

NEWS & VIEWS

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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 3 & 4
Indiana Fishing Expo
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
Sat: 9 am-6 pm Sun: 9 am-4 pm
Get the gear, tools, and advice to take your fishing to the next level.
Learn More:
www.indianafishingexpo.com

FEBRUARY 26
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 2024 breakfast is March 25th.

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 8
HPC Scholarship Deadline
Applications for Commitment to Community Scholarships are due by 4:30 pm.
Learn More:
www.hendrickspower.com

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\$10
TO GO PAPERLESS



PAPERLESS BILLING

Earn \$10 for Going Paperless!

Enroll in Paperless Billing and receive a \$10 Bill Credit

Paperless billing is exactly what it sounds like: a paper-free way to receive your electric bill each month.

Five reasons to receive your bills electronically:

- 1. Immediate access.** As soon as your bill is ready, you'll be notified via email or text. Getting your bill earlier means you'll have more time to pay it.
- 2. Curb the clutter.** Ensure your bill will never be lost and forgotten under that growing paper pile on your kitchen counter.
- 3. Protect your identity.** The security of knowing your bill won't accidentally end up in an identity thief's hands is worth making the switch to paperless billing.
- 4. Environmentally speaking.** By cutting back on paper use, you're helping preserve our natural resources.
- 5. Around the clock.** Everyday. Not only are you able to pay your bill 24/7 — you can access past bills whenever you need to.

Contact your electric cooperative today to say "yes" to "paperless!"

Register for SmartHub to Enroll in Paperless!

Register or sign-in to your SmartHub account on your mobile device or desktop computer! Adjust your settings to paperless billing to receive your credit and paperless bills. If you have questions, please call our office at (317) 745-5473.

Download & Enroll
Now!



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Hendricks Power's 2023 in Review

Hendricks Power continues to grow and look for new ways to meet the needs of our membership and communities through reliability, community relations and innovative programs. Here are some highlights from 2023 that demonstrate these efforts...

We connected more than 1,100 new services last year, and purchased land in two areas for future substation development. Reliability remains a top priority for us as we continued with our pole replacement program, tree trimming cycles and equipment upgrades.

Our joint venture with Endeavor Communications expanded to bring broadband internet around North Salem and Ladoga. Since the partnership's inception, more than 4,000 members have been connected to broadband.

We had a rate update in 2023 that decreased the on-peak window and more closely reflects Hendricks Power's cost to purchase power. Remember - the time you use energy matters as much as how much you use! Our energy advisors completed more than 100 energy audits to help members increase their homes' efficiency and we implemented consumer analytics through SmartHub that can identify your home's largest energy user, provide bill projections, and offer personalized tips on how to save energy.

Hendricks Power enhanced our network security and cyber defense, along with employee training. We want you to know that we take the privacy of your information very seriously.

Last year, the cooperative retired \$3 million in capital credits to members. We continued to support several local non-profit organizations through volunteerism, sponsorships, charitable giving and Operation Round Up. We sponsored two high school seniors to participate in Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., five campers to attend Camp Kilowatt, and awarded six Commitment to Community Scholarships to local high school seniors. Hendricks Power also hosted its annual Co-op Community Day, benefitting Webberland Baseball Field and West Bridge Community Church in 2023.

The C&B Graham solar array was completed. It is the largest cooperative-developed solar array in Indiana. Plans are ongoing to develop member-owner participation options. Hendricks Power also added a Ford Lightning to our fleet - check it out at our annual meeting this year!



2023 Camp Kilowatt campers



Operation Round-Up donation to A&A Volunteer Fire Dept.



Hendricks Power and Wabash Valley employees volunteering at Webberland Baseball Field

EMPLOYEE NEWS

Hendricks Power Apprentices Graduate

Twenty-two lineworkers, including Hendricks Power's John Gerbick and Justin Pitts, 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.



(Left to Right) John Gerbick and Justin Pitts



ENERGY EFFICIENCY EDITION

There is a lot of great advice on how to be more energy efficient - using ENERGY STAR-rated devices, for example. But then there's the not so-great advice: the misinformation, mistakes, and myths that could lead you astray in your efforts to save on your electric bill. But fear not! Here are a few common myths we encounter - and the truth to bust them.

MYTH: Switching appliances, computers, and electronics off when not using them will wear them out faster.

TRUTH: Modern electronics and appliances are built to perform just as well with frequent shutoffs. Most computers are made with this in mind and use the on-off cycle to install updates and perform other necessary self-maintenance. So go ahead and shut off and save power.

MYTH: Adding insulation in the attic will cause more heat to leak out the windows.

TRUTH: Any added insulation will help your home maintain a stable temperature. Adding insulation to your attic (and, more importantly, sealing your ceiling) is a great way to help make your home more energy-efficient.

MYTH: If you close vents in your unused rooms, your HVAC system uses less energy.

TRUTH: This one seems counterintuitive, but unless those unused rooms are somehow sealed up airtight, the air is still going to circulate. Closing vents can make your HVAC system work harder than usual by causing a backup in internal pressure. You would be better served by adjusting your thermostat or switching to a more efficient system. Sealing your ductwork, air sealing your ceiling and band joists, and adding insulation will also ensure that your home minimizes energy use and keeps you comfortable.

MYTH: New homes are required to be more energy efficient.

TRUTH: Not necessarily. A home's age doesn't always tell you whether or not it's energy efficient. A home's construction is a larger indicator of its energy efficiency. That's why we recommend looking for homes built to the specifications of the Power Moves Home Program, which is designed specifically with energy efficiency in mind.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Area rugs are an easy, cost-effective solution to cold floors. Adding area rugs to hard-surface flooring can add warmth to any room and keep your feet cozy on cold winter days.

Choose rugs made from wool or other natural fibers and plush or high-pile textures for the most insulation. Place rugs in areas where you need additional warmth, like the foot of a bed or under a coffee table. Area rugs can enhance the aesthetic of your home and keep you cozier.

