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FEBRUARY 1 & 2
Indiana Fishing Expo
Hendricks Co. 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:
indianafishingexpo.com

FEBRUARY 17
Legislative Breakfast
Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds
7:00am
Join us for our 2025 Legislative Breakfasts. A complimentary breakfast will be served at 7:00 am, followed by an opportunity to speak with your representatives at the Indiana Statehouse. Please check our Facebook and website for any possible updates.

The remaining 2025 dates are March 17 and April 28. RSVP by the Thursday before to janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com

MARCH 3
Youth Program Deadlines
Applications for Youth Tour and Camp Kilowatt are due for consideration.

Learn More:
hendrickspower.com

MARCH 7
HPC Scholarship Deadline
Applications for Commitment to Community Scholarships are due by 4:30 pm.
Learn More:
hendrickspower.com/scholarships

YOUTH PROGRAMS

APPLY NOW

2025 YOUTH PROGRAMS



Hendricks Power Cooperative is thrilled to announce the return of its annual youth programs, offering unforgettable opportunities for middle and high school students in the community. This year's offerings include Camp Kilowatt, the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., and the Commitment to Community Scholarships—each designed to inspire, educate, and empower the next generation.

Camp Kilowatt: An Outdoor Adventure with a Purpose
Formerly known as Touchstone Energy Camp, Camp Kilowatt will take place June 4-7, 2025, at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana. Open to current sixth-grade students, this immersive three-day experience combines outdoor fun with hands-on learning. Activities include horseback riding, zip-lining, canoeing, and archery, along with lessons on eco-consciousness, electrical safety, and cooperative principles. **Interested students can apply at CampKilowatt.org. Applications are due by March 3, 2025.**

Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.: A Week of History and Discovery
Hendricks Power proudly sponsors the annual Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., a week-long journey to the nation's capital from June 15-22, 2025. Open to current high school juniors, the trip includes visits to iconic landmarks like the Gettysburg Battlefield, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Smithsonian museums. Students will also tour memorials honoring figures like Jefferson, Martin Luther King Jr., and Franklin D. Roosevelt and enjoy a memorable night cruise on the Potomac River. This prestigious program brings together more than 1,800 students nationwide for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. **Applications are available at IndianaYouthTour.org and must be submitted by March 3, 2025.**

Commitment to Community Scholarships: Supporting Higher Education
Hendricks Power also offers six \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors within its service area. These scholarships can be used for college tuition or other higher education expenses. Applicants will need to complete an application and provide a letter of recommendation, a copy of their transcript, and an essay based on the prompt provided. **Apply at HendricksPower.com by March 7, 2025.**

"We're excited to provide these incredible opportunities to local students," said Emily Thomas, Marketing Communications Manager at Hendricks Power. "Programs like the Youth Tour and Camp Kilowatt are truly life-changing experiences, and our goal is to make them accessible to as many students as possible. We encourage our members to share these opportunities with schools and community groups to ensure more students can benefit."

DUE DATES

MAR 3 Camp Kilowatt
Youth Tour

MAR 7 Commitment
to Community
Scholarships

Questions? Contact
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MEET KEITH COOPER
Hendricks Power Board Treasurer & Area 5 Director

Where do you live?
My wife & I live West of Danville, near Amo in Clay Township.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I enjoy tending to a small herd of red Angus cattle, trying different restaurants and foods, going to Colts games with my daughter and granddaughter, and playing golf part-time.

Tell us briefly about your background and what led you to join the board.

I attended Ben Davis High School and graduated from Purdue with a Bachelor's in Agronomy. I married my wife, Tammy, and we have two kids. We've been in the Amo area since 1988. I've farmed in Hendricks County, for the past 45 years.

I have farmed approximately 2000 acres of land, raising corn, soybeans, and wheat. I raise swine and furrow to finish about 90 sows a year.

I also served on the Hendricks Co. 4-H Fair Board for 12 years. I enjoyed this program and working with youth.

I learned about the HPC Board of Directors from Willard Lydick, a 30+ year board member, who told me about the co-op and how it supports its members and local community. I applied because I wanted to make a difference and represent my neighbors.

Which Cooperative Principle most strongly resonates with you?

All seven cooperative principles are equally important. Democratic control over the Cooperative resonates with me because members select the board. Co-ops were created by the members for the members.

What do you hope to contribute to the board?

