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Calendar of Events

NOW - NOVEMBER 2

Fall Festivals & Activities

Beasley's Orchard, Danville
Enjoy endless amounts of family fun! Attractions include corn mazes, hayrides, apple cannons, barnyard bonanzas, and more!

Learn More:

beasleys-orchard.com

OCTOBER 3

Application Deadline - Youth Power & Hope Awards

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

Learn More:

hendrickspower.com/youth-power-hope-award

OCTOBER 4

Hendricks Co. International Fest

The Shops at Perry Crossing, Plainfield

11 am - 4 pm

Enjoy this free family-friendly educational event. There will be food trucks, booths, live dance and music performances, and more!

Learn More:

hcinternationalfestival.com

OCTOBER 11

Fall Colors Festival

McCloud Nature Park, North Salem
10 am - 3 pm

Celebrate autumn in full color with this free, fun for all ages, family-friendly Fall Colors Festival. Enjoy live music, local vendors, archery, axe throwing, hayrides, a bonfire, photo ops, and Pioneer Days stations.

Learn More:

hendrickscountyparks.org

NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH



Powered by Purpose: Celebrating National Co-op Month

Every October, electric cooperatives across the country celebrate National Co-op Month. It's a time to highlight the cooperative difference, reflect on the advantages of being member-owned, and recognize the people who make it all possible—you, our members.

"At Hendricks Power, I see purpose in action every day," said Greg Ternet, CEO. "Unlike investor-owned utilities, we don't exist to make profits for distant shareholders. We exist to serve our members, neighbors, and communities. That purpose is what sets us apart, and it's what continues to drive every decision we make."

Local Leadership, Local Decisions

Being a cooperative means we are owned by our members and guided by local voices. You elect board members who live in your area. They understand the needs of our community and make decisions close to home, not in distant boardrooms.

This local accountability ensures that we remain focused on what matters most: delivering reliable, affordable power and investing in the strength of our communities.

Reliability When It Matters Most

Reliability is at the core of our mission. Our employees and crews live in the same neighborhoods as our members, which means when severe weather or outages occur, we're ready to respond quickly. We continually invest in infrastructure upgrades, new technologies, and grid improvements to strengthen reliability and enhance service.

A Mission Beyond the Power Lines

Electric cooperatives were built to meet community needs, and that mission extends beyond keeping the lights on. We proudly support schools, youth programs, and volunteer organizations that improve the quality of life. Community support isn't an afterthought—it's part of who we are.

Looking Ahead

As demand for electricity grows with new technologies and local economic development, Hendricks Power is planning for the future. We're committed to providing an energy mix that is both reliable and affordable while continuing to innovate and adapt to members' changing needs.

Powered by Purpose

That's the power of the cooperative difference. It's about more than delivering electricity—it's about serving neighbors, supporting our communities, and planning for a brighter future.

This National Co-op Month, we encourage you to take pride in your membership. You're not just a member—you're an owner, a partner, and a vital part of what keeps our community strong.

Thank you for the trust you place in us. We're proud to serve you!

COLORING CONTEST

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Winning artwork will be featured on our 2025 company holiday cards & win an arts & crafts basket valued at \$200!

SUBMISSIONS DUE NOV 3

Hendricks Power is excited to announce a Coloring Contest for HPC's little members! **The contest begins on October 1 and ends on November 3.** Winning artwork will be featured on our 2025 company holiday cards and win an arts & crafts basket valued at \$200. We can't wait to see your child's artwork bring holiday cheer! **HPC members only.*

How to Enter
Download and print the coloring sheet at hendrickspower.com/coloringcontest
Submit your child's coloring sheet and complete the entry form one of three ways:

Online: Upload a high-resolution image using the entry form on our website.

By Mail: Send entries to:
ATTN: Emily Thomas
Hendricks Power
P.O. Box 309, Danville, IN 46122

In Person: Drop off entries to HPC during business hours, M-F 7:30 am-4:30 pm.

