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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

AUGUST 13 & 14
Hoosier Classic with HPC
Lucas Oil Raceway
5 pm

Our Tesla will be the official pace car for this exciting annual event. Friday, August 13, will feature sprint cars and Saturday, August 14, will feature midgets and the USAC Silver Crown Series. Learn more and purchase tickets: <https://bit.ly/3egNQQS>

SEPTEMBER 4-6
North Salem Old Fashion Days
SR 75 & SR 236
11 am - 8 pm

Don't miss this festival! With the largest parade in Hendricks County, a car show, pie contest, and live entertainment, Old Fashion Days are a must! Learn more: northsaalemoldfashiondays.com

SEPTEMBER 26
Misty Eyes Bow Wow Bash
Williams Park, Brownsburg
1 pm

Enjoy vendors, contests, food, entertainment, a lure course, contests, rescue groups with more than 100 animals up for adoption, the Bow Wow Splash, an incredible silent auction, and the highly anticipated Misty Eyes Ball Drop sponsored by Hendricks Power! Learn more: bowwowbash.net



ANNUAL MEETING

2021 Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation Event

July 1-22, 2021, Hendricks Power Cooperative celebrated its 85th Annual Meeting by hosting its first-ever online hybrid board of directors' election. Cooperative members were invited to cast their vote online via their SmartHub account, drive-thru at the Hendricks Power office or South Putnam High School, or during the Hendricks County 4-H Fair on July 22nd. Members who registered to vote received a ten-dollar bill credit and a chance to win one of five 500-dollar bill credits. Members who registered at the fair also received ten dollars in fair bucks to use at any food vendor.

During the voting period, the cooperative received a record-breaking 3100 votes for its board of directors. Election results were announced at the annual meeting at the Hendricks Power Expo Hall at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm on Thursday, July 22. In addition to election results, the agenda also included cooperative updates and the announcement of the five 500-dollar bill credit recipients.

Election results were as follows:

Area 7: Susan Webb

Area 8: Stan Ryland

Area 9: Jeff Fleece

Area 10: Chris Mann

The five lucky members that won the 500-dollar bill credits were: Mark Moore (Avon), Dion Frame (Brownsburg), Richard Batchelor (Avon), Brett McPeak (Brownsburg), and Brian Nees (Cloverdale).

Hendricks Power CEO, Greg Ternet, provided cooperative updates on growth and expansion, addressing infrastructure investments and equipment upgrades to increase reliability and outage response. He then spoke about a transmission project on the west side of our service territory, as well as our commitment to service, reliability, and safety. He also reminded members of the cooperative's core values and mission to serve our member-owners.

Thank you to all of our members for your votes and participation in our meeting!

Turbocharged Growth: Fleece Performance

Local business grows with energy-efficient updates



really good communication between Hendricks Power and us," Merriman said. "They determined what they needed to do, and it seemed like everyone was on board."

Over the years, Fleece Performance has continued to focus on producing innovative automotive products as their key to success. They have recently added a line of diesel fuel pumps to their product offering that has been quickly adopted by the diesel aftermarket because of its innovative design and elegant installation. The company has a distribution network of 15 warehouses throughout North America; most of Fleece Performance's customers, which include do-it-yourselfers, auto repair shops, and even car dealerships can receive parts within 24 hours.

"Fleece Performance is an inspiring story of a family-owned Hoosier business built from the ground up to become the international success that they are today," said Greg Ternet, president and CEO of Hendricks Power. "We are proud to support them and meet their energy needs so that they can continue to expand to provide jobs and opportunities in the Midwest."

Fleece Performance has continued to grow and currently employs nearly 50 people. The business is on a five-year plan that includes potentially adding a new building at the site.

"If somebody is already doing something well in the industry, we don't try to copy it," Merriman said. "We try to be innovative and do other things that people can't or haven't done yet."

Ever since Brayden and Chase Fleece designed and installed custom turbochargers on their trucks, they've been moving fast. And when they made their biggest move yet, their local electric co-op and the Power Moves® Business New Construction program helped them make it happen.

