

# NEWS & VIEWS

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## AROUND TOWN

### Calendar of Events

NOW - AUGUST 20  
**Summer Fun Run/Walk**  
Various Hendricks County Parks  
4:30 - 6:30 PM  
Visit new parks & trails to support the Parks Foundation!  
**Learn More & Register:**  
[www.bit.ly/3JdvQoJ](http://www.bit.ly/3JdvQoJ)

JUNE 29  
**Hendricks Co. Rib Fest & BBQ**  
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds  
10 AM - 10 PM  
There will be delicious ribs, other barbecue meats, and sides from multiple vendors.  
**Learn More at:** [avonchamber.org/hendricks-country-rib-fest/](http://avonchamber.org/hendricks-country-rib-fest/)

JULY 1-16  
**Online Board of Directors Voting**  
Login to SmartHub to cast your vote! Voting ends July 16 at midnight.

JULY 18  
**Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation**  
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds  
11 AM - 7 PM  
Join us for our board of directors election, live line safety and electric vehicle demos, Silly Safaris animal shows, face painting, superheroes, and balloon animals!  
**Learn more at:**  
[hendrickspower.com/annualmeeting](http://hendrickspower.com/annualmeeting)

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



### HPC Announces Scholarship Winners

Six local high school seniors receive Commitment to Community Scholarships

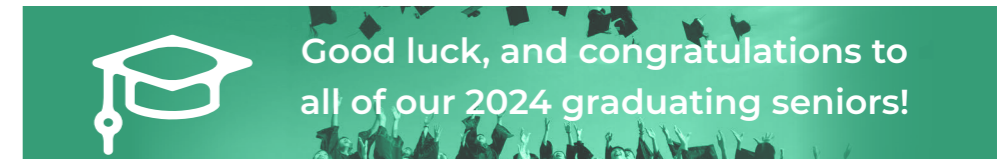
Hendricks Power Cooperative recently announced the winners of the 2024 Commitment to Community Scholarship program. More than 41 member applications were received from graduating students.

Allow us to introduce the bright minds who have been awarded the scholarship this year. From the top left, Samuel Beebe, Plainfield High School; Alexis Daigle, North Putnam High School; and Alandria Echavarria, Brownsburg High School. From the bottom left, William Graves, Avon High School; Caroline Hodge, South Putnam High School; and Gabrielle Simonson, North Putnam High School.

Each student will be awarded a \$1500 scholarship to be used toward continuing education at the college or vocational school of their choice. These six students have excelled academically and were selected based on their personal achievements, application essays, and other criteria.

Hendricks Power hosted a dinner on May 16 to recognize these students and present them with certificates celebrating their achievements. "We really look forward to the awards dinner," said Emily Thomas, Marketing Communications Manager at Hendricks Power. "It allows us an opportunity to become better acquainted with the students and their families. We enjoy hearing about their future plans and enthusiasm towards this next step in life."

Learn more about the recipients and their future plans by visiting [hendrickspower.com/2024-scholarship-winners](http://hendrickspower.com/2024-scholarship-winners) or on our Facebook page.



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Mark your calendars for this year's annual meeting! The annual meeting and member appreciation event will take place at the Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds on Thursday, July 18, from 11 AM- 7 PM. The event will feature many member favorites, including Silly Safaris, electric vehicle demonstrations, live line safety demonstrations, balloon animals, face painting, superheroes, and voting for our

Board of Directors election. Members who register to vote will receive \$10 in fair food vouchers to use at any food vendor. Voters will also be entered to win one of two (2) \$500 bill credits or one of eight (8) \$200 bill credits.

The election results will be announced at the business portion of our meeting at 6:30 PM. Election results will also be streamed on our YouTube page.

**ONLINE VOTING**

Members will be able to vote on their computer or mobile device on SmartHub for a chance to win one of two (2) \$500 bill credits or one of eight (8) \$200 bill credits. If you need assistance voting or enrolling for SmartHub, call us at (317) 745-5473. Online voters also earn fair bucks available for pick up at the meeting on July 18th.

*\* To win one of the \$500 bill credits, you must be present at the Business portion of the meeting at 6:30 PM.*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE**



Congratulations to our Board Member, Chris Mann of Area 6, for receiving his Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certificate! The CCD prepares directors with governance knowledge and skills to fulfill their fiduciary duty as elected officials serving on behalf of their membership. Board President Andy Lynch congratulates him on his accomplishment.

**CAPITAL CREDITS**

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The Hendricks Power Board of Directors will soon complete the annual review of Capital Credits. As a reminder, be sure to keep your member record information up-to-date.

Check back next month for more details. Call the Cooperative's Capital Credit team with any questions at (317) 745-5473 ext. 4008 or 1-800-876-5473 ext. 4008.

**3 BEDROOM SAFETY TIPS**

Use the correct bulb wattage.



Make sure all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working.

Clean the areas around vents and ceiling fans; check that screws are tightened.



**STEPPING OUT OF THE CAR IMMEDIATELY AFTER STRIKING A UTILITY POLE MAY KILL YOU. HERE'S WHY:**

Tens of thousands of accidents occur each year when power poles are struck by vehicles or large equipment. Each of these accidents has the potential to bring down power lines. Surviving the accident itself might not be enough to stay alive without awareness of the right moves to make.

"Stay in the car, stay in the car, stay in the car!" is the mantra Hendricks Power wants drivers to remember. The exception to this rule is if your car is on fire. In that case, jump clear of the vehicle without touching the vehicle and the ground at the same time. Then hop away with feet together. This way, there will not be a voltage difference between your two feet, which would give electricity the chance to flow through your body.

"Whenever a power line is involved, even a minor accident can become tragic," said Kodi Swafford, Safety Manager of Hendricks Power Cooperative. "Staying put for all involved and warning passersby to stay away, too, cannot be stressed enough. Only after first responders arrive on scene and say it's OK, should you get out."

Staying put may go against a driver's first inclination. You want to get out and check the car. But stepping out of the vehicle immediately after striking a utility pole may KILL YOU. Here's why:

**Power lines can fall.** When a pole is struck, power lines and hardware can break loose from their insulated perches atop the pole.

**Fallen power lines can still be energized.** Even touching the ground, power lines can still carry 7,200 volts or more. They may not spark or buzz.

**Fallen power lines are hard to see.** Silhouetted against the sky or glistening in sunlight atop poles, power lines may seem easy to see. But power lines are almost impossible to see when knocked down and twisted with tall grass or trees as a background, especially at night.

Electricity seeks the quickest path to ground. You become that path if you get out of the car and touch a live power line and the ground. That amount of electricity passing through you can kill you instantly.

If you are alive, you are safe. Immediately after a collision with a utility pole, you may not know if power lines have broken loose and are on your car. But if you are alive, you are not that deadly "path to ground." If you were in that path, you'd already be dead. Stay put and stay safe.

**Call 9-1-1.** After hitting a pole, call 9-1-1. Tell them you hit a pole and wait patiently. Tell passersby to stay back. **Wait until first responders and/or utility workers arrive and tell you that it's safe to exit.**

"Accidents with utility poles are always going to happen, especially when roads are wet," Swafford noted. "Know what to do if that happens to you so a minor accident doesn't become something worse."

**KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU HIT A POLE SO A MINOR ACCIDENT DOESN'T BECOME SOMETHING WORSE.**

