

NEWS & VIEWS

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OF HENDRICKS POWER COOPERATIVE

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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

NOW - AUGUST 18

Summer Fun Run/Walk

Various Hendricks County Parks

4:30 - 6:30 pm

Visit new parks & trails across Hendricks Co. to support the Parks Foundation!

Learn More: summerfunrun.org

JULY 1-16

Online Board of Directors Voting

Log in to SmartHub to cast your vote!

Voting ends July 16 at 11:59 pm.

JULY 4

Independence Day Holiday

Our office will be closed in observance.

JULY 17

Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Join us for our board of directors election, live line safety demo, electric vehicle demo, Silly Safaris animal shows, face painting, and balloon animals!

Learn more: hendrickspower.com/annualmeeting

JULY 18

Evenings in Danville

Ellis Park Amphitheater Danville
7:00 pm

Enjoy free live music from Rocks Off, a Rolling Stones tribute band. There will be food trucks and local vendors there. Bring your lawn chair, friends, family, and enjoy!

Learn More: danvilleparks.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=703

ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBER APPRECIATION

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SCHEDULE

EVENTS | THURSDAY, JULY 17, 11 AM - 7 PM

11 AM REGISTRATION & VOTING BEGIN

SPONSOR OF THE DAY PAVILION

Receive \$10 in fair bucks for registering to vote!

2 PM SAFETY DEMONSTRATION

HENDRICKS POWER EXPO HALL

Learn about indoor & outdoor electrical safety. Fun for all ages!

3:00 & 4:30 PM SILLY SAFARIS SHOWS

ENTERTAINMENT STAGE

Get close and learn about a variety of animals.

4 PM ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION

PROMENADE

Learn about our Tesla Model 3, Model Y, and Ford Lightning!

4:30-6:30 PM FAMILY FUN

SPONSOR OF THE DAY PAVILION

Submit your votes by 6 PM and enjoy family fun with balloon animals and face painting!

6:30 PM BUSINESS MEETING

HENDRICKS POWER EXPO HALL

Catch up on current cooperative happenings, results of the election, and winners of the bill credits.*



YOU'RE INVITED!

This year's annual meeting offers more attractions and voting flexibility than ever! Our members can vote online through SmartHub from July 1-16 and at our annual meeting on Thursday, July 17, from 11 am to 6 pm. All voting members will be eligible to win one of eight \$200 bill credits.

The event is at the Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds and will feature many member favorites, including Silly Safaris, electric vehicle demonstration, live line safety demonstration, balloon animals, face painting, 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.

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.

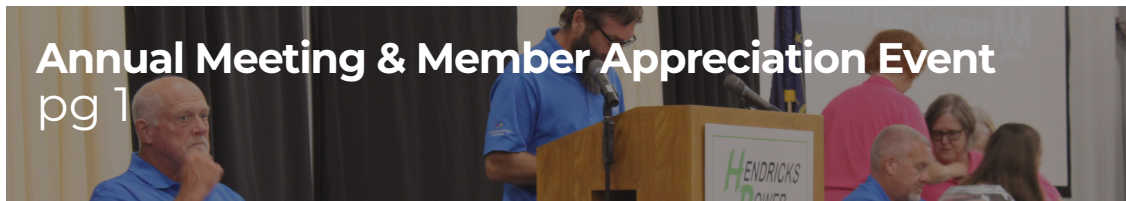
Be sure to take advantage of all the family-friendly activities throughout the day! Check your mail for your invitation and FREE admission QR code!

Learn more and stay up-to-date at hendrickspower.com/annualmeeting

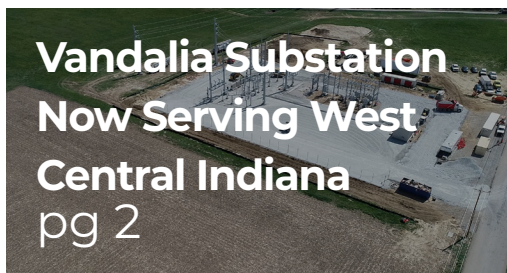


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2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES



AREA 1 - BRENT SHAY, INCUMBENT

Brent Shay and his wife, Terri, have lived in Hendricks County and been Hendricks Power Cooperative members for over 40 years. Shay is seeking re-election to represent Area 1. He recently retired as Operations President at Core-Mark, a PFG company, with over 45 years of leadership in wholesale distribution. He serves on the Hendricks Power Board, is President of the Hendricks County Building Facilities Corporation, and is a Precinct Committeeman for Guilford Township. Shay supports Meals on Wheels and Active Grace Food Pantry. He and Terri are active at Plainfield Christian Church and enjoy time with their children and four grandchildren.



AREA 2 - ANDY LYNCH, INCUMBENT

Andy Lynch is the incumbent director seeking re-election in Area 2. He graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics. While attending Purdue, Lynch worked at the cooperative as a summer employee. After graduation, he took a job with Himself Brothers Grain and Livestock, where he was employed until his retirement. Lynch has served on the Hendricks Power Cooperative Board of Directors since 1998 and currently serves as the Board President.



AREA 3 - MATT HESSION, INCUMBENT

Matt Hession is the incumbent director seeking re-election in Area 3. He is a native of Brownsburg where he graduated from Brownsburg High School. He farms with his brother, raising corn, soybeans and hay. Hession has been a member of the cooperative for 33 years, and was appointed to the Board of Directors in 1993 where he currently serves as Vice President. Hession and his wife, Debbie, have three children and are active members of St. Malachy church in Brownsburg. Hession currently serves on the Wabash Valley Power Alliance Board of Directors.