Fleece Performance Engineering received \$25,000 in Power Moves rebates from Hendricks Power Cooperative for energy efficiency elements in its headquarters built in 2019. The business built its new Pittsboro, Ind., facility on an undeveloped 52-acre lot. The Fleece brothers created the business in 2008 and quickly became known for their staple product, the Cheetah turbocharger. The business moved to Brownsburg, Ind., in 2012, and in a few years maxed out the available space in its building.

"Every year we've been in business we've grown 30 to 50 percent, year-over-year," said Jeff Merriman, chief operating officer for Fleece Performance Engineering. "We realized that we needed to move into a larger facility if we were going to continue to grow the business the way we have."

When Fleece Performance employees began planning the new 75,000-square-foot building, they contacted Hendricks Power and members of the Power Moves team. The Power Moves team includes a LEED-AP certified engineer who can help businesses implement energy efficiency elements into building designs. Fleece Performance received Power Moves rebates for installing energy-efficient lighting and a variable frequency drive on the air compressor that powers equipment throughout the facility. The business' contractor worked with the Power Moves team to ensure that equipment qualified for rebates, and even received help completing the applications.

"The process was absolutely painless," Merriman said. "There really wasn't a whole lot to it, to be honest."

Since Fleece Performance's new location was undeveloped, the business worked with Hendricks Power to ensure that its power needs could be met. The electric cooperative installed new equipment to ensure that it could best serve the facility.

"It was a great partnership, with

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POWER MOVES

Operation Round-Up Contributes to Local Organizations

Putnam County Community Emergency Response Team and Bike Friendly Hendricks County receive donations

On behalf of Hendricks Power Cooperative and its members, a donation of \$3,000 to the Putnam County Community Emergency Response Team, Inc (PCCERT) and a donation of \$1,000 to the Bike Friendly Hendricks County (BFHC) were recently made.

The PCCERT donation will be used to support its new Project Lifesaver initiative. Project Lifesaver is a nationwide certification that helps protect and quickly locate individuals with cognitive disorders who are prone to wandering. The funds will provide certification, transmitters, and receivers for the PCCERT team to assist Putnam County and surrounding areas.

BFHC is a local initiative that encourages local businesses to install bike racks throughout the area. BFHC will provide bike racks to interested businesses at cost (\$150 per rack). Operation Round-Up funds will be used to provide bike racks to businesses and organizations that may not otherwise be able to afford a bike rack. If you are interested in supporting BFHC or getting a bike rack for your business, contact Michael Aviah at maviah@co.hendricks.in.us; 317-745-9618.

"Our generous members contribute to Operation Round-Up, making these contributions possible," said Dana Cochran, Director of Marketing and Member Engagement at Hendricks Power Cooperative. "Both of these projects have the safety and health of our community in mind, and we are proud supporters."

Operation Round-Up is a voluntary fundraising program that lets members round up their energy bill to the next whole dollar - it is never more than 99 cents per month. The contributions are deposited to funds at the Hendricks and Putnam County Community Foundations. Together, Hendricks Power and the Community Foundation determine the most appropriate uses to benefit the community.

If you are interested in rounding up your bill to benefit your community or are part of a non-profit organization that would like to apply for a donation, visit us online at: www.hendrickspower.com/round-up or give us a call at (317) 745-5473.



Hendricks Power CEO, Greg Ternet, presents Operation Round-Up donation to the Putnam Co. Community Emergency Response Team



Hendricks Power Marketing Manager, Emily Hammell, and Hendricks Co. Community Foundation Executive Director, William Rodenhamel, present funds to Bike Friendly Hendricks County

GRID UPDATES

Increasing Reliability for Members

Hendricks Power is currently working on enhancements throughout the northwest portion of our service territory. Areas near Jackson Township, Heritage Lake, and Montclair may have and will continue to experience brief, intermittent outages or "blinks," as construction continues. These enhancements are expected to be completed by the end of 2021.

To ensure you're notified of planned outages, make sure your contact information is up-to-date by calling us at (317) 745-5473.

If you have any questions about this project, visit www.wvpa.com/jhm, email jhm@wvpa.com, or call 888-997-0766.

