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OF HENDRICKS POWER COOPERATIVE

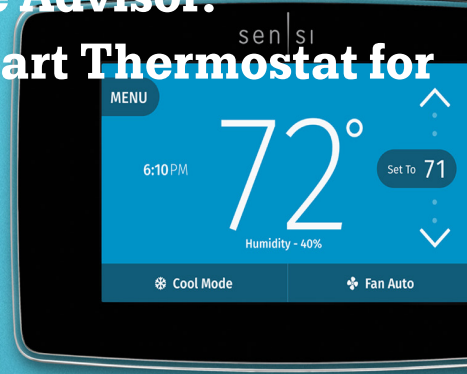
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Cooperative

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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 5

Plainfield International Day

Talon Stream Trail, 2 - 6 pm
This free event features representation from more than 20 different countries! Come enjoy the food, performances, and culture! Learn more at:
<https://bit.ly/2Zl1Qhx>

OCTOBER 5 & 6, 12 & 13

Beasley's Apple Festival

For just \$5 you can enjoy this annual tradition complete with hayrides, u-pick pumpkins, a corn maze, live music, face painting and more! Learn more at:
beasleys-orchard.com

OCTOBER 19

North Salem Fall Colors Fest

McCloud Nature Park, 10 am - 3 pm
Enjoy this free event with the family that will include hay rides, pumpkin painting, candle dipping and much more! Learn more at:
hendrickscountyparks.org

OCTOBER 26

Brownsburg Trail & Treat

Williams Park, 5 - 9 pm
Enjoy a free viewing of Hotel Transylvania and some trick-or-treating! Learn more at:
<https://bit.ly/2P7LARj>

OCTOBER 31

Have a spooky and safe Halloween!



NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH

How is a Co-op Different?

October is National Cooperative Month, so we wanted to remind members exactly what sets us apart from other electricity providers across central Indiana.

1. We're a non-profit cooperative

Being a non-profit cooperative means that all of our income is invested right back into our community. Other electricity providers can use their profits to benefit shareholders and investors.

2. You're the Boss!

Our members each own a small part of the co-op. This also means that our members have a democratic voice within the organization.

3. We Have a Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors is voted on by our members, that's you! This means that you can vote on our board members and you are eligible to represent your area on our board and help make cooperative-wide decisions.

4. We Make a Difference in our Community

Each year we give thousands of dollars back to our community. Food pantries, animal shelters, scholarships, youth camps, parades, car shows, theaters....the list of events and causes we support is continuously growing.

5. We're Your Neighbors

When you have a question or problem and you call us, the person that answers your call lives right here in Hendricks County. We frequent the same grocery stores, our children may even attend the same school. We're invested in making our members happy and resolving their issues because we're your neighbors!



For each Facebook “like,” we’ll donate \$1 for local animals in need!



Calling All Pets!

Does your pet have an awesome Halloween costume?

Now through October 31st, we’ll be having a pet costume contest! Submit your pet’s photo, name, and your pet’s costume through our Facebook or email to ehammell@hendrickspower.com. We’ll post your pet’s photo to our Facebook page and for every like/comment/share, we’ll donate \$1 to the Hendricks County Humane Society, up to \$500! Top three winners will be announced by November 15th on our Facebook page!

FIRST PLACE

EcoBee Smart Thermostat
With Voice Control
\$50 Speck’s Gift Card



SECOND PLACE

Philips Hue Smart Lighting Set
\$25 Speck’s Gift Card



THIRD PLACE

Wemo Smart Plug Set
\$20 Speck’s Gift Card



Appreciating Innovation

Due to recent growth and changes, we have retired our Reitzel substation in Stilesville. The substation was named in honor of Edgar Reitzel, a pioneer in electrifying rural Indiana and our Board of Director’s first Treasurer in 1935. As a way to thank his family, we decided we would personally deliver the most recent sign from the substation as a way to remember his dedication to our community. We were honored to learn more about him and his efforts from Aaron and Luane Reitzel at the family home!



Ask the Advisor: Smart Thermostats

Each month we’ll be giving you, our members, the opportunity to ask our Energy Advisors a question! Whether it’s about energy efficiency, smart home technology, or suggestions on making home improvements, be sure to ask us! To submit your question, email Emily at ehammell@hendrickspower.com or contact us through our social media!



Steve Hite
Energy Services Supervisor

Q: I already have a programmable thermostat. Would I really benefit from upgrading to a smart thermostat?

- Rachel, Brownsburg

Rachel, this is a great question. With all the new technology out there, it can be difficult to tell when you should make the investment. Here are a few of the biggest differences between your programmable thermostat and a smart thermostat.

Smart Thermostats Learn

If you have a programmable thermostat now, you know you can set it to different temperatures during the day, depending on your schedule. A smart thermostat can detect when you’re home or not, even within those time constraints to ensure efficiency.

Convenience

Programmable thermostats work great if you’re doing the same thing every day or every week. Unfortunately, many of our lives vary a bit more than the customizations a programmable thermostat can offer. If your child stays home sick, you have a late work meeting or simply have to go to the grocery store, your basic programmable thermostat can’t keep up with your busy life. These are the times where being able to adjust your smart thermostat remotely will come in handy for increasing your efficiency, and possibly lowering your bill. Not to mention, programming your thermostat can be a pain.

Integrations

Smart home tech is here to stay, and with easy integrations with Alexa, Google Home, not to mention third-party apps that help with home automation, it can be very helpful and convenient to be able to control your home from your smartphone or at the sound of your voice. No smartphone, no problem! Many of the apps that control these smart thermostats can be installed on tablets and computers.

Please, before you upgrade your home to smart thermostat, be sure your system is compatible with the thermostat you choose!



FREE Smart Thermostat Consultation & \$100 Rebate!

Save on those dreaded winter heating bills. Let our energy advisors come to your home, at NO cost, and offer you personalized smart thermostat consultation. We’ll recommend the best thermostat for your home and lifestyle!

Schedule your consultation and purchase a smart thermostat from October 1st – 31st, 2019 to receive a \$100 bill credit!*

Schedule Yours Now
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