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# NEWS & VIEWS

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OF HENDRICKS POWER COOPERATIVE

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## AROUND TOWN

### Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 1-23  
**Free Kid's Holiday Goody Bags**  
Hendricks Power Cooperative  
Mon - Fri, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Members are encouraged to stop by our drive-thru or lobby to receive a free children's holiday gift bag. Please, only one bag per child.

DECEMBER 1-27  
**Winterland Holiday Light Show**  
Ellis Park, Danville  
Sun - Thurs: 6-9 pm,  
Fri & Sat: 6-10 pm  
Enjoy this seasonal tradition with your family! Drive through holiday lights and enjoy Santa at the train station Fridays and Saturdays. Cost: \$5/carload Sun-Thurs and \$10/carload Fri & Sat. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

DECEMBER 3  
**Holiday Fest & Cookie Walk**  
Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds  
9 am - 3 pm  
Enjoy free admission to a cookie walk, craft booths, entertainment, and lunch from 11 am - 1 pm. This annual event is sponsored by the Hendricks Co. Extension Homemakers.

DECEMBER 24 & 25  
**Christmas Holiday**  
Wishing all of our members a safe and cozy Christmas holiday. Our office will be closed and will resume normal business hours, Monday, December 27.



EFFICIENT GIFT IDEAS

### Gifts that Keep on Giving!

These ENERGY-STAR gift recommendations will keep saving energy year-round

This holiday season, giving the gift of energy savings and a healthier planet means so much more. When you choose ENERGY-STAR certified electronics, appliances, and other products, your gift will have the latest features and save energy and money. It's a gift that does a world of good for your loved ones and the planet.

Here are our top three holiday gifts that will help save energy.

#### 1. Smart Thermostats

These handy tools can be used in any home that has WiFi! Some thermostats offer geofencing or room sensors that can automatically adjust the temperature in your home when you're away. Many also feature fun integrations with Alexa, Siri, or Google Home that allow you to change your settings with your voice.

Price Range: \$60-250

#### 2. Smart Plugs and Strips

Smart Plugs and strips offer custom settings to reduce phantom load, which saves energy in electronics that use energy, even when not in use. Certain models offer timer settings as well as apps with voice activation and on and off capabilities from your phone!

Price Range: \$10-75

#### 3. Sense Home Energy Monitor

Sense Energy Monitor is the most efficient and detailed way to see exactly how your home or business uses energy. It can detect specific appliances and devices in your home, when they're in use, and how much energy they use by identifying their unique electrical signals. It also offers a variety of integrations and voice activation features.

Price Range: \$299

Don't forget! If you or your gift recipient need help choosing smart home technology or set-up assistance, our Energy Advisors will come to your home for free! Give us a call to schedule at (317) 745-5473 or visit our website, [www.hendrickspower.com](http://www.hendrickspower.com).

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Your Touchstone Energy® Partner

HELP US SPREAD  
*Holiday Cheer*  
TO OUR MEMBERS



As a way to spread holiday cheer to our mini members, we will be giving away free children's gift bags at our lobby or drive-thru. Pick yours up Dec. 1- 23, Mon-Fri, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

*Please, only one gift bag per child.*

**HPC Newsletter Goes (Almost) Paperless in 2022**

Beginning in 2022, our newsletter will be distributed mainly by email. With postage rates increasing, printing costs rising, supply challenges, budgetary concerns, and environmental conservation efforts, Hendricks Power Cooperative has decided to reduce hard copy newsletters.

Members that have an email address on file will now be receiving our monthly newsletter to their email inbox exclusively. Newsletters will also be available on our website, along with an archive of the previous year's issues.

What does this mean for me?

If we have an email address on file for your account, we will be distributing an electronic newsletter to that email address. If you do not have any email listed, you will continue to receive our hard copy newsletter.

Can I still receive a hard copy newsletter? Yes, if you prefer to receive our newsletter by mail each month, all you need to do is call our office at (317) 745-5473 and let one of our team members know that you would like to continue receiving hard copy newsletters.



**BACKUP GENERATOR SAFETY**

A GENERATOR CAN BE THE KEY TO YOUR SURVIVAL DURING A STORM, BUT DO YOU KNOW THE RISKS IT CAN POSE TO YOU, YOUR HOME AND THOSE AROUND YOU?

**GENERATOR DOS AND DON'TS**

- DO** operate a generator outdoors in an area with plenty of ventilation.
- DO** install CO alarms inside the home to provide an early warning of carbon monoxide.
- DO NOT** plug a generator into the wall without installing a transfer switch to prevent backfeed.
- DO** turn the generator on before plugging in appliances.
- DO NOT** touch the generator with wet hands to avoid electrocution.
- DO** turn off the generator before refueling with gasoline to allow it to cool down.
- DO NOT** overload the generator.
- DO** use a heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cord rated at least equal to the sum of the connected appliances.
- DO NOT** use a generator as a permanent solution.

**HPC Truck Recycled to Benefit Stilesville Fire Department**

Earlier this year, HPC was proud to help out the Stilesville Fire Department by providing one of its retired trucks to the Stilesville Volunteer Fire Dept. at a discounted rate. The truck was re-purposed into a brush fire truck. The recycling was truly a communal effort with funding from the Fire Department's trustee, decals by Graphic Shack Signs, and a significant amount of hard work and creativity from the fire department's team!



See more photos and a progress video on our website! [www.hendrickspower.com](http://www.hendrickspower.com)

**Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month**

Heading out of town for the holiday season? Remember to unplug electronics that draw a phantom energy load. Some gadgets like TVs, phone chargers, gaming consoles, and toothbrush chargers use energy when plugged into an outlet - even when they're not in use!



Source: [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)

