

NEWS & VIEWS

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OF HENDRICKS POWER COOPERATIVE

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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 27
Legislative Breakfast
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
7 am
Enjoy a complimentary breakfast, followed by an opportunity to speak with your representatives at the Indiana Statehouse. The remaining 2023 dates are March 27th, and April 17th.

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

MARCH 1
Youth Program Deadlines
Applications for Youth Tour and Camp Kilowatt are due for consideration.
Learn More:
www.hendrickspower.com

MARCH 3
HPC Scholarship Deadline
Applications for Commitment to Community Scholarships are due by 4:30 pm.
Learn More:
www.hendrickspower.com/scholarships

JULY 20
Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation
Save the date & stay tuned for additional details!



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Cooperative Love for Community

Hendricks Power knows it takes more than electricity to power a community

Guided by its Seven Cooperative Principles, Hendricks Power shows its love and support to its local community in various ways. With Valentine's Day approaching, there's no better time to express how much HPC loves its community and serving the members of the co-op. Here are a few ways HPC supports its community throughout the year.

Youth Programs - Hendricks Power awards six \$1,500 scholarships to deserving high school seniors. It also sponsors students to attend a week-long all-inclusive summer camp, Camp Kilowatt, and a trip to Washington D.C., Youth Tour, to learn more about American history.

Community Service Days - Hendricks Power hosts a community service day and invites its employees to make an impact in their community. Recent recipients include Brownsburg Parks, Sycamore Services, and the Hendricks County Historical Society.

Community Sponsorships - Robotics teams, leadership programs, community events, humane societies; you name it, Hendricks Power is a proud supporter of various local organizations. In 2022, HPC contributed more than \$100,000 to local causes.

Legislative Breakfasts - Hendricks Power is proud to be a co-sponsor of four Legislative Breakfasts that offer residents an opportunity to hear what's happening during session at the statehouse and a chance to ask their own questions.

Annual Meeting & Elections - Being a member-owned cooperative means that the most important decisions are made by our Board of Directors, made up of members just like you. The annual election allows members to vote in a democratic process to elect board members that best reflect their own interests.

Informational Demonstrations - Hendricks Power hosts community safety and electric vehicle demonstrations at different events, schools, and other non-profit organizations. Members can also request complimentary demonstrations for their event or organization.

Energy Audits - HPC offers complimentary energy audits to members to assist in energy efficiency strategies to help members save.

If you would like to learn more about any of these services, please visit us online at www.hendrickspower.com.

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youth-tour

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INDIANA
YOUTH
TOUR '23
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 11-18
2023

What are you doing
this summer?

Hendricks Power wants to
send you on a weeklong,
all-inclusive trip of a
lifetime to Washington, D.C.

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EMPLOYEE NEWS

Hendricks Power Apprentices Graduate

Twenty-four lineworkers, including Hendricks Power's Manny Alvarez and Sam Whitaker, graduated from Indiana Electric Cooperatives' apprenticeship program, Rural Electric Apprenticeship Program (REAP).

REAP is a four-year program that professionally trains apprentice lineworkers from across Indiana. Graduates complete 612 hours of classroom-related study and 8,000 hours of on-the-job training at their electric cooperative. Students also complete four additional classes through Ivy Tech Community College. Upon completion of the program, graduates earn an Associate of Applied Science and a journeyman lineman certificate.

"Lineworkers are the backbone of our operations, and their dedication to their communities and the consumers of Indiana's electric cooperatives is outstanding," said Jon Elkins, vice president of safety, training and compliance at Indiana Electric Cooperatives. "We are proud to have these hardworking individuals as part of the cooperative family."



Manny Alvarez



Sam Whitaker

RATE UPDATE

Tracker Update

Effective in February 2023, you may notice a small increase in the power cost adjustment (PCA) on your monthly bill. This increase of \$0.002522 is due to a change in wholesale power costs from our provider, which includes changes in fuel costs, operations, maintenance of plants, depreciation, and infrastructure expansion.



DON'T UNDERESTIMATE
THE RISK OF
OVERLOADS

DON'T RELY ON EXTENSION CORDS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF INADEQUATE ELECTRICAL OUTLETS. IF YOU HAVE AN OVERLOADED OUTLET, HEAD TO YOUR CIRCUIT PANEL AND RESET IT.

Electrical overloads can occur when your home draws more electricity than a circuit can safely handle. When a circuit receives too much electricity, it causes the circuit breaker to trip. That shuts power off to the entire circuit. Breakers are critical components to the circuit's safety. If there were no breaker in the circuit, an overload would occur, causing the wires to overheat. That could lead to a fire. There are several signs that indicate an overloaded circuit. Among them:

- Flickering, blinking or dimming lights.
- The outlet switch covers are warm to the touch.
- Burning odors from outlets or switches.
- Frequently tripped circuit breakers.
- Crackling, sizzling or buzzing from receptacles.
- Mild shock or tingles after touching appliances, receptacles or switches.
- Power tools, appliances or electronics seem to lack adequate power.

If any of these things are occurring, head to your circuit panel. It's usually located in the basement or garage. Check to see if any of the switches in the panel have been tripped or partially tripped. Turn them off – then back on again.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Do you have a home office? Set equipment like printers and scanners to automatically switch to sleep or energy-saver mode when not in use. In addition to saving energy, your equipment will stay cooler and last longer.

Another way to save energy is to switch from overhead lighting to task lighting, like lamps. Small lamps use less electricity than whole-room lighting.

