

# NEWS & VIEWS

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OF HENDRICKS POWER COOPERATIVE

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## AROUND TOWN

### Calendar of Events

NOW-NOVEMBER 1

#### 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](http://beasleys-orchard.com)

OCTOBER 2

#### Application Deadline - Youth Power & Hope Award

Do you know a middle school student making a difference in your community? Tell them to apply for the Youth Power & Hope Award!

**Learn More:**  
[hendrickspower.com/youth-power-hope-award](http://hendrickspower.com/youth-power-hope-award)

OCTOBER 3

#### Hendricks Co. International Festival

Hobbs Station, Plainfield  
11 am-4 pm  
Enjoy this free, family-friendly educational event. There will be food trucks, booths, live dance and music performances, and more!

**Learn More:**  
[hcinternationalfestival.com](http://hcinternationalfestival.com)

OCTOBER 24

#### Fall Colors Festival

McCloud Nature Park, North Salem  
10 am-3 pm  
Celebrate autumn in full color at this free, family-friendly Fall Colors Festival, with fun for all ages. Enjoy live music, local vendors, archery, axe throwing, hayrides, a bonfire, photo ops, and Pioneer Days stations.

**Learn More:**  
[hendrickscountyparks.org](http://hendrickscountyparks.org)

## NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH



Cooperatives take many diverse forms, each designed to meet essential daily needs. Credit unions empower financial well-being, agricultural co-ops connect local farmers to broader markets, retail co-ops support independent owners, and housing co-ops give residents a direct voice in their communities. Utility cooperatives like Hendricks Power deliver reliable electricity to the regions they serve. While their services vary, all co-ops share one fundamental principle: they are entirely owned by, accountable to, and focused on the members they serve.

#### 90 Years of Serving Our Community

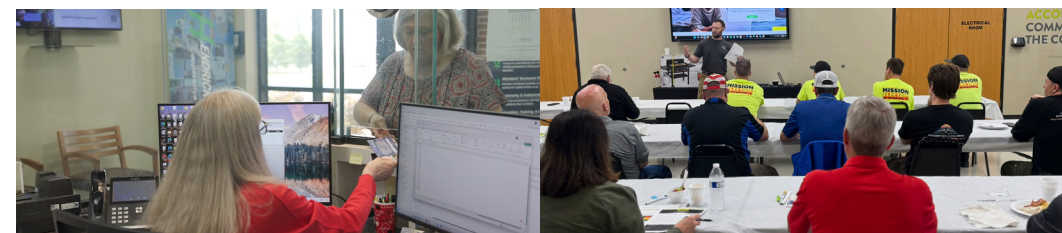
That member-first mission has been at the core of Hendricks Power since 1936, when 12 local farmers and rural residents joined forces to bring power to an area other utilities declined to serve. They recognized a critical need and built a practical solution together. Nine decades later, our technology and infrastructure have evolved significantly, but our purpose remains unchanged. As a locally owned cooperative, every operational decision we make reflects the unique priorities, growth, and best interests of our community.

#### More Than Electricity

The true cooperative difference extends far beyond the grid—it lives in our dedicated team. You see it when our lineworkers brave harsh weather to restore power after a storm, when our member service representatives help members find energy-saving solutions, when the HPC team volunteers for local causes, and when our member-elected board plans for long-term sustainability. As your trusted local energy partner, we are committed to powering our region for generations to come.

#### Celebrating National Co-op Month

This National Co-op Month, we invite you to celebrate the lasting impact of member-owned cooperatives. From electric providers to credit unions and local businesses, cooperatives demonstrate what neighbors can achieve when working toward a common goal. Your membership makes our mission possible and keeps us focused on what matters most: serving you and strengthening our community every day.



