

NEWS & VIEWS

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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 24 & 25

Christmas Holiday

Warm wishes for a holiday season filled with joy and laughter. Our office will be closed in observance.

JANUARY 1

New Year's Day

Wishing our members a happy New Year! Our office will be closed in observance.

JANUARY 1

Applications Open - Scholarships

Calling all high school seniors! Apply for the chance to be selected for HPC's 2026 Commitment to Community scholarship.

Learn More: hendrickspower.com/scholarships

JANUARY 26

Legislative Breakfast

Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds
7:00 am

Join us for our 2026 Legislative Breakfasts. A complimentary breakfast will be served at 7:00 am, followed by an opportunity to speak with your representatives from the Indiana Statehouse. Please check our Facebook and website for any possible updates.

The remaining 2026 dates are Feb. 23 and Mar. 16. RSVP the Thursday before to janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com.

Sponsored by Hendricks Power, North Salem State Bank, and Hendricks County Farm Bureau.

FEBRUARY 13

Applications Due - Youth Tour

Apply for Youth Tour for the chance to visit Washington, D.C.

Learn More:

hendrickspower.com/youth-tour

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Santa Claws Collection

November 17 - January 2

Hendricks Power is proud to support Misty Eyes Animal Center this holiday season!



From November 17 to January 2, Hendricks Power is collecting donations to care for animals in need. Members are encouraged to donate new items such as food, toys, and cleaning supplies from the list below.

Donate two or more items and receive a FREE box of 100 LED mini lights! Donations can be dropped off at the Hendricks Power office at 86 N County Rd 500 E, Avon, during office hours, Monday–Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. All collected items will be delivered to Misty Eyes Animal Center to help support their mission of rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming animals throughout our community.

Donate Now!

Donate 2+ items from the list below by January 2 to receive a **FREE box of 100 LED mini lights.**

**Available while supplies last.*



► Items Needed:

Cats & Kittens:

- **Dry Kitten Food**
Iams, Science Diet, Purina One, Pro Plan
- **Canned Kitten Food**
Any Variety
- **Dry Adult Cat Food**
Purina One, Iams, Science Diet, Pro Plan
- **Nutri-Cal Kitten Supplement**

Dogs & Puppies:

- **Durable Chew Toys**
Busy Bones, Bully Sticks, Nylabones, Kong Toys, Antlers
- **Spray for Kong Toys**
Spray Cheese & Peanut Butter
- **Training Treats**

Everyday Items:

- **Trash Bags**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Odoban Cleaner**
- **White Copy Paper**
- **Stamps**
- **Bath Tissue** (septic safe)
- **Laundry Detergent**
- **Sandwich Bags**

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YOUTH PROGRAMS



Youth Tour Applications Open; Commitment to Community Scholarships Coming Soon

Hendricks Power sponsors multiple youth programs each year to empower and educate the younger generation in our community. This year, we will continue supporting the Commitment to Community Scholarship and Youth Tour.

Commitment to Community Scholarships will be awarded to current high school seniors. Applications open January 1, 2026. The co-op will award six scholarships, each worth \$2,000, toward college tuition or a school of higher education. Applications require an essay, high school transcripts, and a letter of recommendation. Completed applications are due by March 6, 2026.

Youth Tour is a week-long, all-inclusive sponsored trip to Washington, D.C., that provides current high school juniors with the opportunity to visit historical sites throughout the city and meet with Indiana's congressional delegation. Applications are now open, and the trip will take place from June 14-21, 2026. Applications are due February 13, 2026.

To learn more about these programs or apply, visit hendrickspower.com. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Emily Thomas at ethomas@hendrickspower.com or at (317) 718-7606.

SAFETY TIP



Space heaters SAFETY TIP

DON'T leave a space heater or electric heating blanket unattended—always turn it off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

COLORING CONTEST



COLORING CONTEST WINNER!

Hendricks Power Cooperative announces the winner of its Coloring Contest, a new initiative designed to inspire creativity and connect with the cooperative's youngest members.

Earlier this fall, Hendricks Power invited children ages 2-12 to participate by coloring a festive lineworker-themed design. The contest received 54 creative submissions from children across our service area. After an employee vote, Austen A., a 6-year-old from Avon, was selected as the winner. The talented young artist received an arts-and-crafts basket valued at \$200, and their artwork will be featured on HPC's 2025 holiday cards.

