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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 14

Valentine's Day

Happy Valentine's Day! Wishing everyone a day filled with love.

FEBRUARY 20

Vandalia Trail Bike Ride

Plainfield Meijer, 9 AM
This monthly bike ride series in Plainfield by the Friends of the Vandalia Trail is held on Saturday mornings. The gathering point is right behind Biggby Coffee and in front of Meijer. The full ride is approximately ten miles long. Learn More: <https://bit.ly/3no6x6e>

FEBRUARY 27

Friggin' Frog 5K Race

Brownsburg East Middle School, 10 AM
Enjoy this 5K race at Brownsburg Championship Cross Country Course. Registration is \$25. Register by January 30th, 2021. Learn More: <https://bit.ly/3rZgSjt>

MARCH 5

Commitment to Community Scholarship Applications Due

Hendricks Power is awarding six scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

Learn more and apply at: www.hendrickspower.com



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Commitment to Community Scholarships Available

Hendricks Power continues its scholarship program to support youth within the community

Hendricks Power Cooperative has been committed to the communities we serve for more than 80 years. This commitment inspired our scholarship program, which assists local students in fulfilling their dreams of higher education. In 2021 HPC will award six scholarships, each worth \$1,500, toward college tuition or a school of higher education for graduating seniors.

Application Requirements:

- › The parents or guardians of the applicant must be an HPC member.
- › Applicant must be a 2021 graduating senior and have maintained a cumulative grade point average of a 3.0 on (a 4.0 scale) or higher.
- › Applicant must provide a current high school transcript, letter of reference, essay submission explaining "Who powers you and why," and completed application form.
- › Recipient must be eligible to enroll at an accredited college as a full-time student in the fall of 2021.

Applications may be submitted online at www.hendrickspower.com/scholarship-program, mailed to Hendricks Power Cooperative, Attn: Commitment to Community Scholarship PO Box 309 Danville, IN 46122, or dropped off at our office, located at 86 N CR 500 E, Avon, IN 46123. Applications are due by March 5th, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Hammell at ehammell@hendrickspower.com or by phone at (317) 718-7606.

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HOW POWER IS
restored



When a storm brings widespread power outages to your area, please be patient as your electric cooperative prioritizes repairs and methodically works to restore service. Priority goes to the lines that will get the most consumers back in service the quickest.

Priority 1: Transmission lines

These high voltage lines carry electricity from generating plants to substations (or between substations). They are supported by the tall towers, usually of steel lattice framing or sometimes tall wooden poles in an “H” or “M” configuration, carrying multiple lines. Since tens of thousands of people may be served by one transmission line, damage here needs to be taken care of first.

Priority 2: Substations

These electrical facilities contain equipment that switches or regulates the voltage of electricity. They lower the voltage from the transmission lines so the electricity can be transmitted through the distribution lines. If problems are taken care of at the substation, power to a large number of people can be restored.

Priority 3: Main distribution lines

You see these along roadways. They carry electricity from the substations to groups of consumers, like towns or housing developments. When power is restored here, all consumers from this supply line will see their power come on unless there is a problem farther down the line.

Priority 4: Tap lines

These are electric feeder lines running from the main distribution line to utility poles and underground transformers outside houses or buildings. They serve a small number of consumers.

Priority 5: Individual service

These lines run from the transformer to the individual consumer’s electric meter.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month

Use wool or rubber dryer balls in the clothes dryer to reduce drying time and static.

Wool dryer balls can also absorb extra moisture. These are an efficient alternative to dryer sheets, which can create buildup on the dryer’s filter and reduce air circulation. If you prefer dryer sheets, scrub the filter once a month to remove buildup.



COMMON REASONS FOR
power outages



WEATHER: A heavy buildup of ice and snow on power lines, poles, and equipment can bring them down. Wind also causes widespread damage. High winds following a heavy ice storm can be particularly devastating. Lightning strikes can cause major damage to electrical equipment, transmission towers, wires, and poles.

TREES: During high winds, snow, and ice, tree limbs can snap, or entire trees can topple onto power lines.

ACCIDENTS: A vehicle hitting a utility pole can break the pole and knock lines from their overhead perch. Excavation work can disturb buried electric service lines causing an outage. Always call 811 before any gardening or digging project.

ANIMALS: Small animals and birds can climb on poles and electrical equipment, which may cause a short circuit or equipment to shut down.

VANDALISM: People shooting at insulators and transformers is still a sad cause for power outages in rural areas.

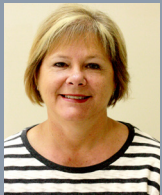
PLANNED OUTAGES: If an electric cooperative is performing maintenance or upgrading its equipment, it may need to turn off the power temporarily. The cooperative will usually try to notify consumers.



Celebrating No Lost Time in 2020

Hendricks Power Cooperative is celebrating having no lost time accidents in 2020. With nearly 90 employees, many of whom climb poles, endure the elements, and drive over-sized vehicles, having an accident-free year is no small accomplishment. “Making certain that all of our team members are safe is our number one priority, and we’re thankful to have a team that takes safety so seriously,” says Chris Gearld, Hendricks Power’s Safety Director & Property Manager. “In addition, our crews have driven more than 1.7 million miles and worked more than 300,000 hours in the last two years and only experienced three minor traffic incidents. We’re so proud to have a group of line workers that make team safety and community safety a priority.”

Thank You to our 2020 Retirees!



TAMMY BRADLEY-KNOTTS
Operations Administrator
38 years of service



JAY LOWE
Facility Maintenance Technician
XX years of service



KATHY OWENS
Meter Coordinator
47 years of service



GREGG WRIGHT
Energy Advisor
20 years of service