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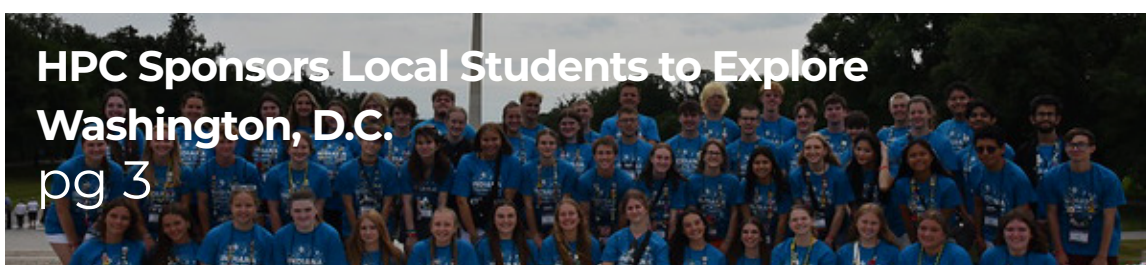
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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

AUGUST 11

811 Day

Call 811 before you dig to have underground utilities marked. It's free, easy, and keeps everyone safe.

Learn More:

Indiana811.org

AUGUST 20 & 21

2026 Lineman Rodeo

Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds

Thurs: 8 am Fri: 7:30 am

Good Luck, Hendricks Power Lineworkers! This two-day, family-friendly event is open to the public and showcases the skills and safety training of lineworkers.

SEPTEMBER 5-7

North Salem Old Fashion Days

North Salem, Indiana

Three days of family fun featuring live music, craft and food vendors, tractor and horse pulls, and much more!

Learn More:

northsaalemoldfashiondays.com

SEPTEMBER 7

Labor Day Holiday

Our office will be closed in observance.

SEPTEMBER 12 & 13

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 26

Celebrating Avon Festival

Avon-Washington Township Library
11 am-3 pm

Join us and enjoy the Hendricks Power candy drop at 1 pm. Activities include music, food, crafts, games, and more.

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP



HENDRICKS POWER HOSTS 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

Hendricks Power Announces '26-'27 Board of Directors & Annual Updates

Hendricks Power Cooperative hosted its 90th Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation Event on Thursday, July 23, at the Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds. The event included an election of the board of directors, an electric vehicle demonstration, a live line safety demonstration, co-op updates, and family-friendly activities.

Nearly 2,500 members registered to vote online or at the event, and more than 1,000 members joined HPC at the fair. All voting members received a chance to win one of eight \$200 energy credits. The members who registered at the event received \$10 in fair food vouchers.

Election results were announced at the business portion of the meeting that evening in the Hendricks Power Expo Hall. The agenda also included cooperative updates and the announcement of the bill credit recipients. Members who attended the business portion of the meeting were eligible to win one of two \$500 energy credits.

Election results were as follows:

Area 4: Hal Truax

At-Large: David Thomas

Area 5: Keith Cooper

The two recipients of the \$500 energy credits were:

Debbie Gregory, Brownsburg Kris Mackey, Brownsburg

The eight recipients of the \$200 energy credits were:

Jessica Stephenson, Avon Victor Osborn, Avon

Larry D. McWilliam, Plainfield Gina Atkins, Coatesville

Jane Murphy, Plainfield Tom Strauss, Avon

William Perkins, Roachdale Nathan White, Brownsburg

The business meeting also featured updates on the cooperative's operations, growth, and community impact. Leadership reflected on the co-op's 90-year history, tracing its growth from 12 rural founders to more than 40,000 meters and 100 employees across a rapidly expanding area. They also highlighted the financial benefits of the cooperative model, including the board's approval to return \$3.5 million in accrued 2005 capital credits to members this year. Team members emphasized the cross-departmental teamwork and round-the-clock line crew response required to maintain grid reliability during severe weather, while pointing to ongoing investments in local youth initiatives like elementary safety demonstrations and Camp Kilowatt. Guided by this year's theme, "Built to Last," the cooperative remains dedicated to the values that have guided us from the beginning: reliability, service, and community.



Powering Ahead: Substation Battery Program

At Hendricks Power Cooperative, we are always looking for innovative ways to strengthen reliability, improve efficiency and keep costs as low as possible for our members.

Through a partnership with our power supplier, Wabash Valley Power Alliance, we are installing two substation battery storage systems at our Avon North and Center Valley substations. These lithium-iron-phosphate battery systems are housed in secure, access-controlled enclosures and are expected to be functional this fall.

What Are Substation Battery Storage Systems?

Think of these batteries as large-scale energy banks integrated into our local power system. They charge during off-peak times, when rates and demand are lower, and store that energy for later use.

When demand and costs are highest (like hot summer afternoons or sub-zero winter mornings), the batteries can quickly discharge stored energy to help meet local and regional power needs.

Key Benefits for Our Members

When dispatched, the stored energy will flow directly into Hendricks Power’s distribution system, helping serve the homes, businesses, schools and farms that depend on us every day. This resource helps support rate stability, enhance reliability, reduce strain on the system during periods of extreme demand, and meet our community’s long-term energy needs.