Requirements
All entries must be received by November 3. Online entries must be high-resolution. One entry per child will be accepted (ages 2-12). To be selected as the winner, you must keep the original coloring sheet for HPC to use at a later date. The entry must include coloring sheet and the completed member information form.

Questions
For any questions, please contact Emily Thomas at ethomas@hendrickspower.com.

LINEMAN RODEO



Lineman Rodeo Recap

Hendricks Power linemen compete at the Indiana Electric Cooperative Lineman Rodeo

Hendricks Power linemen competed at the Indiana Electric Cooperative Lineman Rodeo Aug. 21-22 at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds in Danville. The two-day, family-friendly event showcased the skills and safety training of electric cooperative lineworkers.

The rodeo included competitive events for apprentices, journeyman lineworkers, and teams of three. Lineworkers were tested on skills such as pole climbing, hurt man rescue, and safely changing power line hardware, recognizing and rewarding excellence in safety, skill, and knowledge.

Hendricks Power sent two teams and one individual participant to the state competition. A total of 35 teams with more than 130 individuals from 26 Indiana electric cooperatives competed in this year's event.



The following linemen represented Hendricks Power at the rodeo:

- Wyatt Berlyn, Third-Year Apprentice

Wyatt Kingery, Fourth-Year Apprentice

Tye Moffitt, First-Year Apprentice
- Matt Rickelman, Lineman

Brett VanRensselaer, Second-Year Apprentice

David Wingler, Senior Lineman



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

ENERGY VAMPIRES

Hidden energy vampires in your home quietly add to your energy usage—learn how to spot them and cut their power with a few simple habits

Autumn has arrived—bringing cool breezes, golden leaves, and more time spent indoors. But as you settle in for scary movie marathons, something spooky could be lurking in your home: energy vampires. These culprits quietly use electricity even when you think they're off.

Also known as phantom loads or parasitic loads, these power suckers hide all over your house. Their favorite "coffin"? Your entertainment center. Most smart TVs, streaming devices, gaming consoles, and even old-school DVD players stay partially on, ready for your next binge session.

The scary truth: Studies show that 5% to 10% of the average home's electricity use comes from phantom loads. For a typical U.S. household using about 10,700 kWh per year, that means 700-1,000 kWh annually—just from devices you're not using! That's enough to take a bite out of your holiday budgets.

How to Slay Energy Vampires
Unplug chargers and small electronics when not in use.
Use smart power strips that can be controlled via a smart device or voice assistant. They protect sensitive electronics from power surges and make it easy to shut down multiple devices at once.
Unplug game consoles, streaming devices, and TVs, so they are not in standby mode.

Don't let vampires, phantoms, and parasites haunt your energy usage. A few simple steps can help keep your energy costs in check and make the holiday season more enjoyable!

