, 2021, at 7:30 a.m. and end August 19, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. When registering, please remember to ask for a bucket and bulbs.



**Our offices will be closed
Monday, July 5,
in celebration of the July Fourth
weekend.**



Celebrating Independence

Independence Day this year is loaded with promise

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.

PRESIDENT/CEO

Jerry Carter

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman

Joseph H. Spalding (Marion)

Vice Chairman

Jason E. Todd (Lincoln)

Secretary-Treasurer

J. Kevin Preston (Garrard)

Directors

William H. Peyton (Casey)

W. Allen Goggin (Boyle)

Louis A. Kerrick (Mercer)

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Morgan Janssen

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As our state and nation emerge from pandemic restrictions, a celebration of freedom takes on added significance in 2021.

One of the iconic images of the July 4th holiday is Mount Rushmore, the faces of four presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln carved into stone, symbolizing American ideals of freedom and democracy.

Though we don't read as many quotes from Teddy Roosevelt compared to the other three patriots on the memorial, on this Independence Day, Inter-County Energy would like to share some fitting words from the 26th president of the United States.

Submitting a 1909 report to Congress by the Commission on Country Life, Roosevelt specifically pointed to cooperatives as key to the success of rural Americans.

"The Cooperative is the best plan of organization. Under this plan, every business is (governed by a board), every person has one vote and only one vote," Roosevelt wrote. "Everyone gets profits based on their use of the co-op. It develops individual responsibility and has a moral as well as a financial value."

More than a century later, Roosevelt's words ring true at Inter-County Energy Cooperative. We are led by, belong to and were built by members of the communities we serve. In other words, Inter-County Energy is independent. Though we align with other cooperatives to efficiently serve you, we are not owned or controlled by any out-of-town interests. That's something to celebrate on this Independence Day.



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Twenty-four years after Roosevelt left office, his fifth-cousin, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, established the Rural Electrification Administration. When Congress authorized funding through the Rural Electrification Act, it enabled nonprofit electric cooperatives like Inter-County Energy to secure low-cost loans to acquire the necessary facilities to bring electricity to farms and other rural areas.

"The forward march of electric cooperatives has profound significance in terms of our fight to preserve the democracy," FDR said.

This patriotic message is not simply a footnote in history books. To Inter-County Energy, it is a rallying cry in our service for you, the consumer-members who own the cooperative, especially as co-ops face challenges to our ability to provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity.

"Much has been given us, and much will rightfully be expected from us," Teddy Roosevelt said in his Inaugural Address in 1905. "We have duties to others and duties to ourselves; and we can shirk neither. We have become a great nation, forced by the fact of its greatness into relations with the other nations of the earth, and we must behave as befits a people with such responsibilities."