Long-Term Rate Stability & Cost Savings

Wholesale electricity prices can spike dramatically during periods of peak demand. By supplying stored energy during these peak times, the batteries reduce the amount of expensive power that must be purchased.

Because Hendricks Power is a not-for-profit electric cooperative, those operational savings help support stable, competitive rates for our members.

Infrastructure & Equipment Protection

Periods of high demand place added stress on substations, transformers and power lines. Battery storage helps reduce those demands locally, protecting critical infrastructure and extending the useful life of equipment.

Regional Grid Reliability & Resilience

Unlike traditional power generation that takes time to ramp up, battery storage can respond almost instantaneously when dispatched. As more variable generating resources, such as wind and solar, are added to the electric system, battery storage helps balance supply and demand and supports overall grid stability.

We are proud to bring these technological advancements to our members as we continue building a smarter, more resilient energy future.



Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds Hosts Lineman Rodeo

Lineworkers across Indiana will compete in the Indiana Electric Cooperative Lineman Rodeo on August 20 & 21 at the Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds. The two-day, family-friendly event showcases the skills and safety training of electric cooperative lineworkers.

The rodeo includes competitive events for apprentices, journeyman lineworkers and teams of three. Lineworkers will be tested on skills such as pole climbing, hurt man rescue, and safely changing electric line hardware, with rewards for excellence in safety, skill, and knowledge.

“The Lineman Rodeo gives Indiana Co-op linemen an opportunity to sharpen the skills required to safely do their jobs,” said Kris Harmless, Line Superintendent at Hendricks Power. “We are proud of their work, and it’s great to see their abilities in a competitive way.”

The rodeo kicks off on Thursday, August 20, starting with opening ceremonies at 8:00 am, followed by team events from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The event continues on Friday with individual competitions running from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Join us both days from 8:00 a.m. to noon for a free, public kids' zone sponsored by Hendricks Power Cooperative, featuring face painting and fun activities. Food trucks will be on-site. The Hendricks County Fairgrounds is located at 1900 E. Main St. in Danville. Guests should enter the grounds through Gate 5. We look forward to seeing you!



Hands-on Power HPC's 2026 Summer Engineering Interns

This summer, Hendricks Power welcomed two Purdue University freshmen, Aliou J. and Chase W., into our engineering department. From mastering industry terminology to drafting switching orders, these Boilermakers jumped headfirst into the cooperative way of life.

Each found their way to the co-op through different channels—Chase applied via Indeed, while Aliou spotted the job listing on Hendricks Power’s Facebook page—but both felt right at home during the hiring process.

"My interview was my first professional interview ever," Chase recalled. "Since I was still living in Lafayette, they offered me a virtual option. It was great to have that kind of flexibility." Aliou, who interviewed in person, agreed: "Sitting in a room with the hiring team felt intimidating at first, but they made me feel comfortable right away."

Still, transitioning from the classroom to the field comes with a learning curve. Electrical Distribution System Engineer, Cameron S., who started with the cooperative as an intern before joining full-time, played a key role in helping the new team adjust.

"The first week, before our software was set up, everyone was using terms we’d never even heard," Aliou said. "Now, we can sit in a meeting and understand everything being discussed. Having been in our shoes, Cameron made that transition so much smoother and was a huge help."

During their time here, Aliou and Chase gained hands-on experience with real-world distribution projects, including switching orders and utility battery analysis. Both expressed gratitude for the opportunity, noting that exploring electrical distribution engineering opened their eyes to future career paths in the industry.

Most of all, the interns felt backed by the entire co-op from day one. Whether they were talking strategy with distribution designers, touring substations, or picking up advice along the way, they felt like true team members. They especially appreciated team lunches with the engineering staff, connecting with the marketing team, and monthly company-wide pitch-ins.

As they head back to West Lafayette for their sophomore year, they leave behind some valuable advice for incoming interns: "Don't get overwhelmed by what you don't know at first. Everyone here is ready to help you figure it out. Trust yourself, but verify."

Hendricks Power extends a sincere thank you to Aliou and Chase for their hard work and dedication to serving our members this summer. We wish them all the best as they return to Purdue for their sophomore year—Boiler Up!



School Bus Safety Tips

- Arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes early.
- Stay back at least 10 feet, or five giant steps, from the curb.
- Wait for the bus to stop and the driver to signal before boarding.
- Exit carefully, look both ways, and cross in front of the bus — never behind.
- Make eye contact with the driver before crossing.



HPC Sponsors Local Students to Explore Washington, D.C.

June 14-21, the Indiana Youth Tour took place in Washington, D.C. 60 students from 26 co-ops and their chaperones went on a week-long trip to the nation's capital. The trip aimed to educate students about American history & government, providing the opportunity to make lifelong friends, and much more. Highlights of the Youth Tour included visits to Gettysburg National Military Park, George Washington's Mount Vernon, & a meeting with U.S. Senator Todd Young. Participants: Logan A., Avon High School, & Sophia S., Herron High School.