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# News & Views

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## AROUND TOWN

### Calendar of Events

#### 2019 Legislative Breakfasts

Mark your calendars for our 2019 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.

The 2019 dates are:

~~January 28~~  
~~February 25~~  
March 25  
April 15

RSVP at (317) 745-4463 or email [janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com](mailto:janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com) by the Thursday prior to the event. You can RSVP for all breakfasts at once.

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

#### March 12 Hendricks County Business Leader Women's Lunch

Join speaker Denise McGonigal as she shares ideas about how to create a JoyPowered workspace at the Washington Township Park Pavilion from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Price is \$15.

#### July 18 Save the date! Hendricks Power 2019 Annual Meeting

Watch your mail for more details.



APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

## Hendricks Power lineworker graduates from apprenticeship program

Twenty-one lineworkers, including Hendricks Power's **Derek Cash**, graduated from Indiana Electric Cooperatives' apprenticeship program, Rural Electric Apprentice Program (REAP) in January.

REAP is a four-year program that professionally trains apprentice lineworkers from across Indiana. Graduates complete 576 hours of classroom-related study and 8,000 hours of on-the-job training at their electric cooperative. Students also complete four additional classes through Ivy Tech Community College. Upon completion of the program, graduates earn an Associate of Applied Science and a journeyman lineman certificate.

"Lineworkers are the backbone of our operations and their dedication to the consumers of Indiana's electric cooperatives is outstanding," said Jon Elkins, Vice President of Safety, Training and Compliance at Indiana Electric Cooperatives. "We are proud to have these hardworking individuals as part of the cooperative family."

Hendricks Power currently has four apprentices in various phases of the program. Safety is at the core of our business and ongoing training is critical.

Pictured above are Hendricks Power employees supporting Derek and celebrating this achievement. Left to right: Dan Love, Lineman; Joe Parsons, Director of Operations; Derek Cash, Lineman; and Greg Ternet, CEO.

*Indiana Electric Cooperatives, located in Indianapolis, represents 38 electric distribution cooperatives that serve 1.3 million Hoosiers in 89 of the state's 92 counties. The cooperatives are collectively the second largest electricity provider in Indiana. For more information about the association, visit [IndianaEC.org](http://IndianaEC.org).*

HELP KEEP ELECTRIC  
LINE WORKERS  
SAFE

Be patient when the power goes out. Workers need to work efficiently and safely to restore power.

1 work zone crash occurs every 5.4 minutes

70 work zone crashes result in injuries each day

12 work zone crashes result in at least 1 fatality each week

**ZONE IN ON SAFETY**

Respect roadside work crews.

Don't drive distracted. Reduce your speed. Change lanes.

Never plug a generator into a wall outlet in your home or garage. The power that back feeds into the electric line could electrocute a utility worker or neighbor.

**DON'T** post signs on utility poles.

Foreign objects can tear utility workers' protective clothing, which is the first line of protection from an electric shock.

Electric line workers **RANK 15** on the list of **25 MOST DANGEROUS JOBS** in America. Help keep them safe!

Learn more at [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org)

# Indiana Electric Cooperatives host Page Day

Twenty-three high school students representing 13 Indiana electric cooperatives participated in Page Day hosted at the Indiana Statehouse Wednesday, Jan. 23. **Chloe Olejnik** from Plainfield represented Hendricks Power.

“Serving as a page gives young people a unique opportunity to participate in state government,” explained Greg Ternet, Hendricks Power CEO. “Experiencing the process and the heart of state government brings to life many of the lessons students learn in the classroom. Seeing it firsthand takes it to the next level.”

The students participated in a tour of the Indiana Statehouse and had the opportunity to meet legislators. Pages learned how a bill becomes a law and passed their own legislation in a mock bill activity.

Pictured left to right: Brooklyn LaMar, Whitewater Valley REMC; Chloe Olejnik, Hendricks Power; and James Langmaid, Northeastern REMC.



# 2019 Student of the Year program



Danville Community High School student **Jackson Douglas** has been selected to participate in the 2019 Student of the Year Program, a seven-week initiative in which select high school students from around the country participate in a fundraising competition to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. (LLS)

Jackson is raising these critical dollars in honor of a young patient hero named Riley, who is currently battling B Cell Lymphoblastic Lymphoma, and could use your help! Donations are tax deductible and will support LLS research, education and advocacy.

Jackson is the son of Tim Douglas and Amy Douglas. He plans to attend Purdue University in the fall to study Mechanical Engineering. The candidate team that raises the most money at the end of seven weeks is named Student of the Year.