VANDALIA SUBSTATION



Powering the Future: Vandalia Substation Now Serving West Central Indiana

We’re proud to announce the completion of the Vandalia Substation, Hendricks Power’s latest investment in reliable, resilient, and forward-thinking energy infrastructure, is complete and scheduled to be in service by mid-June!

The Vandalia Substation will immediately boost service reliability for members in the Heritage Lake, Stilesville, Greencastle and Cloverdale areas while also supporting future growth in the Greencastle area.

“This substation is a major step in our long-term plan to strengthen Hendricks Power’s distribution system,” said Mike Good, Director of Engineering at Hendricks Power. “We’re not just meeting today’s demands—we’re building for tomorrow.”

Choosing the right location was a key part of the process. Hendricks Power evaluated four potential sites and conducted

detailed site surveys before selecting Vandalia—a former hay field—as the optimal location. It was chosen for its:

- Proximity to transmission lines
- Ideal location to distribution lines
- Lower construction costs
- Close access to the Greencastle area, opening the door for future growth and service opportunities

Planning for the substation began in 2022, with a strong focus on long-term needs and space. The cost of critical infrastructure, such as transformers, has doubled in price over the last five years, making early investment even more crucial.

The Vandalia Substation represents our ongoing commitment to reliable service, innovation, and smart planning. As our communities grow, Hendricks Power is proud to power the progress safely, efficiently, and with an eye on the future.

VOTE ONLINE



Vote online with SmartHub from July 1-16

Need help registering for SmartHub? Visit our website or call us at (317) 745-5473.

View candidates at hendrickspower.com/candidates

Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation
July 17, 11 am - 7 pm
Submit votes by 6 pm.

Join us at the Sponsor of the Day Pavilion to receive your \$10 in fair bucks for voting.

Attend the business meeting at 6:30 pm for a chance to win one of two (2) \$500 bill credits.

HPC Announces 2025 Scholarship Winners

Hendricks Power Cooperative is proud to announce the recipients of its 2025 Commitment to Community Scholarship—an annual tradition that honors local students who go above and beyond in the classroom and their communities.

Congratulations to the 2025 scholarship recipients:

- Adelyn Wyndham – Avon High School
- Calleigh Neal – Avon High School
- Connor Taylor – Avon High School
- Kendell Ohaya – Plainfield High School
- Morgan Walters – Tri-West High School
- Susanna Akinwole – Plainfield High School



Adelyn Wyndham



Calleigh Neal



Connor Taylor



Kendell Ohaya



Morgan Walters



Susanna Akinwole

Each student will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to support their continued education at the college or vocational school of their choice. Recipients were selected for their academic excellence, compelling application essays, and personal achievements that reflect the cooperative’s values of community, service, and leadership.

To celebrate their accomplishments, Hendricks Power hosted a recognition dinner on May 22, where students and their families gathered with cooperative leaders to reflect on the journey so far—and what’s ahead.

“Each year, I am in awe of our applicants,” said Emily Thomas, Marketing Communications Manager at Hendricks Power. “It’s not just their academic achievements, but also the unwavering dedication they show to their communities. Their hard work, passion, and commitment are truly impressive, and we look forward to seeing all they accomplish in the future.”

Hendricks Power remains committed to supporting local youth and investing in the future of the communities it serves. Congratulations to the class of 2025!

Applications for the 2026 Commitment to Community Scholarships will be available in January at hendrickspower.com/scholarships.

HENDRICKS POWER AND OPERATION ROUND UP DONATIONS



HPC AND OPERATION ROUND UP DONATIONS SUPPORT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Recent donations benefit Strides to Success, Brownsburg Kiwanis, and the Imagination Library of Hendricks County

Hendricks Power Cooperative is proud to announce recent charitable contributions made through its Operation Round Up program and direct community support initiatives, continuing its mission of empowering and enriching the communities it serves.

Operation Round Up, a member-funded charitable program, awarded a \$1,500 grant to Strides to Success, a local nonprofit dedicated to equine-assisted learning programs that help individuals build confidence, develop life skills, and overcome personal challenges. The funds will support Strides to Success in its ongoing fundraising efforts and program operations.

In addition, Brownsburg Kiwanis received \$1,000 to support its youth-focused initiatives, including scholarships, the Brownsburg Bike Challenge, and other community events that promote leadership and service among young people in the area.

As part of its broader commitment to education and youth development, Hendricks Power also donated \$5,000 to the Imagination Library of Hendricks County. This program, founded by Dolly Parton, provides free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five. Currently, nearly 2,800 children in Hendricks County are enrolled. A year-long sponsorship for a child costs just \$31.20, allowing the donation to make a meaningful impact in the lives of local children.

In a show of support for rural communities and early childhood literacy, CoBank matched Hendricks Power’s \$5,000 donation through its Sharing Success Program, bringing the total contribution to \$10,000.

“We’re proud to support programs that strengthen and uplift our community,” said Heather Thompson, Director of Marketing and Human Resources at Hendricks Power. “Whether it’s through education, youth programming, or innovative learning opportunities, these organizations are making a lasting difference in the lives of the next generation.”

For more information about Hendricks Power’s community efforts or to enroll in Operation Round Up, please visit hendrickspower.com/roundup.