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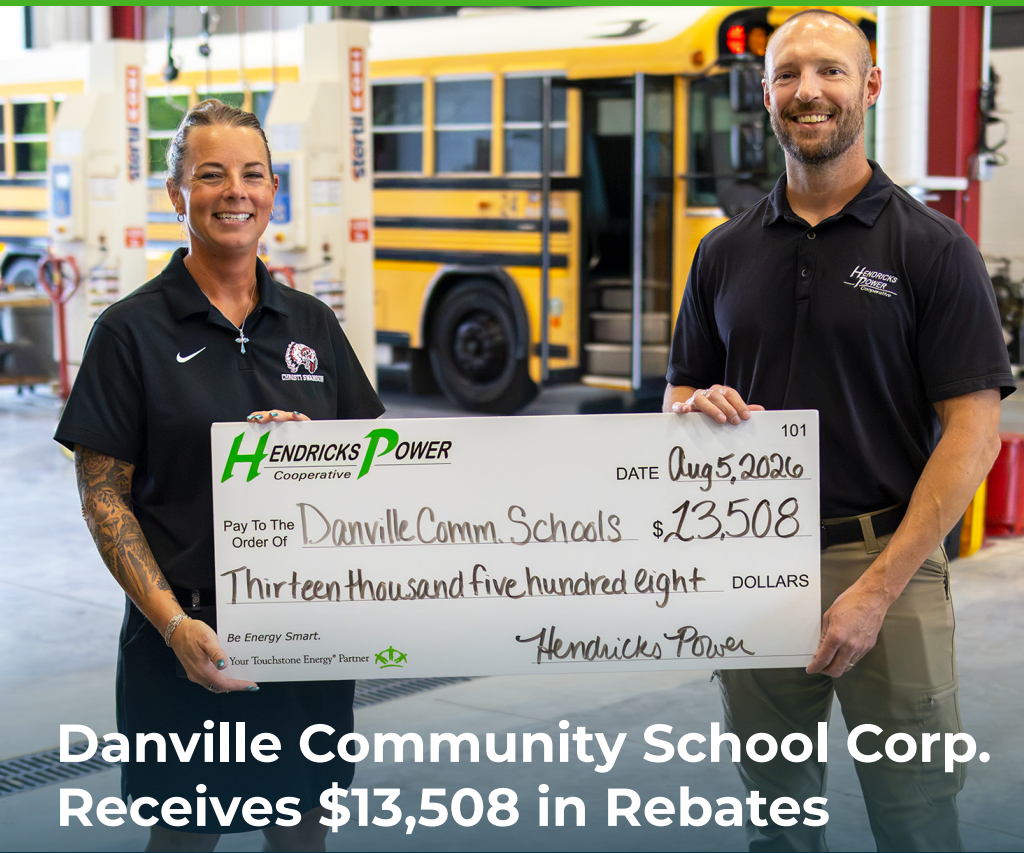
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# Danville Community School Corp. Receives \$13,508 in Rebates

Danville Community School Corp. has received \$13,508 in Power Moves energy-efficiency rebates from Hendricks Power with support from Wabash Valley Power Alliance. The rebates helped support energy-efficient upgrades at the district’s new transportation facility, which opened in August.

The new facility is the first Danville Community School Corp. facility served by Hendricks Power. Located on the edge of the district’s campus, the transportation center includes five full-size bus bays, a training room, administrative offices, and secure outdoor parking for more than 30 buses. The buses transport nearly 2,000 Danville students to and from school each day.

Rapid growth in the community and school district created the need for the new facility. The district’s transportation staff has grown from about 15 employees a decade ago to nearly 40 employees today.

As part of the new construction, the district also upgraded its diesel bus block heater system. The new heaters operate automatically based on time and temperature, reducing the amount of time they run during the winter. The previous system could operate for up to 24 hours a day, while the new system requires only about three hours of operation.

“We are glad to see schools taking advantage of energy efficiency opportunities,” said Andrew Wray, energy advisor at Hendricks Power, who worked with the district’s contractor on the rebate. “Any time a school can lower its energy use and save money, that’s a good thing for the community and for everyone.”

