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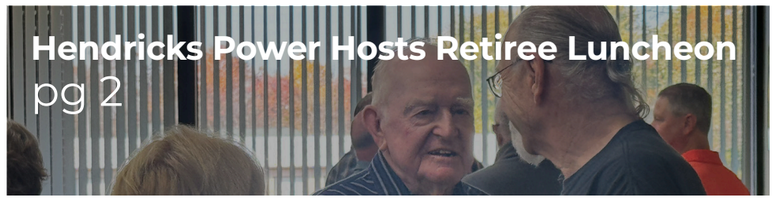
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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 24 & 25
Christmas Holiday
Wishing our members and community partners a holiday filled with joy. Our office will be closed in observance.

JANUARY 1
New Year's Day
Here's to a great year ahead! Our office will be closed in observance.

JANUARY 1
Youth Program Applications Available
Apply for Youth Tour, Camp Kilowatt, or a scholarship!
Learn More:
hendrickspower.com

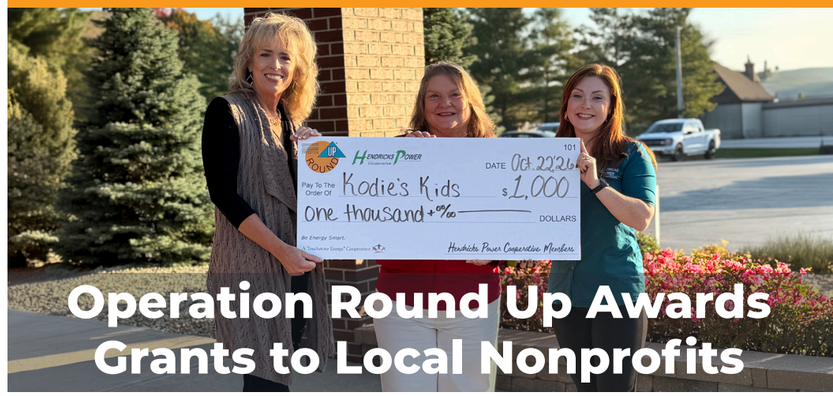
JANUARY 25
Legislative Breakfast
Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds
7:00 am
Enjoy a complimentary breakfast served at 7:00 am, followed by an opportunity to speak with your representatives at the Indiana Statehouse. Please check our Facebook and website for any possible updates.

The additional 2027 dates are: Feb. 22, Mar. 29, & Apr. 26.

RSVP the Thursday before to saprina.knoy@infarmbureau.com or at hendrickspower.com/legbreakfasts

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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Operation Round Up Awards Grants to Local Nonprofits

Hendricks Power Cooperative is proud to announce its latest round of Operation Round Up grant distributions to Kodie's Kids, Tomorrow's Heroes, and Hendricks County Friends of the Shelter. These grants highlight the impact made when local community members come together to support neighborhood outreach, youth development, and animal welfare.

A $1,000 grant was awarded to Kodie's Kids, Tomorrow's Heroes, an organization dedicated to helping young adults explore careers in public safety. By removing financial barriers, the organization provides access to education, training, and resources for aspiring first responders. The donation will also aid local volunteer fire departments by helping provide necessary equipment used to train volunteers and safeguard the community. Through these initiatives, Kodie's Kids plays a pivotal role in mentoring, inspiring, and preparing the next generation of firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and law enforcement professionals.

Hendricks County Friends of the Shelter also received a $1,000 grant to support its mission of supporting the animals and staff of the Hendricks County Animal Shelter.

The funding will help provide essential vaccinations, nutritious food for pets in need, and enrichment toys to keep animals healthy, happy, and active while awaiting adoption. A portion of the grant will also support the organization's ongoing "From Cages to Condos" campaign, an initiative focused on replacing outdated cat cages with modern, comfortable suites to improve living conditions and give shelter animals a better opportunity to find their forever homes.

These contributions are made possible through the generosity of Hendricks Power members who participate in Operation Round Up by rounding up their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar.

"Operation Round Up is a prime example of how spare change from our members can turn into positive impacts," said Emily Thomas, Marketing and Communications Manager at Hendricks Power Cooperative. "We are grateful to our participating members whose generosity allows us to invest in our community, and we're honored to support organizations like Kodie's Kids and Friends of the Shelter that do such essential work in our community."

EMPOWERING STUDENTS AWARD





Hendricks Power Announces Empowering Students Award Winners

HPC proudly awarded two Empowering Students Awards to Mr. Alec Edick from Hickory Elementary School and Mrs. Bayli Cline from Cascade High School.