Learn more and donate ! <https://events.lls.org/in/indianasoy19/jdouglas>

# 2019 National Survey on Cooperative Difference

Hendricks Power is participating in the 2019 National Survey on the Cooperative Difference in coordination with TSE Services and Touchstone Energy. As a Hendricks Power member, you may be asked to participate via telephone or email.

Bellomy Research, one of the top 50 market research firms in the USA, will be conducting the data collection. Emails will include a link to the survey and a unique ID code. It will include Hendricks Power’s logo, and our contact information. Telephone surveys will be conducted primarily during weeknights from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm and on Saturdays. The words “Electric Coop” will display as the Caller ID and the call will originate from area code 336.

If contacted, we encourage you to participate! This feedback helps us plan for the future and improve service to all members.

# Take steps to keep your energy (and money) from flying out the window

It’s a popular misperception that replacing windows can lead to significant energy savings. But, often other projects will give you a better payback and increase your comfort. There are instances when replacing windows makes sense: aesthetic reasons, addressing broken panes, or the window is not functioning because of damaged hardware. But if you are thinking about new windows to save a bunch of money, here are some ideas to think about first:

## It’s not your windows – it’s the other air leaks!

Many people think that drafty windows are causing their discomfort. Yet, it’s frequently other air leaks throughout the home that are to blame. Sealing common air leak around chimneys, ductwork, water lines, gas lines, and dryer vents can do a great deal to improve your home’s comfort. In fact, ENERGY STAR® reports that adding up all the leaks, holes, and gaps in a typical home would “be the equivalent of having a window open every day of the year!”

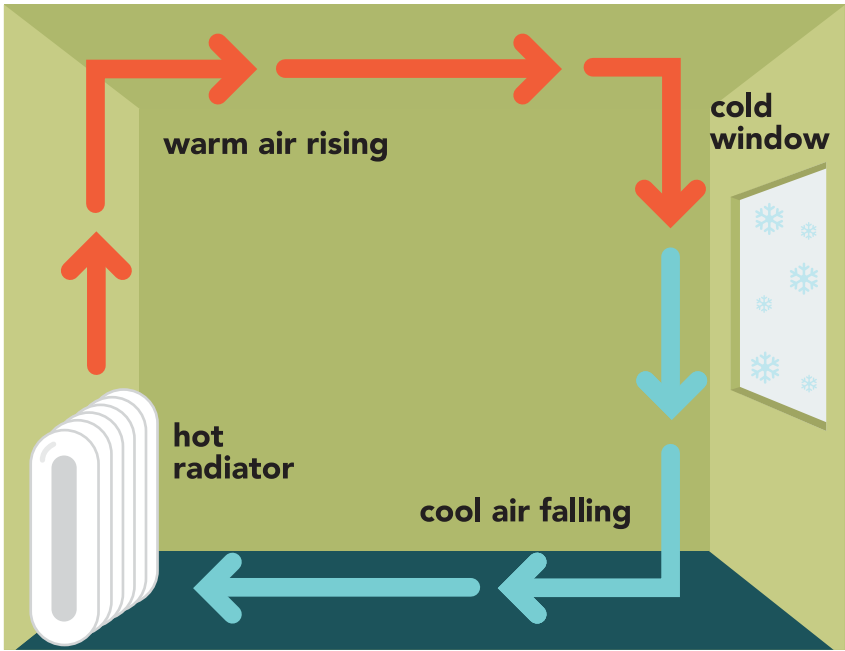
## Your windows likely will feel drafty in the winter, because... science!

As you stroll past your windows in the winter, you may feel a chill that leads you to think that your windows are leaky. One of two things is probably happening: heat is transferring through the glass to outside where it is colder. Or, warm air which has risen toward the ceiling, is cooling, and falling past the cold window; this creates the impression that there is a draft coming through the window. You can easily fix both by shutting blinds and curtains, making sure supply registers are open and free from obstruction, and maybe even adding a storm window.

## Low-cost steps will improve your home’s comfort.

There are simple things you can do to improve your home’s comfort in the winter months. Position furniture away from windows to prevent feeling the chillier air near those windows. Open blinds and curtains when the sun is shining to help heat the house and close them at night to retain that heat. Sealing leaks around your home with caulk and foam is an effective low-cost DIY project that leads to impressive results!

Visit [www.EnergyStar.gov](http://www.EnergyStar.gov) for details on air sealing your home. Visit [www.PowerMoves.com](http://www.PowerMoves.com) for energy saving tips, efficiency rebates, and the name of your local energy advisor who is specifically trained to help you save money and be comfortable. Help is just a click away.



## FEEDBACK

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## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Laundry Tip: Dry towels and heavier cottons separately from lighter-weight clothing. You’ll spend less time running the dryer for lighter-weight items, which saves energy.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)

