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## SAVE THE DATE!

THURSDAY | JULY 18 | 2019  
HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H FAIR

Please join us for our annual meeting and member appreciation event at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair! We'll have fun for the whole family, along with voting for your board of directors.

Elect Your Board Members  
Learn About Your Co-op  
Safety Demonstrations  
Meet Our Staff

Win Energy Credits  
Face Painting  
Prizes  
Games

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Parking & Food Vouchers  
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# News & Views

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## AROUND TOWN

### Calendar of Events

APRIL 26-28 & MAY 3-5  
**One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**  
Longstreet Playhouse is performing this audience favorite Friday & Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday at 2:30. Rated PG-13, may not be appropriate for younger audiences. [www.hendrickscivic.com](http://www.hendrickscivic.com)

MAY 11  
**Danville Farmer's Market**  
Each Saturday from May 11 - Sept. 7 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Danville Town Square.

MAY 12  
**Mother's Day**

MAY 17-19  
**Mayberry in the Midwest**  
This weekend will be full of free family fun for all ages. The festivities kick off on Saturday with a parade and continue with a free stage show of zany antics by those Andy Griffith Show Tribute Artists, contests, music acts, Opie's World Kids Zone, vendors, and so much more! Follow Mayberry in the Midwest on Facebook to keep up with the schedule of events.

MAY 18  
**Tox-Away Day**  
From 8:00 am-1:00 pm at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds residents may dispose of household hazardous wastes free of charge. Find more information at [www.hendrickssolidwaste.com](http://www.hendrickssolidwaste.com)



ANNUAL MEETING

## Your Co-op's Annual Meeting

The melting snow means that spring is arriving – and so is your local electric cooperative's annual meeting! As a member of Hendricks Power, you are also part owner. You have a direct say in how things are run – which means the annual meeting directly impacts you!

Here are six activities you can participate in during the annual meeting:

**EAT:** Enjoy everyone's favorite fair food with free food vouchers, exclusively for Hendricks Power customers! They're only valid on the day of the meeting, so be sure to use them Thursday, July 18th!

**MEET:** Hendrick Power's employees also will attend the meeting. You can meet your co-op's CEO and board of directors, which makes decisions on your behalf.

**LEARN:** You can learn more about programs and incentives – including Power Moves® energy efficiency rebates – that your co-op offers to help save you money!

**BE ENTERTAINED:** Enjoy all the fair has to offer! With rides, games, and entertainment, there's something for everyone.

**WIN!** We'll be giving away five \$100 energy credits, so be sure to enter into the drawing!

**VOTE:** The annual meeting is your chance to have a direct impact on how our electric co-op is governed. You will be able to vote for your board of directors, which creates policy that directly impacts you and the entire co-op's membership.

As you make spring and summer plans, be sure to mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting on July 18th! You will meet new acquaintances, catch up with old friends, have a great time and maybe even win prizes for letting your voice be heard. Be sure to look for your tickets, parking pass and food vouchers in the mail! We'll see you there!

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# 2019 Hendricks Power Scholarship Recipients

Hendricks Power Cooperative is proud to support and offer opportunities for local youth, the future of our community. Commitment to Community is a cooperative principle and we believe that supporting education and leadership development programs for our youth can make a lasting impact. Winners were selected based on community involvement, academic excellence, and personal achievements.

- Renee Wright, Avon High School
- Kiersten Martin, Plainfield High School
- Kaitlyn Allen, Danville High School
- Bryce Smith, North Putnam High School
- Joeleigh Rutledge, Cascade High School
- Ashley Stout, Plainfield High School

All of our 2019 scholarship applicants were asked to submit an essay describing, in their own words, what it means to be a member of an electric cooperative and its benefits. Joeleigh Rutledge wrote a stand-out submission, that explains co-ops, their benefits and talks about one of our newest community-wide projects, *Endeavor*!

## What is a Co-op? By Joeleigh Rutledge, Cascade High School



to be involved in the community. Being part of the next generation of cooperative members, I appreciate seeing our money going back to the community I live in and funding programs I'm involved within.

Belonging to the Hendricks Power Cooperative has many benefits. Electric cooperatives allow accessibility throughout our communities, no matter the population density in a particular areas. Hendricks Power reaches out to those of us in rural communities that larger companies wouldn't. Most large energy providers do not want to make risky investments because they may not be "profitable" enough for their business. Despite that, Hendricks Power was the first company to give access and electricity to family farms in rural areas in Hendricks County.

Being an active member on the Hendricks County Farm Bureau Board, I have been able to discuss broadband

reaching those of us in rural communities with the legislatives. Seeing an electric cooperative being actively involved in the concerns arising in our community is important. Hendricks Power wants all customers to have equal opportunity through internet accessibility. Lobbying for broadband in rural areas has resulted in Hendricks Power starting *Endeavor*, which is the fiber optics for internet access in rural areas. The project should reach areas outside of populated towns and cities by this summer. As a result of being a part of this member-owned-company, I will be able to have the same opportunities as students in more urban areas. Being a member of Hendricks Power and its broadband internet access has ensured that I will have the same opportunities as students in more urban areas.

# Home During a TORNADO?

## Tornado season is upon us. Do you know what to do if you're in the path of a tornado?

If you're inside during a tornado, take shelter in a windowless, interior room; a storm cellar; or the lowest level of the building. Stay away from glass doors and windows to avoid debris from heavy wind.

Crouch down and make yourself as small of a "target" as possible. If you can, get under a piece of sturdy furniture, like a heavy table or desk. Always use your arms to protect your head and neck from injury.

If a tornado hits while you're in a car, trailer or mobile home, get out immediately and go to the lowest floor of a sturdy nearby building or storm shelter. Cars, trailers and mobile homes can easily be swept away by a tornado or heavy winds. They are not safe places to be.

If you are outside and cannot find shelter, seek low ground or depression and cover your head and neck. (Ditches are likely to be running with water from heavy rain and could be more dangerous than the tornado.) Be aware of possible risks like falling trees or power lines and lightning.

The most dangerous place during a tornado is under an overpass. Seeking shelter under an overpass puts you at a higher elevation with no protection from debris and winds. Never try to outrun the storm. It moves hundreds of miles an hour so your survival chances are much better if you find the best shelter you can.

To prepare for a tornado, always keep a battery-powered radio handy to receive emergency information. Also, to avoid the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning, never use generators or charcoal-burning devices inside your home, basement, garage or camper.

The time after a tornado brings communities together, and many want to help in any way they can. But be careful when entering damaged buildings and stay out of any buildings that smell like gas. Wear sturdy shoes or boots, long sleeves and gloves when handling or walking on or near debris.

If you want to help with the recovery efforts after a disaster, please go through an established organization to volunteer. These areas can be dangerous, and those organizations will know how to organize and respond in a safe manner.

Never touch downed power lines or objects in contact with them. They could still be live with electricity and touching them could be fatal. Instead, immediately report any downed lines to your local electric cooperative.



## SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

If you are planning a project that involves digging, even if you plan to hire a professional, you must contact Indiana 811 at least two full working days before you begin, either by phone or online.

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[www.811now.com](http://www.811now.com)

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