

# NEWS & VIEWS

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OF HENDRICKS POWER COOPERATIVE

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## AROUND TOWN

### Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 4

#### Application Deadline - Youth Power & Hope Awards

Do you know a middle school student making a difference? Tell them to apply for the Youth Power & Hope Awards!

**Learn more:**

[hendrickspower.com/youth-power-hope-award](http://hendrickspower.com/youth-power-hope-award)

OCTOBER 5-6, 12-13

#### Heartland Apple Festival 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:**

[beasleys-orchard.com](http://beasleys-orchard.com)

OCTOBER 7

#### Voter Registration Deadline

Register to vote by Oct. 7 to vote in the Nov. 5 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](http://indianavoters.in.gov)

OCTOBER 19

#### Championship Saturday

Lucas Oil Raceway Park  
Enjoy the Hendricks Power Tesla Model 3 as the pace car for the Championship Saturday race!

**Buy discounted tickets today:**

[tinyurl.com/raceirp](http://tinyurl.com/raceirp)

## NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL



Co-ops Power Communities  
with Purpose

All co-ops, including Hendricks Power, are guided by seven cooperative principles that embody the values and spirit of the cooperative movement.



**VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP**

Co-op membership is open to anyone who can use its services.



**DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL**

Members make decisions that shape the cooperative because co-ops are created by the members for the members.



**MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION**

Members shape the co-op by making decisions, as co-ops are created by and for them.



**AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE**

Co-ops are independent and can operate on their own, which ultimately benefits the members.



**EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION**

Co-ops focus on education to ensure employees have the training needed for success in the co-op.



**COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES**

Co-ops work for the greater good of their communities. Co-ops give back to local communities to help them thrive and grow.



**CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY**

Co-ops share and learn from other co-ops, helping each other out because we want all co-ops to thrive.

Communities come in all shapes and sizes. Some are based on geographical proximity, shared interests or hobbies, and even in virtual spaces like social media groups. Regardless of where or how they are formed, communities can bring people together and create a sense of belonging. Hendricks Power is deeply committed to our members, and we're glad you are part of the electric cooperative community.

More than 30,000 cooperatives across the U.S. celebrate National Co-op Month every October. It's a time to reflect on all the aspects that set cooperatives apart from other businesses and celebrate the power of co-op membership.

Electric cooperatives are not-for-profit utilities that are built by the communities they serve. For Hendricks Power, our mission has always been to provide affordable power. We care about your quality of life. We are locally operated and uniquely suited to meet our members' evolving energy needs.

Our employees and directors are equally invested in our local community because we live here, too. We work hard to support local economic development projects, youth programs and scholarships, charitable giving initiatives, and additional programs that make our community a better place to call home.

As we celebrate National Co-op Month and the power of membership, we hope you recognize the many aspects that set electric cooperatives apart. Our mission is reliable power. Our purpose is people—the local communities we're proud to serve.

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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative





## HPC Completes Meter UPGRADES

Hendricks Power is proud to announce the completion of the meter upgrade project. All meters through the Hendricks Power service territory now offer new technology that will increase reliability and reduce outage times.

These upgraded meters provide multiple benefits to our members including:

### Outage Notifications

These new meters will notify the cooperative when you experience an outage, instead of relying on reports from members. That means quicker restoration time for everyone! In some cases, your power may be restored before you even know it has gone out.

### Resolves Troubleshooting

The new meters give our crews the tools to identify hazards and correct them before they cause outages, which means more reliable power for members.

We are excited to share these technological upgrades and look forward to providing more reliable power than ever!

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

If you recently made or plan to make energy efficiency upgrades to your home, you may be eligible for federal tax credits. The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022 empowers homeowners to save up to \$3,000 annually to lower the cost of efficiency upgrades by up to 30%. A few upgrades covered through the IRA include new exterior doors, windows, insulation, heating/cooling equipment and other major appliances. If you have completed or are considering an efficiency upgrade, visit [energystar.gov/federal-tax-credits](https://energystar.gov/federal-tax-credits) to learn if you qualify for tax credits.

Source: [energystar.gov](https://energystar.gov)



Make sure your outdoor decorations only LOOK or SOUND spooky. Inspect each mechanical ghoul, ghost or goblin for cracked, frayed or bare wires. You don't want them to really cause a shock or start a fire!



