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# News & Views

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## AROUND TOWN

### Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 1

#### Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 AM. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour!

NOVEMBER 3

#### Primary Elections

Be sure to get out and vote to have your voice heard!

Check your status and find a polling location: <https://indianavoters.com>

NOVEMBER 11

#### Veteran's Day

Thank you to all the men and women who have bravely served our country!

NOVEMBER 21

#### Handmade Craft Fair

9 AM - 3 PM | Washington Township Park Pavilion

Shop local artisans and craft makers for unique gifts at this free event.

Learn More: <https://bit.ly/3dbOk8I>

NOVEMBER 26 & 27

#### Thanksgiving Holiday

Happy Thanksgiving! Wishing our members a warm and gracious holiday. Our office will be closed to celebrate with friends and family.

NOVEMBER 28 - 29

#### Christmas at the Orchard

10 AM - 2 PM | Beasley's Orchard  
Don't miss Santa's visit to Beasley's! Enjoy kid's crafts and holiday shopping.

Learn More: <https://bit.ly/3d52gkF>



COVID-19 RELIEF

## Hendricks Power Partners to Provide \$15,000 in COVID-19 Relief

To provide local students with "Back to School" COVID-19 relief essentials, Hendricks Power, Wabash Valley Power Alliance, and community partners recently funded \$15,000 to school systems within Hendricks, Putnam, and Montgomery counties. Rotary Clubs of Avon, Plainfield, and Danville, North Salem State Bank, Endeavor Communications, and Parke County REMC made matching contributions to Hendricks Powers' efforts to provide COVID-19 supplies.

"The initiative began with the local Rotary organizations," stated Dana Cochran, Hendricks Power Director of Marketing. "The Rotary Clubs wanted to ensure schools were able to provide the essentials required for student safety. Matching dollars provided a greater impact on their respective schools, for which we are extremely thankful, but we also knew we had other school corporations to reach."

Rotary contributions awarded the Avon, Danville, and Plainfield Education Foundations \$2000 each, with matched funding totaling \$8000.

Contributions matched by North Salem State Bank were presented to Mill Creek, Northwest Hendricks, South Putnam, North Putnam, and South Montgomery School Corporations. Combined efforts awarded these schools with \$7000.

Endeavor Communications and Parke County REMC were also responsive to the efforts, making matching contributions to school systems within their territories. Hendricks Power and Endeavor Communications awarded the Cloverdale Community School Corporation with funds, while Hendricks Power and Parke County REMC presented a check to the Greencastle Community School Corporation. The Brownsburg Education Foundation was also presented a check by Hendricks Power Cooperative.

"We are very pleased with the combined efforts and support of our community partners," stated Cochran. "Not only is it our mission at Hendricks Power Cooperative to serve our community, but we hope to inspire others to join forces for the greater good as well."

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## Operation Round Up Contributes to Hendricks County Safe Haven Baby Box



On behalf of Hendricks Power Cooperative and its members, a \$1500 donation was made to the Danville Fire Department supporting the community Safe Haven Baby Box project. The Baby Box will serve as the first in Hendricks County and will provide a safe, secure, and anonymous way for community members to surrender a newborn baby if they are unable to care for a child.

The box will be installed at Danville Fire Station #192, located at 100 Twin Bridges Road, which is the only fire station in Danville that is staffed 24 hours a day. The box has an exterior door that automatically locks upon placement of a newborn inside, and an interior door which alerts an on-site staff member and allows them to secure the surrendered newborn from inside the

"In these trying, unpredictable times, we are glad to help offer a safe and legal way for infants to receive the quality care they deserve, despite any family's lack of resources or support," said Dana Cochran, Director of Marketing at Hendricks Power.

"Our hope is that the baby box isn't utilized very often, as Hendricks County offers so many resources to local mothers, but we are proud to offer the first and only baby box in the area," said Danville Fire Chief Rob Roberts. "We want to provide a safe and anonymous way for people to surrender infants that ensures a child's safety, free from judgment."

The Danville Rotary Club has matched \$5000 in donations, bringing the donation total to \$16,500. The town is still in need of \$3,500 in donations to complete

donation total to \$16,500. The town is still in need of \$3500 in donations to complete the project. The city has secured a local vendor to install the box but is looking for a donor to contribute to the alarm fees.

If you would like to contribute to the Danville Fire Department's baby box, donations can be made at Danville Town Hall, 49 North Wayne St. Danville, IN 46122. Checks can be made out to the Danville Fire Dept. Donations, Memo Safe Haven Baby Box. Visit [www.shbb.org](http://www.shbb.org) for additional information about Safe Haven Baby Boxes.

Operation Round-Up is a voluntary fundraising program that lets members round-up their energy bill to the next whole dollar- the difference is then deposited into the Hendricks Power Operation Round-Up Fund at the Hendricks County Community Foundation. Together, Hendricks Power and the Community Foundation determine the most appropriate uses to benefit the community. Anyone interested in enrolling in Operation Round-Up or receiving funds for the good of the community can visit us at [www.hendrickspower.com/roundup](http://www.hendrickspower.com/roundup) or call us at (317) 745-5473.



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## DECK THE HALLS WITH *boughs of safety*



### FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO KEEP YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE FRESH AND ELECTRICAL LIGHTS SAFE.

When Ralphie Parker's dad attempts to plug his glorious but tragically fra-gee-lee "Italian" leg lamp into an overloaded wall outlet in the holiday movie classic "A Christmas Story," there first came a "snap of a few sparks" and the "whiff of ozone" before the lamp blazed forth in the front window.

While that's a funny movie scene, those at Hendricks Power want to remind you overloaded circuits and sparks are never funny, especially this time of year.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, one of every three home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems. And though not common, Christmas tree fires are more serious than typical home fires. One of every 31 reported Christmas tree fires results in a death.

"This is such a beautiful and special time of year," said Dana Cochran from Hendricks Power. "It's always tragic to hear of home fires and loss of life, especially when it's caused by something like a Christmas tree or holiday decorations meant to bring joy and celebration."

### HERE ARE SOME THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND AS YOU DECORATE YOUR TREE THIS YEAR:

- If you decorate with a real tree, make sure it's fresh. Needles should not drop or come off easily.
- When you get your tree home, cut a few inches off the bottom of the trunk and immediately place the tree in water, even if you do not yet intend to decorate it.
- Make sure the tree is watered daily throughout the holiday.
- Decorate the tree with LED lights that do not get hot and use 75% to 90% less electricity.
- With any light set, carefully inspect each light and the cord. Cracked and loose bulbs and frayed or bare wires can shock or start a fire.



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## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

The average household owns 24 electronic products, which account for roughly 12% of home energy use. When shopping for electronics, consider purchasing ENERGY STAR®-certified products, which can be 70% more efficient than conventional models.

Source: [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

