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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

JULY 13

Symphony in Ellis Park
Ellis Park

Free concert from 8-10:30 pm.
Enjoy the music of John Williams & the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. The theme is Star Wars and guests are encouraged to wear costumes!

www.facebook.com/eveningsinellis

JULY 18

Annual Meeting
Hendricks County 4-H Fair

Join us from 11 am-8 pm at the fair for free parking, admission, entertainment, and food! Plus, vote for your Board of Directors.

www.facebook.com/hendrickspower

JULY 18

Brownsburg Summer Concerts
Arbuckle Park

Free concert from 7-9 pm featuring the Endless Summer Band.

www.facebook.com/brownsburgparks

JULY 20

Brownsburg Festival of the Arts
Arbuckle Park

From 8:00 am-3:00, the festival will feature more than 100 art & craft exhibitors. Admission is \$3 and 12 and under are free.

www.brownsburgfota.com

JULY 27

Tox-Away Day
Hickory Elementary School

From 8:00 am-1:00 pm Avon residents may dispose of household hazardous wastes free of charge.
www.hendrickssolidwaste.com



OPERATION ROUND-UP

A Little Change Makes a Big Local Difference

Operation Round-Up Donates \$3,500 to Food Pantry Coalition

Counting down the days until pay day to buy toothpaste or soap for your family? That's a reality for many Hendricks County residents, even those that receive federal assistance. Luckily, we have organizations like the Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition. The Coalition supports 22 local food pantries, including a hygiene pantry and three pet food pantries around Amo, Avon, Camby, Brownsburg, Clayton, Danville, Coatesville, Hazelwood, New Winchester, Pittsboro, North Salem, Plainfield and Stilesville.

Hendricks County has more than 15,000 residents that are food insecure, and they need more than just food to survive – they also need basic toiletries and household essentials. "When people have limited dollars they usually choose food first, but they still have a need for the everyday essentials," states Shirley Larson, the Coalition's Treasurer.

That's when Operation Round-Up stepped in. Donating \$3,500 on behalf of our members, the Coalition was able to purchase thousands of hygiene and household items to help local Hendricks residents and their families.

"Neighbors helping Neighbors is the underlying initiative of the coalition," said Dana Cochran, Director of Marketing & Member Engagement at Hendricks Power Cooperative. "Our Operation Round-Up program exists for this very reason. We are thankful to our membership for supporting this and many other similar causes within our community."

If you're interested in rounding up your bill to donate to local causes or applying for an Operation Round-Up grant for your organization, learn more at:
hendrickspower.com/community-outreach/operation-round-up

hendrickspower.com



Energizing Summer

Hendricks Power sponsored two students at the annual Touchstone Energy Camp. The camp was held June 5 – 8, 2019, at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana. Students entering seventh grade this fall were eligible to attend and were selected by their local cooperative to participate in the three day program. The students’ agenda combined traditional outdoor camp activities with environmental education, electrical safety practices and cooperative business education.

“This is a great way for students to learn about the role of the electric cooperative in their community. On top of that, they get to experience all the fun of camp,” said Steve Hite, camp chaperson and Energy Services Supervisor of Hendricks Power.

Students representing Hendricks Power were Averie Wray, of Danville, and Dawson Martin, of Mooresville. While at camp, the students had the opportunity to horseback ride, canoe, zip line, ride in a bucket truck, and had a dance to celebrate on the last night.



“Seeing the campers get to know one another and make friends is always my favorite part. It’s really neat to have family style dinners too, they remind me of the old days. By the end, most of the kids want to stay longer and that’s how we know they had a good time.” Steve says.

Know a Hendricks Power member on their way into sixth grade? Learn more about Touchstone Energy’s annual camp and next year’s application deadline online at:

hendrickspower.com



Don't Fall Victim to Scam Calls!

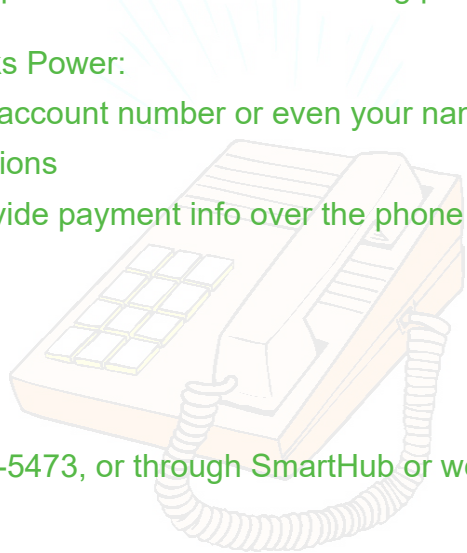
There has been a recent spike in utility scam phone calls. Read our tips to see how to avoid falling prey.

Here are some quick ways to determine if a call is NOT from Hendricks Power:

- They won't know much personal information, such as your address, account number or even your name
- You feel confused and rushed without the chance to ask many questions
- They threaten you with turning off your power, pressuring you to provide payment info over the phone

If you think you've received a scam call follow these steps:

- Do NOT provide ANY personal information!
- Make notes of what the caller asks you to do and hang up
- Contact our offices to verify your current account status at (317) 745-5473, or through SmartHub or website



Increase your A/C Efficiency in Minutes!

As the temperature outside increases, so do those cooling bills. You already know that programming your thermostat and keeping doors closed will help reduce your use, but did you know you can actually make your A/C unit more efficient in a matter of minutes?

That's right, and all you need to do is give your unit a basic clean! It's easier than you'd think! Follow the steps below to increase your unit's efficiency.

1. Turn your system setting to “Off”
2. Turn off the breaker to your A/C unit
3. Sweep away leaves & debris from around unit
4. Spray unit with hose to remove any debris

Do NOT use a power washer!

Once you're complete and have given your unit some time to dry off, be sure to turn on the breaker and switch your system setting to “On.” Just these four steps should increase your unit's efficiency and it should blow cooler air into your home immediately!

Not comfortable doing it yourself? Be sure to get your unit cleaned every year with your routine system maintenance.

Give us a call for a FREE personalized home energy audit at (317) 745-5473 or on our website at www.hendrickspower.com/energy-advisor

LEARNING STARTS Now!

EDUCATE CHILDREN ON BUS SAFETY BEFORE THEY LEAVE FOR SCHOOL.



Keep these situations in mind when talking to your children about school bus and bus stop safety.

- Don't play near or around power lines or poles while waiting for the bus.
- Stay away from pad-mount transformers (those big green boxes) or other electrical equipment.
- Plan with your children the different scenarios they could find themselves in.