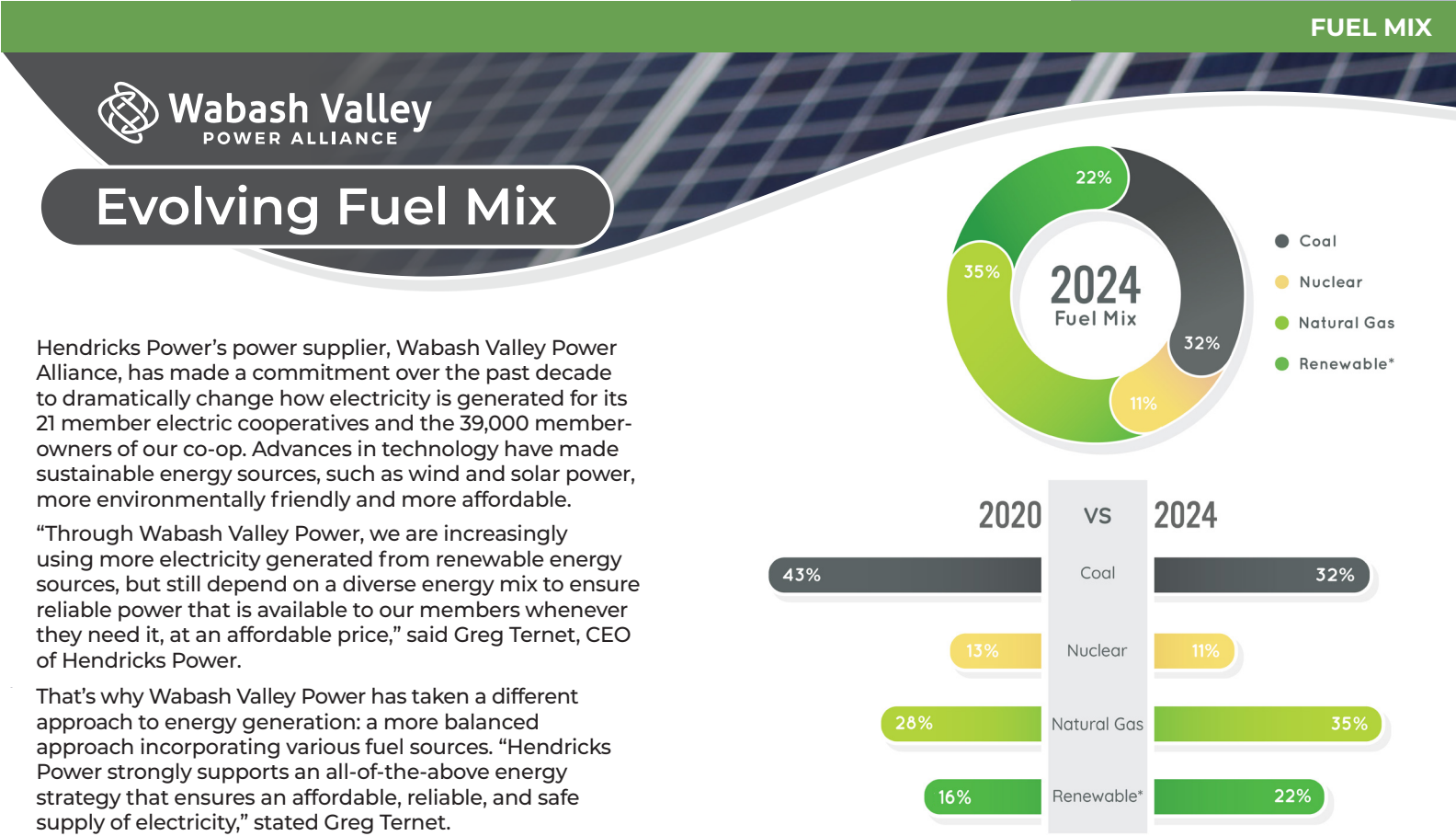
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Congratulations
DAVE THOMAS
AT-LARGE DIRECTOR

Please join us in congratulating Dave Thomas on successfully earning his Board Leadership Certificate (BLC) from NRECA!

The BLC is the second part of the director education program, focusing on advanced governance and industry topics, including risk management, technology, and policy development. This achievement demonstrates Dave's commitment to growing his knowledge and serving HPC members with excellence.

FUEL MIX



**We invest in the development of renewable projects in a variety of ways. We have constructed several smaller solar arrays near the communities we serve, and we contract with energy producers for the electricity output from wind farms and large-scale solar arrays. Finally, we capture the methane gas that escapes from landfills and turn that gas into electricity. However, because we sell the majority of the renewable attributes associated with the electricity produced by these renewable power sources to third parties, we cannot "claim" those kilowatts that are generated as renewable within our supply portfolio. By selling these attributes, commonly referred to as "RECS", we not only enable other organizations to meet their renewable energy goals, but also the revenues generated from these sales help us to lower wholesale power costs to our 21 member distribution cooperatives. *Data provided by Wabash Valley Power Alliance.*