Want to convert your yard or open garage into a haunted house? Don't let it turn into a true-to-life horror story through electrical fires or hazards. Only use electrical items marked "for outdoor use." Plug those decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).



Halloween night is not the time to take a trip. Keep electric cords away from doorways and walkways, lest you or your trick-or-treaters trip and fall.



Keep nails and staples away from light strings and extension cords. They can easily damage the cord's insulation and expose the wires inside.



Consider battery-operated or new LED lights rather than use a candle in your jack-o'-lantern. These options create less risk of fire or burns. LEDs only use one-quarter as much electricity as incandescent bulbs and may last 25 times longer. Many new LEDs have programmable colors and patterns to make your jack-o'-lantern spookier.



When it's time to hang up the costume and retire for the evening — or if you're leaving home for a few hours — make sure you turn off your electrical decorations.



## HPC Sponsors First Luncheon with Hendricks County Senior Services

Energy Advisor's Q&A focused on energy efficiency and winterizing

On Tuesday, September 3rd, Hendricks Power sponsored a luncheon at Hendricks County Senior Services (HCSS). The lunch focused on educating attendees on energy efficiency.

Hendricks Power provided 75 seniors with a boxed lunch meal from Panera and an opportunity to learn more about home energy usage. The energy advisors spoke about changing HVAC filters, winterizing homes, space heater safety, and preparing for the colder months.

Steve Hite, Energy Advisor at Hendricks Power, added, "We hope to build on this momentum with HCSS. Our goal is to help community members understand how to conserve energy and ways their daily usage and habits affect their bills."

"We always enjoy partnering with HCSS. They are always engaged and active participants in the events we sponsor." Says Emily Thomas, Manager of Marketing Communications at Hendricks Power. "With cooler months coming, we wanted to offer strategies and tools to help them manage their usage, regardless of their energy provider."

The lunch kicks off a series of informative events at HCSS. The next sponsored luncheon will focus on cybersecurity and avoiding scams.

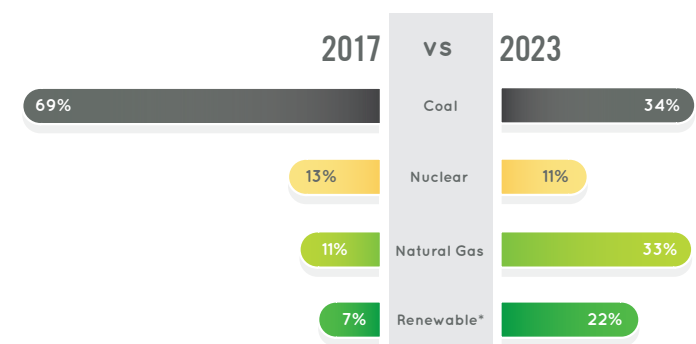
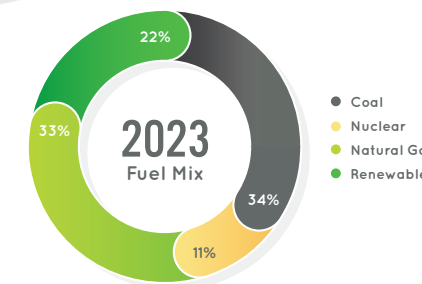


## Evolving Fuel Mix

Hendricks Power's power supplier, Wabash Valley Power Alliance, has made a commitment over the past decade to dramatically change how electricity is generated for its 23 member electric cooperatives and the 35,000 member-owners of our co-op. Advances in technology have made sustainable energy sources like wind and solar power good for the environment and more affordable.

"Renewables like wind and solar were not the most economical choice for the first part of the last ten years," said Matt Moore, Executive Vice President of Power Supply at the Wabash Valley Power Alliance. "But with more efficient, taller wind turbines and less expensive solar panel production, we expect that cost trend to continue."

That's why Wabash Valley Power has taken a different approach to energy generation: a more balanced approach incorporating various fuel sources. "We've always said it's not a smart idea to put all your eggs in one basket," stated Moore. "We believe an approach that includes a variety of fuels and multiple sources of supply helps to cut down on electric market volatility and overall supply risk."



\*Data provided by Wabash Valley Power Alliance.