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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 7 & 8
Heartland Apple Fest
Beasley's Orchard
9 am - 6 pm
This festival features craft vendors, live music, puppet shows, balloon magic, face painting, pony rides, local food vendors, and more!
Learn More:
www.beasleys-orchard.com

OCTOBER 10
Voter Registration Deadline
Register to vote by Oct. 10 so you can vote in the Nov. 7 general election! Support your local electric cooperative by voting for candidates who support policies that strengthen rural Indiana and the continued provision of safe, reliable and affordable energy.
Learn More:
indianavoters.in.gov

OCTOBER 14
Twin 25's & Championship Saturday
Lucas Oil Raceway Park
12 pm
Enjoy the Hendricks Power Tesla Model 3 as the pace car for the Championship Saturday race!
Learn More:
www.raceirp.com

NOVEMBER 7
Indiana General Election
Have your voice heard! Voting is critical to a healthy democracy.



SMARTHUB UPDATE

SmartHub Website Redesign Enhances Ease of Use and New Detailed Analytics

Members will soon notice a new look on the SmartHub website, along with upgraded usage analytics

Hendricks Power is excited to bring members a SmartHub upgrade that provides more control of their usage than ever. This new version of the SmartHub website puts usage and payment details front and center for fast, easy access. It offers a simplified menu to make navigating the site even easier. The same options and features are available, plus members will now have access to more detailed home usage analytics.

The new member analytics can identify a home's largest energy consumers, offer bill projections, and suggest tips on how to save energy. This information is generated by applying artificial intelligence and machine learning to member data. A Build Your Home Profile survey is also available to further improve the accuracy of a home's energy breakdown, down to the appliance level, and personalize recommendations. Changes in usage patterns are reflected in real time. Members will receive email alerts and notifications regularly to help better understand electricity usage and costs; these can be customized on the website.

If you have any questions about the update, please visit www.hendrickspower.com/update or call our office at (317) 745-5473.



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Your Touchstone Energy® Partner

Hendricks Power Linemen Participate in Lineworker Rodeo



Multiple linemen from Hendricks Power competed at the Indiana Electric Cooperative Lineman Rodeo, held Aug. 24-25 in Danville. The two-day event showcased the skills and safety training of electric cooperative lineworkers.

Hendricks Power was represented by two teams and an individual participant in the statewide competition. The linemen competed in events that test skills such as pole climbing, hurt man rescue and safely changing electric line hardware. A total of 28 teams and 102 individuals from 24 Indiana electric cooperatives competed in this year's event.

The following linemen represented Hendricks Power at the rodeo:

- John Gerbick, Apprentice Lineman
- Wyatt Berlyn, First-Year Apprentice
- Thomps Strout, Second-Year Apprentice
- Eric George, Lineman
- Tom Goode, Foreman
- Taylor Long, Lineman
- Kris Harmless, Line Superintendent

"We're proud of the Hendricks Power linemen who competed in this year's rodeo," said Greg Ternet, CEO of Hendricks Power Cooperative. "Our linemen have a lot of pride in the work they do, and they demonstrated their skills and dedication to their craft."

The Indiana Electric Cooperative Lineman Rodeo recognizes and rewards excellence in safety, skill and knowledge in the lineworker field. Official results from the 2023 Indiana Electric Cooperative Lineman Rodeo are posted at <https://goiec.org/INLinemanRodeo>.



CO-OPS GROW COMMUNITIES

October is National Co-op Month, and Hendricks Power is joining cooperatives across the U.S. to celebrate. Co-ops come in all shapes and sizes, but they each have a common goal: to provide goods or services for the members of the co-op.

Electric co-ops, including Hendricks Power exist to serve their members. Our priority is to provide affordable, reliable energy to our local communities. Because we are led by you, the members we serve, we can evolve to meet your needs.

This October, as we celebrate Co-op Month, we're focusing on the ways "Co-ops Grow" for their members.

Co-ops Grow Communities: Co-ops help communities grow by promoting economic empowerment, fostering community engagement and supporting the unique needs of co-op members. "Concern for Community" is one of our core principles--and being community-focused is essential to everything we do.

Co-ops Grow Together: Co-ops are all about cooperation, not competition. That's why electric co-ops work together to share lessons learned, successful strategies and better ways to serve our members. We're better when we grow together!

Co-ops Grow Tomorrow's Leaders: Electric co-ops serve as fertile ground for growing tomorrow's leaders through a variety of youth engagement programs. Whether through school demonstrations, community events or the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program, we're committed to providing opportunities for local youth to learn and thrive in our community and beyond.

Co-ops Grow for You: At Hendricks Power, your satisfaction is our number one goal. It's why we were formed many years ago to fulfill a uniquely local purpose. We've come a long way since then, and your needs continue to evolve. That's why we'll never stop growing for you!



ELECTRICAL SAFETY IN YOUR HOME: BABY-PROOFING DONE RIGHT!

WHILE BABY-PROOFING YOUR HOME FOR BUMPS AND FALLS, DON'T NEGLECT ELECTRICAL OUTLETS AND CORDS.

Take a walk around the entire house and garage to map out all electrical outlets. Plug tight-fitting outlet covers into all unused outlets to prevent tiny fingers or a found object like a paper clip from being inserted into the outlet slots.

Get outlet boxes that enclose the entire outlet and the plugs to keep youngsters from pulling the plugs out and exposing the slots.

All new homes and homes renovated after 2008 must have tamper-resistant receptacles (TRRs) installed. These outlets use a spring shutter system that prevents a foreign object, such as a hairpin or paper clip, from entering just one side of the outlet. For a double layer of protection, you may still want to use outlet covers on TRRs.

Make sure all power cords dangling from an end table or desk are tightly secured to prevent little ones from tugging on them and pulling electric devices or appliances down on top of them. All charging cords for phones, laptops and other devices should be and other devices should be shortened or tucked away so babies cannot tug on them, put them in their mouth or chew on them.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know using your dishwasher is more energy efficient than washing a load of dishes by hand? To maximize efficiency, wash full loads in the dishwasher and don't block the arms or other parts that move while the appliance is in use.

For additional savings, turn on the "air dry" setting instead of using the "heat dry" setting and use a rinse aid to help dishes dry faster without spotting and streaking.

Source: www.energy.gov