"We are impressed by the creativity and enthusiasm shown by these young artists," said Emily Thomas, Manager of Communications at Hendricks Power. "The Coloring Contest reflects Hendricks Power's ongoing commitment to youth involvement and community engagement." Through educational programs, sponsorships, and outreach initiatives, the cooperative strives to support local families and empower the next generation of creative thinkers and community leaders. Hendricks Power extends its appreciation to all participants and parents who helped make the contest a success.

For more information about Hendricks Power's community programs and events, contact Emily Thomas at (317) 718-7606 or ethomas@hendrickspower.com. Visit hendrickspower.com to find future youth programs.

EMPOWERING STUDENTS AWARD



Empowering Students Award Winners

Two local teachers were awarded \$250 for their classrooms in recognition



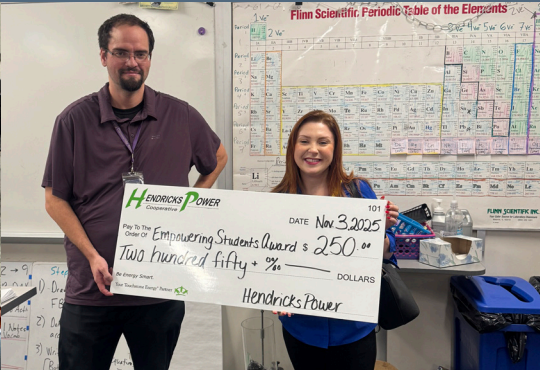
Hendricks Power proudly awarded two Empowering Students Awards to local teachers this fall: Mr. Fredrick Graf from Plainfield High School and Mr. Kevin Dahlstrom from Brownsburg High School. This award honors K-12 teachers who inspire their students and make a meaningful difference in their classrooms. Hendricks Power received an impressive 34 nominations from students, parents, and community members. The winners each received \$250 for educational items from their wish lists, a trophy to celebrate their achievements, and donuts for their schools.

Mr. Fredrick Graf is a dedicated high school orchestra and band teacher who was nominated by two current students, who are grateful for his care and generosity. He treats his students as equals, provides snacks and sheet music at his own expense, and encourages

them to grow through musical opportunities that extend beyond the classroom. "He is by far the best music teacher I have had, teaching from experience and giving us great advice. Thanks to Mr. Graf, I have many orchestral achievements," said E. Crawford, current student. His enthusiasm, creativity, and unwavering support make every concert memorable and inspire students to reach their fullest potential.

Mr. Kevin Dahlstrom, an Integrated Chemistry and Physics teacher, goes above and beyond to support his students by ensuring they have the tools and resources needed to succeed. He provides classroom supplies, adapts online materials for better understanding, and purchased charging stations to support the new laptop initiative. Beyond the classroom, he dedicates his time to coaching track and field, teaching chess, and leading quiz bowl teams.

"At Hendricks Power, we're proud to celebrate the incredible teachers who shape the future of our communities every single day," said Emily Thomas, Marketing Communications Manager at Hendricks Power. "This initiative is our way of saying thank you for the time, care, and creativity they pour into their classrooms. We hope these funds help spark new opportunities for both teachers and students to learn and grow together."



SAFETY TIPS



BE PREPARED FOR Winter Storms

Winter in Indiana often brings weather conditions that can create travel hazards and electrical dangers. Follow these tips to stay safe.

Emergency Kits

Home: Stock at least two weeks of supplies, including bottled water, nonperishable food, emergency blankets, first aid supplies, flashlights, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, extra batteries, and basic toiletries.

Vehicle: Pack at least three days of essentials such as blankets, warm clothes, jumper cables, bottled water, nonperishable food, sand or cat litter for traction, backup batteries, and phone chargers.

Power Line Safety

If you encounter downed lines, stay at least 35 feet away — about the length of three cars. Never touch the line or anything touching it. Call 911 immediately and warn others to keep clear. Always assume the line is live and dangerous.

HOLIDAY GIVEAWAYS



Make This Season Merry & Bright!

HPC will be giving away **FREE** children's gift bags! **PICK YOURS UP** 86 N County Rd 500 E, Avon, IN Dec 1-23, Mon-Fri, 7:30am - 4:30pm Please, only one gift bag per child.