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# BENEFITS OF TREE TRIMMING

Clearing trees and overgrown vegetation is vital to provide safe, reliable power to our consumer-members.

We clear certain areas in our service territory, known as rights of way, to:

- Keep power lines clear of tree limbs
- Restore power outages more quickly
- Keep crews and members of our community safe
- Reduce unexpected costs for repairs

Vegetation management improves service reliability for you - our members!



# News & Views

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AROUND TOWN

# **Calendar** of Events

### April 6

### Tox-Away Day

Residents may dispose of household hazardous wastes free of charge from 8:00 am-1:00 pm at Brownsburg High School. Visit www.hendrickssolidwaste.com.

### April 6

### Dancing with the Hendricks County Stars

Buy your tickets now for this event to support the Hendricks County Museum. It will begin at 6:00 pm at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds Expo Hall. Ten well-known Hendricks County residents instructed at Arthur Murray Dance Center are preparing for the competition. \$65 tickets include dinner. cash bar, open dancing, and a silent auction. Add a \$25 ticket for "Meet & Greet the Dancers" to enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and a drink from 5:15 - 6:00 pm. Tickets are available at hendrickscountymuseum.org.

#### April 19

### Good Friday - OFFICE CLOSED

### April 21

#### Easter

For a list of opportunities to meet the Easter Bunny and hunt for Easter eggs, go to visithendrickscounty.com.



## The commitment of an electric

## lineworker

National studies consistently rank power line installers and repairers among the most dangerous jobs in the country, and for good reason. Laboring high in the air wearing heavy equipment and working directly with high voltage creates a perfect storm of a dangerous and unforgiving profession. But electric lineworkers are up to the task. These brave men and women are committed to safety, as well as the challenges of the job.

Hendricks Power's lineworkers are responsible for keeping power flowing day and night, regardless of national holidays, vacations, birthdays, etc. Beyond the years of specialized training and apprenticeships, it takes internal fortitude and a mission-oriented outlook to be a good lineworker.

**Family Support System:** Equally important is their reliance on a strong support system at home. A lineworker's family understands and supports their loved one's commitment to the greater community during severe storms and power outages. This means in times of prolonged outages, the family and their lineworker may have minimal communication and not see much of each other for several days. Without this strong family support and understanding, this challenging job would be all the more difficult.

**Community Commitment:** In our community and across the country, electric co-op lineworkers' are often familiar figures in the community. They can be found coaching youth sports teams, volunteering for local charities and serving on local advisory boards.

**Thank You**: Monday, April 8 is Lineworker Appreciation Day. Given the dedication of Hendricks Power's lineworkers, both on and off the job, I encourage you to take a moment and acknowledge the many contributions they make to our local community. And if you see their family members in the grocery store or out and about in the town, please offer them a thank you as well.

WHO POWERS YOU WHO POWERS YOU

## Recognizing #WhoPowersYou nominees

In October 2018 we promoted the Touchstone Energy® #WhoPowersYou contest and asked the community to nominate individuals who have inspired them by making a difference in the community. While our nominees were not selected by the committee as prize winners, Hendricks Power wants to recognize and thank these individuals for their contributions to our community.

Below are brief excerpts from the nominations, describing how and why they've inspired others.



### Maria Larrison

Maria has dedicated her life to the well-being of others; a journey on selflessness and giving. Time and time again Maria has been a part of helping others regain their strength and self-worth, and has often been a voice for those who didn't feel as if they had one. Her contributions include involvement with Sheltering Wings, Hope's Healthcare, Susie's Place and Honor Flight. When asked for permission to be nominated, she paused and said, "It's not about me, it's about each of us being equipped to do God's good work."



### Chip Cochran

I am nominating Chip Cochran for the WhoPowers You award, as it is apparent that his efforts are vital to the sustainability of our local town. One-by one, he is revamping properties on Main Street in Brownsburg, just down the road from his local business. Chip has spent the last four years buying and rehabbing properties, not only to make the area more pleasing to the eye, but to attract other businesses and encourage local trade.

"When somebody in the community says thank you so much for what you are doing for our town, it gives me goosebumps," Chip said, "because I'm just a heating and air conditioning guy trying to run a business and by accident I've done things people in the community are thankful for."



### Jimmelynn Rice

Jimmelynn Rice is a name that will forever remain in the hearts of many teen girls as "the one" who cared. Real girls. Real need. Real hope. Her calling and deep passion to help strategically mentor and provide refuge, hope and guidance to young women lead to the creation of Girls Nite In. Though Girls Nite In was originally designed for a group of local teens, the gaping need across the country and around the world became quickly apparent. News began to spread rapidly by word-of-mouth and the grassroots movement ignited. Over 45 successful, positive, engaging adult female mentors have joined Jimme to become a part of the GNI Leadership Team in Indianapolis and more than 1700 teen girls have been mentored through Girls Night In, FREE of charge.



### Neureiter Family - Ben, Jenny and Braden

With a legacy of farming in their family and a heart to give back to their community the Neureiter family started a nonprofit years ago called, "Why Not Today." After all, why not do some good TODAY. With the heart and passion to make a difference in their community they began the nonprofit with a focus to feed the hungry in their community and beyond. They sold their house in the suburb and bought a small farm to begin sustainable agriculture that could be grown and then given back to local food pantries. This family through their efforts have fed hundreds if not thousands of people in our community with fresh, locally grown fruits, vegetables and meat.

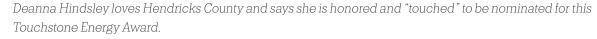


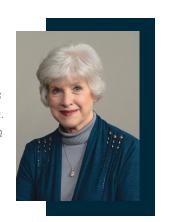
### Mary Kay Hood

She has not only helped those she meets locally but has made all organizations across the country she's involved with become stronger and better socially, morally and ethically. She powers so many local and national organizations, and definitely powers our community as a whole, making her an excellent example for others. She is not only a teacher but leads by example. Contributions include involvement with United Way, Leadership Hendricks County and Senior Services of Hendricks County.

### Deanna Hindsley

While she has been involved in many organizations, Hendricks County Historical Museum is her love. She has been on the board for ten years, served as president for six years, and has led the fundraising projects for seven. She has organized dinner auctions with historic-related entertainment to the current endeavor, "Dancing with the Hendricks County Stars." These events have grown from an attendance of 60 to over 450 guests.





**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 

### Hal Truax earns Director Gold credential



Hal Truax has been a member of Hendricks Power since 1984 and served on the board of directors for nearly 26 years. He represents Area 4. Truax completed National Rural Electric Association's (NRECA) Director Education Program and Board Leadership Program. He has since worked to earn his Director Gold credential. This credential recognizes directors committed to continuing their education who desire a tangible credential that demonstrates their ongoing commitment to advancing their knowledge and performing their fiduciary duty to the best of their ability.

Congratulations on this achievement and thank you for your dedication to Hendricks

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Pictured left to right: Don Stinson, Hendricks Power Board President and Hal Truax, Hendricks Power Board Member

Member services representative receives special thanks

Member services representative Roberta "Bert" Robbins received flowers from Tammy Lawson, Danville, for always being so kind and providing exceptional customer service.

Thank you Tammy for the thoughtful gesture, and kudos to Bert for a job well done!



### FEEDBACK

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