This award honors K-12 teachers and staff members who inspire their students and make a difference in their classrooms. Hendricks Power received an impressive 71 nominations from students, families, and community members. Each winner received $250 for educational items from their wish list, a trophy to celebrate their achievements, and sweet treats for their classroom.

Mr. Alec Edick, a dedicated fifth-grade teacher at Hickory Elementary in Avon, motivates his students through his enthusiasm and commitment to education. An Avon High School alumnus, Mr. Edick discovered his passion for teaching while driving a school bus for Avon Community School Corporation. His efforts go beyond the classroom by attending students' extracurricular activities and finding creative ways to make learning engaging. His genuine care inspires students to grow, learn, and enjoy school.

Mrs. Bayli Cline demonstrates exceptional support to Cascade High School students, making a meaningful difference through her work coordinating the Cascade Care Closet. The program provides students and families with free, confidential access to clothing, hygiene products, snacks, school supplies, and everyday essentials. Last school year alone, the Care Closet served students more than 1,600 times. Mrs. Cline spends countless hours organizing donations, building community partnerships, and ensuring students have what they need without judgment. Her commitment to supporting students creates a positive influence throughout the community.

"At Hendricks Power, we're proud to support educators who make a lasting impact on our students," said Emily Thomas, Marketing and Communications Manager at Hendricks Power. "We hope these funds provide new opportunities for creativity, learning, and growth."

RETIREE LUNCHEON



Hendricks Power Hosts Retiree Luncheon

On Thursday, October 29, Hendricks Power proudly hosted its annual Retiree Luncheon, bringing together 20 attendees to honor former employees and celebrate their years of service. The luncheon has become a popular tradition, providing retirees with an opportunity to reconnect with former colleagues, share memories, and catch up on what's happening at the cooperative.

"We have a strong network of past employees at Hendricks Power. We are proud that our retirees remain engaged with the cooperative and have maintained close relationships with one another and our current team," said Greg Ternet, CEO of Hendricks Power Cooperative. "This luncheon allows them to reconnect while reminding them how important they continue to be to our organization."

Heather Thompson, Director of Human Resources and Marketing at Hendricks Power, added, "We enjoy bringing former employees together each year to reconnect and catch up. The strong turnout reflects the lasting relationships and positive culture that make Hendricks Power special, both past and present."

THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP



The Gift of Membership

As the holiday season approaches, we're reminded of the importance of family, friends, and community. At Hendricks Power Cooperative, we're especially grateful for one important part of our cooperative: you, our members.

When you receive electricity from Hendricks Power, you're more than a customer. You're a member and an important part of the cooperative.

Electric cooperatives are built to serve their members, not outside shareholders. Our goal is to provide safe, reliable, and affordable electricity while supporting the communities we serve.

Being a member also means having a voice. Our locally elected board of directors represents the communities we serve and helps guide the cooperative's decisions. You can make your voice heard by voting in board elections, attending our Annual Meeting, or sharing your feedback.

Your membership also provides access to programs and resources designed to benefit you. Through SmartHub, you can monitor your energy use and manage your account. Programs like Operation Round Up, our scholarship program, and community giving efforts allow us to support local families and nonprofits.

At Hendricks Power, our commitment goes beyond providing electricity. We live and work in the same communities as our members, and we're proud to support the schools, businesses, and nonprofits that make our communities stronger.

This holiday season, we're reminded that the cooperative difference starts with people working together. Your membership helps make that possible.

On behalf of everyone at Hendricks Power Cooperative, thank you for being part of our cooperative family. We appreciate your trust and are honored to serve you. We wish you and your family a happy holiday season!

Hendricks Power Is Giving the Gift of Learning This Christmas Break!

Visit **hendrickspower.com/energy-explorers-club** for FREE, kid-friendly activities that make learning about electricity fun.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Season of Giving Donation Drive

Donate 2+ items by Dec. 28 to receive a **FREE box of 100 LED mini lights.**
**Available while supplies last.*

FREE GIFT

Items Needed:

- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Soap/Body Wash
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Deodorant
- Pasta Sauce with Meat
- Canned Chicken/Tuna
- Soup
- Mac & Cheese
- Rice
- Pasta
- Breakfast Foods
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Snacks
- Baby Wipes
- **Diapers:** sizes 4,5, & 6
- **Pull-ups:** sizes 3T–4T & 4T–5T
- **Socks:** sizes 12M, 18M, 24M, & 2T

Donate Now!
Nov. 2–Dec. 28
M–F, 7:30 am–4:30 pm
86 N Co Rd 500 E,
Avon, IN

Donations Benefit FamilyPromise and CARENET