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News & Views

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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 14
Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY 24
Legislative Breakfast
Mark your calendars for our 2020 Legislative Breakfasts. At 7:00 am, a complimentary breakfast will be served followed by an opportunity to talk with your representatives at the Indiana Statehouse.

Remaining 2020 dates are:
February 24
March 23

RSVP at janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com by the Thursday prior to the event.

These breakfasts are sponsored by Hendricks Power, North Salem State Bank and Hendricks County Farm Bureau.

FEBRUARY 28
Scholarship Applications Due!
If you're a high school senior, be sure to submit your application for the Commitment to Community \$1,500 scholarship!
Learn More at www.hendrickspower.com

MARCH 2
Touchstone Energy Camp & Youth Tour Applications Due!
Learn more about these and other sponsored youth programs at: www.hendrickspower.com



LEGISLATIVE BREAKFASTS

2020 Legislative Breakfasts in Full Swing

Each year, Hendricks Power helps sponsor a series of Legislative Breakfasts for residents of Hendricks County. These breakfasts serve as an opportunity for those in our community to learn more about what's happening during session at the Statehouse.

Breakfasts will take place at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds Conference Complex and kick off at 7 am. Remaining dates for the breakfasts are Monday February 24, and Monday, March 23.

These free breakfasts are the largest publicly attended legislative event in the state during session and will feature time for Q & A, so attendees will be able to ask their own specific questions. Don't miss this chance to learn more about our state legislature! Breakfasts will feature Representatives Bob Behning, Greg Steuerwald, and Jeff Thompson, along with Senators John Crane and Jeff Young.

We hope to see you!

Please, RSVP to Janna Bolen of Indiana Farm Bureau by the Thursday prior to each breakfast at janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS:



Don't forget
to RSVP!

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Your Touchstone Energy® Partner

Operation Round Up Continues Giving

The holiday months are usually a very busy time for businesses and families. That’s why our Operation Round-Up crew made it a point to distribute as many donated dollars as possible to wrap up 2019!

Two of our recipients included St. Malachy and St. Susanna schools , which received a \$2,000 donation to purchase new athletic equipment for their combined 600 students. The equipment included indoor nets for volleyball/tennis/badminton, floor goals, and additional tools for relay races.

The other non profits that were chosen to receive funding were Eel River Township Fire Department of North Salem and the Liberty Township Fire Department of Clayton. One thousand dollars was donated to each of these fire departments to enhance fire and rescue efforts.

Thank you to all of our current members enrolled in Operation Round Up. Your spare change each month makes a real difference in our communities and lives!

Interested in helping our Hendricks County with your spare change every month? Learn more about Operation Round Up on our website, www.hendrickspower.com, or give us a call at 317.745.5473 to enroll!



St. Malachy Students excited to use new athletic equipment.



Capt. Kevin Basham accepts donation for Eel River Fire Dept. of North Salem



Capt. Jeff Dixon accepts donation for Liberty Township Fire Dept. of Clayton

Do you know a local non-profit that could benefit from Operation Round-Up funds?
Apply online at:
www.hendrickspower.com

~~Introduce~~ Ask the Advisor: Nick Dombrosky

Each month we’ll be giving you, our members, the opportunity to ask our Energy Advisors a question! To submit your question, email Emily at ehammell@hendrickspower.com or contact us through our social media!



Q: Tell us a little about yourself & your background?

A: I have been working with Energy Efficiency for 8 years now and come from the Home Performance industry. I am a Mechanical Engineer from Purdue and really love talking about energy! My wife and I recently welcomed a baby girl and we all really love being Hendricks County residents. Our two dogs are regulars at the Avon-Washington Township dog park and love playing disc golf with me.

Q: What is your favorite part of being an energy advisor?

What I love most about being an energy auditor is the opportunity to help people. Many of the energy audits we conduct are in response to high bills and our job is to figure out the cause. I enjoy being able to put our members at ease with our tools and knowledge to help them discover on-going issues. I especially love the “ah ha!” moment on members’ faces when we find out exactly what the problem is – whether it’s air sealing, insulation, or even having a thermostat set wrong. Then, creating a plan with the homeowner to increase their efficiency gives them a lot of confidence.

A lot of members get really frustrated or confused with their bills and usage and I get to help people decipher and under-

stand their home and how their bills are calculated. It’s nice to relieve people of the confusion!

Q: What would you consider your efficiency specialty?

I tend to lean toward analytics and data to help others understand the basics of usage, efficiency, and savings. Much of my experience deals with the home as a system and building science. If we are trying to track down an air leak, I bet I can find where it is and how to fix it!

Q: If you had one tip for residents trying to be more energy efficient, what would it be?

As an Avon local, one of my first recommendations would be to avoid Rockville Rd/US Hwy 36 during rush hour at all costs! Getting stuck in traffic is an easy way to waste your time and energy!

From a home efficiency stand point, your HVAC utilizes the most energy in your home, so making sure your have a smart or programmable thermostat is one of the easiest and least expensive ways to save money and energy. Just set it and forget it!

Plug into Safety

WHEN CHARGING YOUR DEVICES

Something as simple as charging a phone could be dangerous.

Only purchase charging cords and devices from trusted sources. Low-priced options are often unregulated and untested.

Only charge on cool, well-ventilated surfaces away from flammable objects. And, always unplug cords when they’re not in use.

If you’re charging your phone and accidentally drop it in water, you could be electrocuted. Unlike hair dryers and electric razors, devices not meant to be used in a bathroom (phones, laptops, etc.) are not equipped with ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Are you using your fireplace efficiently? Remember to turn down the thermostat when burning a fire, and close the damper when a fire is not burning.

Source: energy.gov



2020 Updates

In Jan. 2020, you will notice a small increase in the power cost adjustment (PCA) on your monthly bill of about 1.4%. This increase is due to a change in wholesale power costs from our provider, which includes changes in fuel costs, operations and maintenance of plants, and depreciation.

This slight change in the PCA does not impact Hendricks Power base rates, which have not changed in five years. You can find these at hendrickspower.com/rates. If you have any questions about this, or if you are interested in an energy audit to reduce usage, please contact our office at (317) 745-5473.