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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 1

2019 Holiday Market

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds,
11 am - 4 pm
Come to this free event to support
local vendors and find gifts for
everyone!

Learn more at:
<https://bit.ly/32xx8Dn>

DECEMBER 5

Santa Visits Hendricks Power

Hendricks Power, 5-8 pm
Come join us for milk and cookies
and get your photo taken with Santa!
Learn more at:
www.hendrickspower.com

DECEMBER 6

Holiday Fest

Hendricks Co Conference Center,
9 am - 3 pm
This free event at the fairgrounds
includes a cookie walk, crafts,
activities, lunch, and entertainment.

DECEMBER 7

Avon Tree Lighting

Avon Town Hall,
6 - 7 pm
Enjoy this free event with train rides,
music, crafts, hot chocolate, cookies,
and fireworks.

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

Enjoy your holiday! Our office will be
closed on Dec 24 and 25.

DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve

Have a safe and happy New Year's
Eve!



COMMUNITY EVENT

Santa Visits Hendricks Power

Join us for photos, cookies and activities!

Have you been naughty or nice this year? Be sure to bring the kids and come see Santa on Thursday, December 5th, right here at Hendricks Power Cooperative! We will have an opportunity for photos, cookies and hot chocolate, along with other crafts and activities.

Plus, don't forget to bring your 2+ donations for Mental Health America of Hendricks County for your FREE strand of LED Christmas lights! For more information on eligible donations and donation drive dates, see page 3 or visit our website at www.hendrickspower.com.

We will also have representatives from our member services departments, along with energy advisors to answer any general billing or efficiency questions you may have! Please bring your questions and the kids for a visit with Santa!

We can't wait to see you! If you have any additional questions, give us a call at (317) 745-5473 or visit our website at hendrickspower.com



Pet Costume Contest Winners!

We would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming participation we received in our Pet Costume Contest we held through October! We had a wide variety of creative submissions and an outstanding response benefiting the Hendricks County Humane Society.

Throughout the campaign, pet photo submissions were posted to Facebook. For each like, share, and comment, we offered to donate \$1 to the Hendricks County Humane Society. We are very proud to announce that as a result of the community's involvement on our posts, we were able to achieve our goal of a \$500 donation!

Each winner will receive an energy efficiency prize pack. First place will receive an ecobee smart thermostat with voice control, second place will receive a Philips Hue smart lighting starter kit, and third place will receive Wemo smart plugs. All winners will receive a Speck's gift card as well, to treat their furry friends! Thank you again for everyone that submitted an entry and participated on Facebook!

If you are interested in donating, volunteering, or fostering/adopting a new pet, please contact the Hendricks County Humane Society at (317) 745-3338

www.hendrickshumane.com



HOPE
The Mail Pup

2nd Place: Cocoa

You may have seen this sweetie at Rocket Fizz in Plainfield, where her owner Kim N. lets her greet customers!



COCOA
The Sumo Wrestler

3rd Place: Cooper

This handsome pup is here to save the day! His owners are Renee and Richard L. from Plainfield.



COOPER
The Super Dog

Keeping Warm

DO read the manufacturer's instructions and warning labels carefully before using any space heater or electric blanket.

DON'T leave a space heater or electric heating blanket unattended. Turn it off when you're leaving a room or going to sleep.

DO inspect heaters for cracked or broken plugs or loose connections before use.

DON'T use the heater if plugs are frayed, worn or damaged.

DON'T use an electric blanket if there are charred or frayed spots.

DO plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord or power strip, which could overheat and result in a fire.

DON'T use electric blankets while sleeping or as a mattress pad.

HEATING PAD, ELECTRIC BLANKET AND SPACE HEATER SAFETY

DON'T place heaters on cabinets, tables, furniture or carpet, which can overheat and start a fire.

DON'T fold an electric blanket when it's in use. Folded or tucked blankets could overheat and cause a fire.



Ask the Advisor: Holiday Lighting for Less

Each month we'll be giving you, our members, the opportunity to ask our Energy Advisors a question! Whether it's about energy efficiency, smart home technology, or suggestions on making home improvements, be sure to ask us! To submit your question, email Emily at ehammell@hendrickspower.com or contact us through our social media!



Steve Hite
Energy Services Supervisor

Q: LED holiday lights are popular, but are so much more expensive than regular mini lights. Is it worth it to make the switch?

- Jennifer, Cloverdale

A: Jennifer, thanks for your question! You have a lot of options for your outdoor holiday lights and it can be tough to decide if it's worth the extra expense to upgrade to LED lights. As you probably already know, LED lights are more energy efficient and cost-effective on your bill, but did you know they're 80 percent more efficient? That also means an 80 percent savings on your holiday light display. Strings of incandescent bulbs, on average, use about 6 times the energy as LEDs! Despite the difference in price, which can be a little steep (around 3x the price in some cases), LED lights actually last longer as well. On average, LED lights are expected to last around 7 x as long as their incandescent counterparts, according to Energy.gov.

Hopefully this helps answer your question. If you have the budget to upgrade your lights to LEDs, I would definitely suggest making the switch. The extra few dollars may seem steep, but you're sure to re-coop your costs through your bill. Keep an eye out after the holiday for sales and promotions to get the most bang for your buck! Don't forget, from Nov 18 - Dec 13, you can get a free strand of LED lights by donating two items to Mental Health America!

Want a custom energy audit for your home? They're free! Give us a call at (317) 745-5437 or visit us online at hendrickspower.com.



Making Spirits Bright

As a way of giving back to our community and members, Hendricks Power is serving as a collections site for Gift Lift donations to benefit Mental Health America of Hendricks County.

Gift Lift collects gift donations for local residents that otherwise may not receive a gift for the holidays. The program allows residents in assisted living homes, struggling with intellectual disabilities or mental illness the opportunity to have a gift to open. Last year alone, they were able to distribute gifts to more than 800 residents at nursing homes throughout the county as well as patients at Cummins Behavioral Health Services and residents of Cypress Manor.

November 18 - December 13, Hendricks Power is accepting donations at our office at 86 N CR 500 E Avon, IN. If you have any questions, please refer to our website at www.hendrickspower.com.

Priority donations include unused, new:

- Warm Socks
- Puzzle Books (large print)
- Lap Blankets
- 2020 Calendars (large print)
- Sugar-Free Candy
- Hygiene Items
- Please no glass, razors, or loofahs.

For a complete list of eligible donations, please refer to our website, www.hendrickspower.com.

Nov 18 - Dec 13
Donate 2+ items, for free LED lights!