

# NEWS & VIEWS

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OF HENDRICKS POWER COOPERATIVE

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## AROUND TOWN

### Calendar of Events

JANUARY 2

#### New Year's Holiday

Wishing you and your family new beginnings and prosperity. Our office will be closed January 2 in observance.

JANUARY 30

#### 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 February 27th, March 27th, and April 17th.

RSVP to

[janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com](mailto: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](http://www.hendrickspower.com)

MARCH 3

#### HPC Scholarship Deadline

Applications for Commitment to Community Scholarships are due by 4:30 pm.

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LEGISLATIVE BREAKFASTS

## 2023 Legislative Breakfasts

Legislative Breakfast dates announced for 2023 session

Each year, Hendricks Power helps sponsor a series of Legislative Breakfasts for local residents. 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 30, February 27, March 27, and April 17, 2023.

These free breakfasts are the largest publicly attended legislative events in the state during session and will feature time for Q & A, where attendees have the chance 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, Becky Cash, Craig Haggard, and Jeff Thompson, along with Senators John Crane, Mike Young, and Brian Buchanan. 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](mailto:janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com) or by calling (317) 745-4463.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS:



Don't forget to RSVP!

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## 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 to 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 3, 2023.

Camp Kilowatt, formerly Touchstone Energy Camp, is a sponsored summer camp at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana. The camp takes place June 7-10, 2023. Students will enjoy horseback riding, zip-lining, archery, canoeing, and much more while learning basics about electricity! Students entering 7th grade in 2023 are eligible to attend. Applications are due March 1st, 2023.

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 11-18, 2023. Applications are due March 1st, 2023.

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



## ELECTRICITY EXPLAINED

### What is "On Peak Demand?"

**Beginning in January 2023, members can expect to see a new register line item on their monthly statements - but what is "On Peak Demand," and does it affect their balance?**

Hendricks Power billing statements currently list two register line items, On and Off Peak, and members will see a new line item, On Peak Demand, beginning in 2023. There is no additional charge or fee(s) associated with this line item.

#### What is On Peak Demand?

On Peak Demand is a home's highest usage hour, from 5-8 pm on non-holiday weeknights, throughout the entire statement cycle. On Peak Demand may vary for each member and home. That also means that month-to-month, On Peak Demand time will change depending on weather and usage patterns.

#### Why is On Peak Demand on my statement?

To continue providing affordable and reliable energy, Hendricks Power wants members to be able to monitor On Peak Demand usage. Purchasing and delivering power to members is most expensive from 5-8 pm on non-holiday weeknights, so lowering usage during these times helps keep rates affordable and avoids additional costly infrastructure expansion.

#### How can I reduce my On Peak Demand?

In the hustle and bustle of daily life, conserving energy can be tough to consider. For most homes, 5-8 pm is a hectic time of cooking dinner, watching television, washing laundry, doing dishes, etc. This is also why purchasing power is more expensive during these times - nearly every home uses a lot of energy. Lowering your On Peak Demand can mean making compromises, such as waiting until after 8 pm to take showers or do laundry, scheduling a delayed start on the dishwasher, or maybe changing the thermostat to a more conservative setting.

**Smart plugs and power strips, programmable thermostats, and other smart home technology can help make conservation easier. If you'd like to reduce or even out your energy load, please contact our Energy Advisors for a FREE custom home energy audit at [www.hendrickspower.com](http://www.hendrickspower.com) or by phone at (317)745-5473.**



## PREPARING FOR WINTER STORMS

**THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, DANGEROUS CONDITIONS COULD CONFINE FAMILIES TO THEIR HOMES FOR DAYS AT A TIME. MAKE SURE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE READY FOR THE WINTER MONTHS AHEAD.**

Indiana winters include everything from heavy snows, to freezing rain, to ice storms – sometimes all in one day. All of those forms of winter weather can create electrical hazards.

To better prepare for a power outage, your electric co-op recommends members keep a storm preparedness kit fully stocked. The basic supplies in this kit should include:

- Bottled water
- Non-perishable food
- Emergency blankets
- First aid kit/medicine
- Flashlight
- Battery-operated or hand-crank radio
- Extra batteries
- Toiletries

**Now that your family is prepared for a prolonged outage, what should you do if the lights do go out?**

- Keep warm air in and cool air out by not opening doors to unused rooms. Do not open doors to the outside unless necessary.
- Turn off and unplug all unnecessary electronics or appliances. This helps prevent equipment damage.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Eat perishable food first.



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know insulating your electric water heater could reduce standby heat loss by 25% to 45%? This could save you 7% to 16% on annual water heating costs. Insulating your electric water heater is an easy, inexpensive project that can improve energy efficiency and save you money each month. The Department of Energy rates this project level as medium difficulty, meaning most homeowners can tackle this project on their own. You can purchase pre-cut jackets or blankets for about \$20 at most home improvement stores. Visit [energy.gov](http://energy.gov) for project tips and additional considerations.

