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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

NOW - AUGUST 17
Summer Fun Run & Walk
Various Hendricks County Parks
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Visit new parks & trails across Hendricks Co. to support the Parks Foundation!
Learn More & Register:
summerfunrun.org

JULY 1-22
Online Board of Directors Voting
Log in to SmartHub to cast your vote!
Voting ends July 22 at 11:59 pm EST.

JULY 3
Independence Day Holiday
Happy 250th Anniversary, America!
Our office will be closed in observance.

JULY 17
Evenings in Danville
Ellis Park Amphitheater, Danville
7:00 pm
Enjoy free live music from Conch Republic, a high-energy beach party band. There will be food trucks and local vendors. Bring your lawn chair, friends, family, and enjoy!
Learn More:
business.danvillechamber.org/events/details/evenings-in-danville-2571

JULY 23
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 and electric vehicle demos, Silly Safaris animal shows, face painting, and balloon animals!
Learn more:
hendrickspower.com/annualmeeting

ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBER APPRECIATION

CELEBRATING
90
Years
OF SERVICE

ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBER APPRECIATION

Schedule

July 23, 11 AM – 7 PM

11:00 AM Registration & Voting Begin
Sponsor of the Day Pavilion
Receive \$10 in fair bucks for registering to vote!

2:00 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.

4:00 PM Electric Vehicle Demonstration Promenade
Check out the Tesla Model Y and Cybertruck!

4:30 – 6:30 PM Family Fun
Sponsor of the Day Pavilion
Submit your votes by 6:00 PM, then enjoy family fun with balloon animals and face painting!

6:30 PM Business Meeting
Hendricks Power Expo Hall
Catch up on current cooperative happenings, election results, and winners of the bill credits.¹



2025 Silly Safaris Animal Show

You're Invited!

Join Hendricks Power Cooperative for its Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Event on Thursday, July 23, from 11 AM to 7 PM at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds. This year's event is especially meaningful as HPC celebrates 90 years of serving members across our service area.

Members can vote in the board of directors election online through SmartHub from July 1–22 or in person at the Annual Meeting on July 23. All voting members will be entered for a chance to win one of eight \$200 bill credits.¹

The event will feature many family-friendly activities throughout the day, including Silly Safaris animal shows, an electric vehicle demonstration, a live line safety demonstration, balloon animals, and face painting. Members who register to vote will receive \$10 in fair food vouchers, redeemable at any food vendor at the fairgrounds.²

Attend the business meeting at the Hendricks Power Expo Hall at 6:30 p.m. to hear the latest cooperative updates, Board of Directors election results, and the announcement of bill credit winners. The meeting will also be streamed live on Hendricks Power's YouTube channel and shared on HPC's Facebook page.

Be sure to check your mail for your invitation and FREE admission QR code. For event details and updates, visit hendrickspower.com/annualmeeting.

¹ One vote per household. Members are only eligible to receive one bill credit prize. ² All voting members are eligible to receive fair vouchers that are valid ONLY on July 23, 2026.

2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

Area 4



HAL TRUAX, INCUMBENT

Hal Truax, the incumbent director seeking re-election in Area 4, is a lifelong resident of Middle Township and a Pittsboro High School graduate. He owns and operates a diversified no-till cover crop farm near Pittsboro with his son, Ethan, and has been a Hendricks Power member since 1984. Truax has served on the Hendricks Power Board of Directors for more than 30 years and currently serves as vice president. He also represented Hendricks Power on the Wabash Valley Power Alliance board, serving two years as its chairman, and has

completed all electric cooperative director certification programs. Truax has held leadership roles with Hendricks County Soil and Water Conservation District, Hendricks County Farm Bureau, Indiana Sustainable Agriculture, Leadership Hendricks County, and the American Farm Bureau National Committee. He is also a Stephen Minister on the Board of Trustees at Avon United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Susan, have served as 4-H leaders for more than 35 years. They have three children and two grandchildren.



MITCHELL ALEXANDER, CANDIDATE

Mitchell Alexander resides in Danville with his wife, Allysa, and their two sons. A lifelong resident of Hendricks County, Alexander graduated from Tri-West High School in 2013. He and his family attend Your Venture Church and are actively involved with Lifewise Academy. Alexander enjoys spending time outdoors hunting, fishing, and golfing, and is an avid sports fan, especially of the Indianapolis Colts and the Indiana Hoosiers.