The new facility was constructed between mid-2025 and August 2026. The district’s former transportation center now houses administrative offices, while some staff members relocated as other spaces were converted into classrooms to accommodate the district’s growing enrollment.

See what rebates your business could be eligible for at [hendrickspower.com](https://hendrickspower.com).



## Know These Generator Risks Before the Next Storm

### Risk 1 Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Keep generators outdoors away from doors, windows, and vents. Position the exhaust away from your home and locate the generator downwind.

### Risk 2 Electric Shock & Overloading

Do not use a generator in rainy or wet conditions, and do not handle it with wet hands.

Ensure the generator is sized appropriately for the total electrical load you want it to handle.

### Risk 3 Fire & Fuel Hazards

Store extra fuel in an ANSI-approved container in a cool, well-ventilated place away from fuel-burning appliances. Before refueling your generator, turn it off and let it cool.

### Risk 4 Backfeeding

Never connect a generator directly to your home’s electrical system unless it’s installed by a qualified electrician using a properly installed transfer switch. Backfeeding can put utility workers and others at serious risk of electric shock.

### Risk 5 Improper Connections

Plug appliances directly into the generator using heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cords. Make sure cords are in good condition and rated for the electrical load.



As temperatures drop and nights grow longer, it’s time to prepare your home for colder weather. A little maintenance now can help keep your family safe and comfortable and your home energy-efficient this fall and winter.

#### Inside

**Check your heating system:** Have a qualified professional inspect and clean your system.

**Change your furnace filter:** Replace it regularly to maintain airflow and efficiency.

**Clean your chimney:** Have a professional clean and inspect it for buildup or damage.

**Air seal your basement:** Seal gaps around pipes, wiring, walls and ceilings to prevent drafts.

**Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors:** Replace batteries and detectors that are 10 years old or older.

#### Stock Up

Keep emergency supplies on hand, including blankets, flashlights, nonperishable food, a first aid kit, generator and snow-blower fuel, and rock salt or other deicers.

#### Outside

**Seal windows and doors:** Use caulk or weatherstripping to stop warm air from escaping.

**Check outdoor lighting:** Replace worn bulbs and consider energy-efficient LEDs.

**Clean gutters and downspouts:** Remove leaves and debris to prevent drainage problems and ice dams.

**Trim trees:** Remove branches that could fall on your home during snow or ice.

**Prepare your generator and snow blower:** Follow manufacturer recommendations for seasonal maintenance and testing.



## Get Your Insulation Checked for FREE by an Energy Advisor

### 5 Signs Your Home Needs an Insulation Check

It’s easy to miss insulation problems if you don’t know what to look for. Here are five signs that your home needs an insulation check by a certified energy advisor.

#### 1. High Heating and Cooling Usage

If your heating and cooling usage increases yearly, the conditioned air may escape through an under-insulated home.

#### 2. Uncomfortable Rooms

Do you notice inconsistent comfort levels throughout your home? This might be a sign of insufficient insulation in exterior walls.

#### 3. Cold Floors and Walls

Depending on the season, your walls or floors could be very cold or hot to the touch, or you could feel drafts coming

through parts of your exterior walls. This might be a sign of improper insulation.

#### 4. Freezing Pipes

Pipes are more prone to freezing if they are not surrounded by proper insulation in the walls, ceiling, and floors.

#### 5. Roof Ice Dams

Ice dams are a sign of improper insulation. They cause a water trap that can eventually work its way under the shingles, damaging your roof.



Take control of your usage & schedule an insulation check now!

Enjoy a FREE insulation check from our Building Performance Institute Certified Energy Advisor! Our advisor will come to your home and ensure it’s properly insulated.

Request an insulation check today by scanning this QR code or go to [hendrickspower.com/insulation-check](https://hendrickspower.com/insulation-check)