

NEWS & VIEWS

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SEPTEMBER 2025

AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 6-7

Fair on the Square

Downtown Danville

Sat: 9 am-6 pm Sun: 10 am-4 pm

Fair on the Square is an annual community event that hosts more than 100 vendors, food, and live music.

Learn More:

danvilletrikappa.com

SEPTEMBER 20 - 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

SEPTEMBER 28

Bow Wow Bash

Washington Twp. Park, Avon

12-5 pm

The BOW WOW BASH is a fantastic day of tail waggin' fun for dogs and their humans! Join in on the fun during the Hendricks Power Ball Drop!

Learn More:

bowwowbash.net

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

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Do You Know a
Middle Schooler
Making a Difference
in Your Community?

YOUTH
power
& **hope**
AWARDS

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH POWER & HOPE AWARDS

Hendricks Power and Indiana's Electric Cooperatives are accepting applications for awards that recognize the community spirit of Indiana's youth.

The Youth Power and Hope Awards program honors Indiana students in fifth through eighth grades who are leaders in their communities. Applicants are required to be cooperative members. Up to five qualified candidates will be selected to receive \$500. Local winners will be featured in the News and Views newsletter, among other highlights.

"At Hendricks Power, giving back to our community is one of the top priorities we strive to accomplish," said Heather Thompson, Director of Marketing and Human Resources. "We want to recognize young leaders who are making a positive impact through celebrating and encouraging our future community leaders."

Past award recipients include students who have initiated a coat drive for the underprivileged, supported patients at Riley Children's Hospital, worked with special needs children, volunteered at a local animal shelter, raised money for the American Cancer Society, and more.

Applicants must submit an online application. Applicants will be asked to provide examples and information about their community service activities, share any relevant photos, and list references who may be contacted for additional information. The deadline for entries is Friday, October 3.



Application Deadline:
Friday, Oct. 3

Scan to learn more & apply:
hendrickspower.com/youth-power-hope-award



MEET
DAVE
THOMAS
Hendricks Power
Board Member &
At-Large Director

Where do you live?
I live in the North Salem area. This is in District 2 of Hendricks Power Cooperative, and I currently serve as one of the At-Large Directors.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?
In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, especially our two grandchildren, on our farm. I also enjoy being involved in the activities of our church, community, and charitable organizations here in Hendricks County.

Tell us briefly about your background and what led you to join the board.
I grew up in Clayton and graduated from Cascade High School with the class of 1980. During my sophomore year, I began working as a part-time clerk at the Kroger in Plainfield. I rotated through various store departments before starting management training. I then served the community as an Assistant Manager in the other stores. Following this, I went back to the Plainfield Kroger

where I originally started as the Store Manager. I held various leadership roles at the company and retired in 2020 after 42 years. When the Board seat in the area I reside came open, I decided to continue serving our community by running for the seat on the Board.

Which Cooperative Principle most strongly resonates with you?
The Principle I most resonate with is Concern for the Community. Sustainable development within the community, with support from members, is an important aspect of the Cooperative's future.

What is your biggest contribution to the board?
Sharing my business and leadership experience with our Cooperative has been something I will continue to contribute. I also serve as the representative for Hendricks Power on the Indiana Statewide Electric Cooperative Board, where I actively participate in collaborative initiatives that help guide our local Cooperative.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Empowering Students Award

Nominate a Teacher to Win \$250
of School Supplies for Their Classroom!

Do you know a standout local teacher, or are you a teacher, who goes above and beyond to inspire and empower students? Nominate an educator or yourself for HPC's Empowering Students Award! Two winners will receive \$250 worth of school supplies from their wishlist, a token of our appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

HOW TO ENTER:

1. Nominate the teacher by completing the form at hendrickspower.com/empower.
2. Share a brief story about why they're so amazing.
3. Follow HPC's Facebook to stay updated on the contest at facebook.com/HendricksPower.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Teachers must meet the following requirements:

- Full-time employee.
- Public or private school teacher for grades K-12.
- Employed at a school that serves students who are Hendricks Power members.

Let's celebrate our unsung heroes and give them the tools they need to continue making an impact. The nomination period ends on September 30th, so don't wait—nominate now! If you have additional questions about the award or eligibility, please contact Emily Thomas at ethomas@hendrickspower.com.



Autumn Home Prep
Simple ways to save energy

Autumn is just around the corner, bringing cooler temperatures and falling leaves. Now is the ideal time to prepare your home for the colder months ahead. A few simple updates and maintenance tasks can help make your home more energy-efficient, keeping you comfortable while lowering your energy usage this winter.

- Replace Your Filters**
It's easy to forget about your furnace filter, but now is the time to make it a priority. A clogged filter forces your HVAC system to work harder, using more energy and raising your bills. Replacing it regularly not only saves energy but also reduces allergens and prevents costly system strain.
 - Sealing and Insulating**
Heating and cooling can account for nearly half of your home's energy use. Reduce waste by sealing drafty areas, checking door weather stripping and window gaskets for leaks, and insulating ducts—especially in unheated spaces like attics and basements.
 - Program Your Thermostat**
Make sure your programmable thermostat matches your current schedule. The U.S. Department of Energy recommends setting it between 68°F and 70°F while you're awake and lowering it when you're asleep or away to save energy.
 - Double-Check Your Chimneys and Vents**
Before using your fireplace, have your chimney inspected and cleaned to prevent fire hazards and carbon monoxide leaks. Ask your chimney sweep to check your damper, and make sure all exterior exhaust fans (kitchen and bathrooms) are working properly.
 - Reverse Your Ceiling Fans**
Set your ceiling fans to rotate clockwise at a low speed during winter. This gently pushes warm air down from the ceiling, helping your heating system run more efficiently.
 - Clear Leaves from Your HVAC Unit**
Remove fallen leaves and debris from around your outdoor HVAC unit this autumn. Blocked airflow can make your system work harder, increasing energy use and risking potential damage.
- Don't wait until you receive your first winter weather statement to call an Energy Advisor for your free energy audit. Our Energy Advisors will conduct an audit at your convenience. Contact us at (317) 745-5473 or hendrickspower.com/energy-advisor.



ENERGY
EFFICIENCY
TIP OF THE MONTH

Turn your suds into savings. Lower your energy use in the laundry room by washing clothes with cold water whenever possible, as heating water accounts for most of the energy used in a wash cycle. Wash full loads to make the most of energy savings, and use high-efficiency detergent designed for cold washes. For drying cycles, clean the lint filter before each load to improve airflow and use dryer balls to reduce drying time.



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ABOVE GROUND
Buried utilities are just below the surface. Know what's below. 811 Before you dig.
Call 811 or visit indiana811.org.

