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NEWS & VIEWS

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OF HENDRICKS POWER COOPERATIVE

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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 25 & 26
Indianapolis Rubber Stamp & Scrapbook Getaway
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
Fri: 10 am - 4:30 pm,
Sat: 10 am - 4 pm
Embrace your artistic side with a variety of stamps and papercraft vendors. Enjoy free demonstrations, classes, and new techniques! Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door.
Learn More:
www.toomuchfunpromotions.com

FEBRUARY 28
Legislative Breakfast
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
7-9 am
Mark your calendars for our 2022 Legislative Breakfasts. At 7:00 am, a complimentary breakfast will be served followed by an opportunity to speak with your representatives at the Indiana Statehouse. Please check our website and Facebook page for any possible updates.

The remaining 2022 date is March 28.

RSVP to janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com by the Thursday before the event.

These breakfasts are sponsored by Hendricks Power, North Salem State Bank, and Hendricks County Farm Bureau.



MEMBER APPRECIATION

Five Reasons We Love Serving Our Members

Valentine's Day isn't just for the lovebirds! It's also the perfect time to let our friends, family, co-workers, and other special people in our lives, including our members, know we care about them—with or without a store-bought greeting card.

- 1. Without our members, the cooperative wouldn't exist.** Our purpose is to provide you with reliable, responsible, and affordable electricity. We were made to serve you. That's why we were formed in 1936.
- 2. You enable us to complete our mission by supporting our efforts to give back.** One of our seven cooperative principles is to serve our community. With your assistance, we can support members of our community through operation round-up and our youth programs.
- 3. Members of our co-op also serve on our board of directors.** They provide guidance for setting co-op priorities and helping make big decisions. Because our board members live in the area, they're able to serve as the pulse of the larger community and identify immediate and long-term needs.
- 4. You help us get it right.** Our members are great about keeping us in the know. Our members communicate with us, whether it's feedback on programs, infrastructure, or giving us the heads up on outages or damage.
- 5. You and other Hendricks Power members make up the community we serve!** Our employees live and work here too and care about our community the same way you do. We're invested and work to help it thrive. That's why we invest in economic development, and why you'll see our employees volunteering at local schools and other charitable and community endeavors. As a co-op, our mission is to enhance the quality of life in our community and look after its long-term interests. We love serving our members and our local community, and just like you, want to see it continue to thrive.

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Your Touchstone Energy® Partner

Gain a Clearer Perspective on windows

Homeowners may grumble this time of year that their windows welcome the wintry chill into their house. Some may think that replacements clearly are the answer to energy savings. Yet it's important to get the full picture to make the best decision for your home.

THE MOVING TRUTH

In most circumstances, upgrading windows will not automatically rush in energy cost savings (especially when factoring in the price of new windows!). Windows, even the very best, are never going to prevent as much heat transfer as a well-built wall.

The confusion arises because of how heat moves within a house. Heat moves to areas of lesser heat. The natural heat movement in a house gives you the impression that the windows are leaking simply because they do pull the warmed air their way. Even a triple-pane window doesn't have the insulation value to completely stop that movement.

Typical windows get about an R-3 rating (the greater the R-value, the greater the power to keep heat where you want it). For comparison, an average insulated wall has an R-11 rating while an energy efficient home would have an R-19 to R-40 rating.

Of course, there may be a time when your windows need to be replaced or repaired.

Here are some common warning signs:

- Faulty window operation
- Excessive condensation between window panes
- Decay and water damage on window frames
- Severe storm damage

IMPROVE YOUR EFFICIENCY

If your home feels drafty in the winter, you may benefit from the energy efficiency enthusiast's adage: Seal, Insulate, Equip! Properly air seal any gaps or cracks

in your home that allow treated air to escape, causing your heating system to work more than needed. Search low and high: water and gas line connections going through a foundation wall in a crawlspace or basement are common culprits, all the way to ductwork in the attic. Next, make sure your home is properly insulated to ensure that your home can maintain a desired temperature.

After your home is properly sealed and insulated, you can look into new equipment. You may even find that smaller equipment that uses less energy will properly heat and cool your home to keep you comfortable. Schedule an energy audit to learn more. Your complimentary audit will include an action plan with individual steps to improve your home's energy use.

Give us a call today or visit us online to schedule yours!

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

About 30% of a home's energy is lost through inefficient windows. Caulk and weatherstrip all windows to seal air leaks. When running your home's heating system, lock all operable windows to ensure the tightest seal possible.

Source: www.energy.gov



STAY IN THE CAR

IF YOUR VEHICLE COMES IN CONTACT WITH A UTILITY POLE OR A DOWNED POWER LINE, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO STAY INSIDE THE CAR!

HERE'S WHY:

Power lines can fall. When a pole is struck, power lines can fall, and hardware can break loose from its insulated perches atop the pole.

Fallen power lines can still be energized. Even touching the ground, power lines can still be carrying 7,200 volts or more. They may not spark or buzz.

Fallen power lines are hard to see. Silhouetted against the sky or glistening in sunlight atop poles, power lines may seem easy to see. But when knocked down and twisted with tall grass or trees as a background, especially at night, power lines are almost impossible to see.

Electricity seeks the quickest path to ground. If you get out of the car and touch a live power line and the ground, you become that path. That amount of electricity passing through you can kill you instantly.

If you are alive, you are safe. It's not easy to know if power lines have broken loose and are on your car. But if you are alive, you are not that deadly "path to ground." If you were in that path, you'd already be dead.

Call 9-1-1. After hitting a pole, call 9-1-1. Tell them you hit a pole. And wait patiently. Tell passersby to stay back. Wait till you know it's safe before exiting.