He is the owner of Alexander Contractors, an excavation and general contracting company based in Pittsboro, Indiana.

Area 5



KEITH COOPER, INCUMBENT

Keith Cooper graduated from Ben Davis High School and earned his Bachelor of Science in Agronomy from Purdue University. Cooper farms approximately 2,000 acres, raising corn, soybeans, and wheat. He also raises Black Angus cattle. Cooper has been a member of the cooperative since 1998 and was elected to the Board of Directors in 2005. Cooper also served on the Hendricks County Fair Board from 1992 until 2003.

Cooper currently serves on the executive committee for the Hendricks Power board of directors. Cooper and his family live west of Danville, near Amo. He has two children and two grandchildren.



View candidates online at hendrickspower.com/candidates

2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

At-Large



DAVID THOMAS, INCUMBENT

David Thomas is a lifelong resident of Hendricks County and a 1980 graduate of Cascade High School. He and his wife, Debbie, have been Hendricks Power members for more than 40 years. They have two daughters, Ashley Alexander and Lacey Watson, and two grandchildren. Thomas retired from the Kroger Co. after 42 years of service, during which he began as a part-time bagger at the store in Plainfield. During his career, he served in various roles, including clerk, store management, district management, and division operations manager, which encompassed 150 stores in Indiana and the surrounding states.

During his career, Thomas was twice awarded the Kroger President's Award, which is awarded annually to an associate who best models the company's core values of integrity, honesty, diversity, inclusion, safety, and respect. Thomas completed his Board Leadership Certification with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and represents Hendricks Power Co-op on the Indiana Electric Cooperatives Board of Directors. His community involvement includes Hendricks County 4-H, Hendricks County Community Foundation, and Sheltering Wings. Thomas and his wife are members of the Danville Church of Christ.

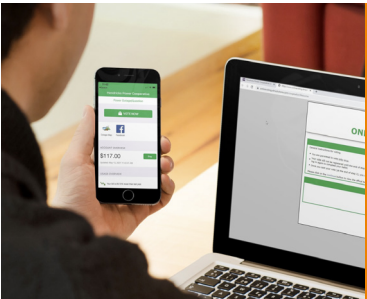


CHARLES HARLAN, CANDIDATE

Charles Harlan is seeking election as one of the At-Large Directors for Hendricks Power Cooperative and believes his extensive professional and leadership experience would be a valuable asset to the cooperative. A graduate of Valparaiso University, Harlan completed the ROTC program and served nearly six years in the U.S. Army, leaving with the rank of captain. He later worked for the Transportation Security Administration for four years before transferring to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service

in Indianapolis. Harlan recently retired after more than 34 years of government service, concluding his career as a financial systems analyst. Harlan and his wife have been married for 40 years and have a daughter, a son, a son-in-law, and two grandchildren, ages 4 and 6. A devoted Christian, Harlan serves at Center Community Church in Plainfield and takes pride in using his leadership experience to serve wherever needed.

Online Voting



Have Your Voice Heard

Online voting will be available on SmartHub from July 1-22. Voting members will be eligible to win one of eight \$200 bill credits or one of two \$500 bill credits if they attend the business meeting on July 23rd, at 6:30 PM.* Online voters are eligible to receive fair vouchers from the Sponsor of the Day Pavilion on July 23rd. If you need assistance registering for SmartHub, visit us online or call our office at (317) 745-5473.

* One vote per household. All voting members are eligible to receive fair vouchers. Members are only eligible to receive one bill credit prize. To win one of the \$500 bill credits, you must be present at the business portion of the meeting on July 23, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

EMPLOYEE UPDATES

Celebrating Retirement

After 31 years of service, Chris Boling is retiring from Hendricks Power Cooperative. Boling began his career as a lineman and most recently served as a senior foreman on the line crew, helping maintain the safe and reliable electric service that members depend on. In 2023, Boling was awarded the Hendricks Power Rockstar Award. His experience, leadership, and dedication have made a lasting impact on the cooperative. In retirement, Boling looks forward to having more flexibility with his time, spending time with family, fishing, and traveling to South Carolina to visit his in-laws. As for what's next, he says he'll figure it out as it gets here. Congratulations, Chris, and thank you for 31 years of service! We wish you all the best in retirement.

