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## **NEWS & VIEWS**

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**AROUND TOWN** 

## Calendar of Events

### JANUARY 1

#### New Year's Day

Wishing you and your family new beginnings and prosperity. Our office will be closed December 31 in observance.

### Commitment to Community Scholarship Applications Open

Learn more and apply on our website: www.hendrickspower.com

#### JANUARY 31

### Legislative Breakfast

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds 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 2022 dates are: January 31 February 28 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.









## **2022 Legislative Breakfasts**

Legislative Breakfast dates announced for 2022 session

Each year, Hendricks Power helps sponsor a series of Legislative Breakfasts for residents of Hendricks County. These breakfasts serve as an opportunity for those in our community to learn more about what's happening during session at the Indiana Statehouse.

Breakfasts will take place at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds Conference Complex in the North South Hall and kick off at 7 am. Upcoming dates for the breakfasts are Monday, January 31, February 28, and March 28.

These free breakfasts are the largest publicly attended legislative events in the state during session and will feature time for Q & A, where attendees will be able to ask their own questions. Don't miss this chance to learn more about our state legislature! Breakfasts will feature Representatives Bob Behning, Greg Steuerwald, and Jeff Thompson, along with Senators John Crane and Jeff Young.

We hope to see you!

Please, RSVP to Janna Bolen of Indiana Farm Bureau by the Thursday prior to each breakfast at janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com.

**ADDITIONAL SPONSORS:** 







## **Applications Open for Youth Programs**

Each year, Hendricks Power sponsors multiple youth programs to empower and educate our community's younger generation. This year, we will be continuing to support the Commitment to Community Scholarship, Youth Tour, and Camp Kilowatt.

Six Commitment to Community Scholarships will be awarded for current high school seniors pursuing higher education. Each scholarship will be worth \$1,500. Applications require an essay, high school transcripts, and a letter of recommendation. Completed applications are due by March 4, 2022.

Camp Kilowatt, formerly Touchstone Energy Camp, is a sponsored summer camp at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana. The camp takes place June 8-11, 2022. Students will enjoy horseback riding, zip-lining, archery, canoeing, and much more while learning basics about electricity! Students entering 7th grade in 2022 are eligible to attend. Applications are due March 1st, 2022.

Youth Tour is a week-long, all-inclusive trip to Washington D.C. that allows current high school juniors the opportunity to visit historical places throughout the city and meet with Indiana's congressional delegation. The trip will be June 16-23, 2022. Applications are due March 1st, 2022.

If you would like to learn more about these programs or apply, visit our website at www.hendrickspower.com. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Hammell at ehammell@hendrickspower.com or by phone at (317) 718-7606.





### **OPERATION ROUND-UP**

# Operation Round-Up Contributes to Local Animal Center

Operation Round-Up donates \$1,500 to Misty Eyes Animal Center for medical services

On behalf of Hendricks Power Cooperative and its members, a \$1,500 donation was made to Misty Eyes Animal Center of Avon. Misty Eyes is a volunteer-based organization that aims to end euthanasia and promotes responsible pet ownership.

The donation will allow the center to provide necessary medical care and spay/neuter services to reduce the pet population.

The donation was requested by Diana and Larry Kowalski, who are Misty Eyes volunteers. The Kowalskis have worked alongside Misty Eyes for more than ten years, since the organization's founding. Throughout the last few months, the couple has been able to raise more than \$2,400 for the organization from local organizations, family, and friends.

"These funds will help us catch up on medical costs for our dogs and cats. We are glad to help animals in need of love and care to help them

find their forever home." Diana Kowalski says, "We are proud to see so much support from our community in helping these animals. These funds give these rescues a voice and in many cases, save their lives."

Operation Round-Up is a voluntary fundraising program that lets members round-up their energy bill to the next whole dollar. Funds collected are donated to local nonprofits to benefit our community.



(From left to right) Emily Hammell, Marketing Communications Manager, Hendricks Power, Diana Kowalski, Larry Kowalski, William Rhodehamel, President, Hendricks Co. Community Foundation

# Local Youth Power and Hope Award Winner Announced

## Danville resident awarded Youth Power and Hope Award

Each year, Hendricks Power partners with Indiana Electric Cooperatives to host the Youth Power and Hope Awards. The program recognizes middle school students leaders making a difference in their communities. Winners each receive \$500 and are featured in the January issue of Indiana Connection, a statewide magazine. Winners were honored December 7th during a special program in downtown Indianapolis.

One of this year's talented recipients was Nathaniel Origer of Danville. Origer is an eighth-grade student at Danville Middle School and the second recipient from Danville to receive this award.

Nathaniel has been heavily involved in his school's student council. Throughout his three years serving on the council, he has assisted in a wide variety of events, fundraisers, and community efforts. Some of these include a fundraiser for Riley Hospital, halftime entertainment at sports games, beautifying local parks, and much more.

Origer was also voted Treasurer of the student council and hopes to get re-elected. In addition to his efforts at school, he also volunteers at his church where he assists in Sunday services, fish fry fundraisers, and vacation bible school trips. He also volunteers with the National Junior's Honor Society.

When asked why Origer helps people in his community, he responded, "...it makes me a better person and makes the world we live in just a little bit happier and friendlier when we help each other out."

Thank you for all you do for our community, Nathaniel! We are glad to have students like you in our community making a difference.

Do you know a middle school student dedicated to improving their community? Applications for the 2022 Youth Power and Hope Awards will be available in June of 2022 on our website!



Nathaniel Origer of Danville Middle School was one of the three 2021 recipients of the Indiana Electric Cooperative's Youth Power and Hope Awards



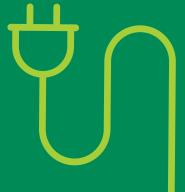


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## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Maximize your heating system's performance by inspecting, cleaning or replacing air filters once a month or as needed to reduce energy costs and prevent potential damage to your system. Make sure radiators, baseboard heaters and warm-air registers aren't blocked so air can flow freely.



Source: www.energy.gov