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NEWS & VIEWS

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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 5

Dodge Power Brokers Nationals

Lucas Oil Raceway Park
U.S. Nationals - The largest
NHRA drag race in the world!
Learn More:
www.raceirp.com

SEPTEMBER 2-4

Old Fashioned Days

Downtown North Salem
Live music, vendors, food, tractor
pulls and horse pulls! Don't miss
Hendricks Power in the largest
parade in Hendricks County at 11
am on Saturday, Sept. 2.

SEPTEMBER 9 & 10

Fair on the Square

Downtown Danville
Sat: 9 am-6 pm Sun: 10 am-4 pm
Danville Tri Kappa's Fair on the
Square is an annual community
event that hosts more than 100
vendors, food, and live music.
Learn More:
danvilletrikappa.org

SEPTEMBER 24

Bow Wow Bash

Williams Park, Brownsburg
12-5 pm
The BOW WOW BASH is a
funtastic day of tail waggin'
fun for dogs and their humans!
Hendricks Power is a proud
sponsor of the ball drop.
Learn More:
bowwowbash.net



ANNUAL MEETING

2023 Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation Event

July 1-20, 2023, Hendricks Power Cooperative hosted its 87th Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation Event on Thursday, July 20, at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds. The event included a board of directors' election, an electric vehicle demonstration, a live line safety demonstration, family fun activities, co-op updates, giveaways, and a chance for members to win prizes.

Nearly 1,900 members registered to vote throughout the July 1-20 voting period – either online via their SmartHub account or in person at the event. The 950 members who registered at the event received \$10 in fair food vouchers and all members who voted were entered for a chance to win one of five \$500 bill credits.

Election results were announced at the business portion of the meeting in the Hendricks Power Expo Hall that evening. In addition to election results, the agenda also included cooperative updates and the announcement of the five \$500 bill credit recipients.

Election results were as follows: Hal Truax (Area 4), David Thomas (Area 5), and Keith Cooper (Area 6).

The five recipients of the \$500 bill credits were Linda Derrick (Filmore), Arthur Locke (Avon), Richard Ruhe Sr. (Coatesville), Mark Schopper (Brownsburg), Marilyn Ward (Brownsburg).

Hendricks Power CEO, Greg Ternet, provided updates on infrastructure investments and equipment upgrades to increase reliability, improved outage response, including record-low outage times in 2022, and the rate update earlier in the year. He then spoke about the C&B Graham Solar Energy Project in the Tilden area that recently became operational, informing members that participation options would be provided when available. He also reminded attendees of the core values of a cooperative and of its mission to serve its member-owners.

Thank you to our members for participating!

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Your Touchstone Energy® Partner



UPGRADE YOUR SPACE SAFELY

WHEN PLANNING HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT INVOLVE ELECTRICAL WORK – DO YOU KNOW WHEN TO DIY AND WHEN TO HIRE A PROFESSIONAL?

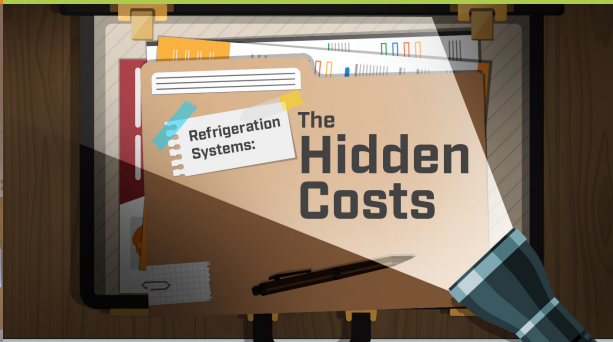
Home rewiring, breaker box replacement and adding a large number of electrical outlets should be left to the pros. Faulty electrical installations can lead to large expenses and even injuries or death.

- If you're doing work yourself with power tools, be careful.
- Use ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) with power tools to protect against electrical shock.
- Use caution when cutting or drilling into walls where electrical wires or water pipes could be.
- Never use power tools without the proper guards or near live electrical wires or pipes.

If your home improvement includes additional outlets, make sure your electrical panel and service can handle the added load.

Call 811 several days in advance if digging is part of the project so the underground utilities can be marked.

Contact your electric utility if your meter must be removed or relocated to accommodate renovations to your property.



Your refrigeration system seems to be humming along nicely and you've got a regular maintenance plan in place. That means your cool, right? The truth is there may be hidden sources of system energy waste putting the heat on your operating budget.

FIXED DEFROSTING

As the evaporator ices up, its capacity decreases, reducing system efficiency. Defrosting on a fixed time schedule is often wasteful. When needed, open the hot gas solenoid only long enough to clear the coil—typically eight to 10 minutes.

HEAT FROM LIGHTING

Traditional incandescent and even fluorescent lighting in walk-in coolers and freezers add heat that must be removed. High-efficiency LEDs last longer and give off less heat than conventional bulbs, and they operate well in cold temperatures.

SHORT CYCLING COMPRESSORS

Oversized fixed speed compressors often run at full load for short periods, wasting energy and causing equipment wear and tear. Add variable frequency drives to compressor and fan motors to match output with the load.

FOOD WASTE

Poorly performing refrigeration systems shorten the shelf life of food products. In coolers, the right temperature balance is necessary to ensure safety and food integrity. In freezers, colder temperatures can extend storage life. Regularly compare food temperatures to thermostat settings.

REFRIGERANT LEAKS

Excess refrigerant leakage not only costs money, but it may also violate environmental regulations and pose a safety risk. Repair substantial leaks (20% in one calendar year) within 30 days of when refrigerant was last added to the equipment.

SECURE THE SAVINGS

Refrigeration commissioning is a great way to uncover design problems or operating issues affecting performance. The ASHRAE Refrigeration Commissioning Guide can help. Download the guide free of charge at <https://refcx.ashrae.org/>.



CREATE AN ELECTRICAL SAFETY PLAN BEFORE YOU PLANT A TREE

TREES AND POWER LINES OFTEN COEXIST WITHOUT PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE PRECAUTIONS TO TAKE WHEN PLANTING A TREE.

QUICK TIPS FOR SAFELY PLANTING A TREE:

Call 811 to have underground utilities marked at least a few working days, but no less than two full working days, before digging (IC 8-1-26). Knowing their locations helps you dig safely, and planting a safe distance away will help prevent damage from roots.

Create a basic plan, or a sketched diagram, before you begin planting to avoid future troubles. Using the information from the underground utility locator service will be a big help in setting some guidelines.

Consider a tree's potential growth when choosing its location. If it's expected to grow higher than 15 feet, choose a spot 25 to 50 feet away from utility lines and your home.

Plant with energy savings in mind. Not only can you upgrade your landscape, you can decrease your energy use, too. Trees can keep your home cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Just be sure you're aware of power line location and avoid structural damage.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know ceiling fans can make a room feel 4 degrees cooler? To save energy through ceiling fan use, remember to raise your thermostat a few degrees while fans are turned on. In the summer, operate ceiling fans in a counterclockwise direction. Remember, ceiling fans cool people, not spaces. Be sure to turn them off when you leave the room.

Source: energy.gov