I want to continue to be a voice, along with the board and staff, to keep providing reliable service at a reasonable rate to our members. Also, community involvement is always a high priority for Hendricks Power and myself.

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(Left to Right) Jack Clark, Tyler Shoffner, and Ty Hamstra

Hendricks Power Apprentices Graduate

Twenty-six lineworkers, including Hendricks Power's Jack Clark, Ty Hamstra, and Tyler Shoffner, 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 completing 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. "We are proud to have these hardworking individuals as part of the cooperative family."



Providing electricity is just the beginning—Hendricks Power is committed to empowering our community in various ways.

With its Seven Cooperative Principles at heart, Hendricks Power embraces its love and commitment to the community. Valentine's Day provides the perfect moment to celebrate HPC's dedication to its members. 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. Here are a few ways HPC supports its community year-round.

Youth Programs - Hendricks Power annually awards six \$1,500 scholarships to deserving high school seniors. Local students have the opportunity to be sponsored for the week-long Youth Tour to Washington D.C. or Camp Kilowatt, a retreat filled with summertime activities.

Legislative Breakfasts - Hendricks Power is proud to co-sponsor four Legislative Breakfasts that offer residents an opportunity to hear what's happening during session at the statehouse and ask questions.

Community Service Days - Hendricks Power hosts a community service day and invites its employees to make an impact in their community. This year's project assisted Cloverdale Main Street's beautification efforts. The team partnered with Cloverdale High School to collect trash at the cemetery, rake leaves, clean out the historic Ice House, and hang festive lights. It isn't just a day; year-round, we look for ways to impact the community.

Annual Meeting & Elections - Being a member-owned cooperative means that the most critical decisions are made by our Board of Directors, who are members just like you. The annual election allows members to vote in a democratic process to elect board members that best reflect their own interests.

Community Sponsorships - Pittsboro Elementary School Robotics team, Just Be Kind Club, Susie's Place Child Advocacy Centers, Volunteer Fire Departments, Hendricks County Senior Services, leadership programs, community events, humane societies; you name it, Hendricks Power is a proud supporter of various local organizations.

Informational Demonstrations - Hendricks Power hosts community safety and electric vehicle demonstrations for events, schools, and other non-profit organizations. This year, the co-op hosted multiple field trips for local homeschool students to learn about electrical safety. We also hosted safety programs for the schools, Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, Putnam County Fair, and many other organizations. Members can also request complimentary demonstrations for their event or organization.

Community Outreach - HPC awarded two teachers the Empowering Students Award, which was created to recognize and give back to the professionals developing our youth. HPC collected non-perishable food items to distribute to local blessing boxes and built its own box in front of its office.

Energy Audits - HPC offers complimentary energy audits from our Building Performance Institute certified Energy Advisors to assist members with energy efficiency. These audits give members strategies to help save electricity.

If you would like to learn more about these services, please visit hendrickspower.com. Stay up-to-date with current news by following our Facebook page, facebook.com/HendricksPower.



Operation Round Up Continues Community Support

Hendricks Power Cooperative is proud to announce a \$2,000 donation to the Just Be Kind Club, a local student-led organization dedicated to fostering kindness and supporting community needs. The funds were provided on behalf of Hendricks Power Cooperative and its members to help support the club's impactful initiatives.

The donation was utilized to purchase coats for the organization's winter coat drive, an effort aimed at ensuring students in need throughout Hendricks County stay warm during the colder months. The coats will be distributed to students in partnership with local schools, helping to alleviate the burden on families and ensure that every child has the resources they need to thrive.

"We're happy to be able to assist the Just Be Kind Club in their efforts to provide coats to every student in need," said Heather Thompson, Director of Marketing and Member Engagement at Hendricks Power Cooperative. "The students that have organized the coat drive and distribution have gone above and beyond to help their neighbors, demonstrating remarkable leadership and compassion. We can't wait to see what their next creative project entails to benefit our community."

The Just Be Kind Club has been actively engaged in a variety of community initiatives aimed at spreading kindness and making a positive impact. The organization is widely recognized for creating and selling yard signs, t-shirts, and other items to promote its mission. Proceeds from these sales are donated to support local causes. Past initiatives include Turkeys for Seniors, an Art & Music Festival fundraiser, and a game tournament fundraiser. With the support of local organizations like Hendricks Power Cooperative, the club continues to expand its reach and impact, inspiring others to join its mission of kindness and generosity.

