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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 2

North Salem Old Fashion Days

Don't miss this festival! With the largest parade in Hendricks County, a car show, pie contest, and live entertainment, Old Fashion Days are a must! Visit northsaalemoldfashion-days.com for more info.

SEPTEMBER 13-14

Amo Fall Festival

Enjoy downtown Amo with an outdoor movie Friday evening and Saturday will feature kids' rides and games, a quilt show, car show, crafts, food vendors and a Beer Garden with live music.

SEPTEMBER 20-21

45th Annual St. Malachy Country Fair & Hog Roast

This fun-filled event is the perfect way to spend a fall weekend filled with midway rides, delicious food, and great entertainment. Don't forget your pork burger! Learn more at: <https://www.facebook.com/stmalachybrownsburg>

SEPTEMBER 29

9th Annual Bow Wow Bash

Benefiting Misty Eyes Animal Shelter, this pup-friendly event at Williams Park has food, games, a silent auction, access to the splash pad, and adoptable animals! Kids & pups are free, \$5 suggested donation for adults. Learn more at: <https://bit.ly/2GEbCom>



#WHOPOWERSYOU

Who Powers You?

Do you know someone making a difference in Hendricks County? Nominate them for the Touchstone Energy Who Powers You Contest!

Hendricks Power, in partnership with Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, is pleased to announce the fourth annual #WhoPowersYou Contest, celebrating local heroes. It's a chance for Hendricks Power members and employees to nominate someone making a difference in our community and an opportunity to celebrate the power of human connections. In addition to being nationally recognized, nominees can win up to \$5,000 for the cause they champion.

To nominate a local hero in Hendricks County, members and employees can go to whopowersyou.com and submit their nominee's name, photo, and a brief description of how they make a difference in our community. Nominations open on August 5 and must be submitted by midnight on September 6. Only members and employees of a cooperative are eligible to nominate. Winners will be announced in October. A independent panel of judges will select winners based upon the positive impact they make on the community, creativity of the entry, and the number of votes they receive.

Prize money totaling \$9,000 will be awarded to the following winners:

Grand Prize Winner: \$5,000

Second Place: \$2,000

Third Place: \$1,500

Honorable Mention: \$500

Submit your nomination at
www.whopowersyou.com

hendrickspower.com

Thank You to Our Members!

Over 1,200 members joined us to participate in the fun throughout our annual meeting at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair. Thank you for your support! Members received free admission to the fair that day and \$10 in Fair Bucks to use at food vendors. We offered two high voltage safety demonstrations, along with free face painting and balloon twisting for children in the evening. Hendricks Power employees were available throughout the day to talk about energy efficiency and other co-op services.

The members that attended the business portion of the meeting heard election results, an update on the co-op, and were entered into a drawing for \$100 energy credits. This year’s elections resulted in Don Stinson representing Area 1, Andrew Lynch representing Area 2, and Mett Hession representing Area 3. The five winners were Kenneth Swain, William Hurley, Dorothy Fausset, Diane Gentry, and Willard Lydick.

“We are very pleased with the turnout at our Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation event,” said Dana Cochran, Director of Marketing, Hendricks Power Cooperative. “Despite the heat, we were still able to register over 1,200 members, allowing them to cast their vote in the 2019 Board election. As a cooperative, we want as many members as possible to take part in this process. Our employees also enjoy visiting with the members and their families throughout the day.”

Overall, the event was very successful, and we plan to host the meeting at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair again in 2020. We appreciate your feedback and will take it into consideration as we plan for next year. Watch your mail for more details as the date approaches.



Ask the Advisor: A/C Efficiency

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: Is it really energy efficient to program my thermostat so my house stays warmer during the day if my A/C unit runs to reduce the temperature when I get home?

- Sarah, Avon

Sarah, thanks for your question! This can be a tricky one, especially depending how warm you like to keep it when you and your family aren’t home. The short answer is yes. If you’re planning to be gone 6-8+ hours, you can increase your efficiency by allowing your A/C unit a little break. The next question would be what to set your thermostat to when you’re gone. The US Department of Energy advises that turning your thermostat 7 to 10

degrees warmer when you’re not home could save you as much as 10% on your bill. The Department also states that the more mild the weather, the more efficient your unit is.

That being said, another tip is to set your thermostat to your desired comfortable temperature a half hour before coming home for the day. You won’t even know the difference and you’ll be saving money! If you don’t have a programmable thermostat, you may have the urge to set your thermostat at a cooler temperature in hopes that your home will cool down faster and this is where you may run into trouble. This “strategy” will not cool your home any faster and may result in wasted energy.

If you haven’t already, be sure to purchase a programmable or smart thermostat so you don’t have to remember to make these adjustments everyday. If you find that you’re not saving as much as you’d hoped, there may be other ways to increase your efficiency, including adding extra insulation, upgraded window treatments, and even using additional fans throughout your home. For a personalized home energy audit, give us a call at 317-745-5473 or visit us online at hendrickspower.com/energy-advisor.

TIPS FOR LOWERING COOLING COSTS

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| <p>Install a Programmable Thermostat!</p> <p>It could save you up to 10% on heating and cooling</p> | <p>Use a Fan!</p> <p>Ceiling fans can cool your home up to 4 degrees</p> | <p>Insulate!</p> <p>Insulating your attic, walls, and seal crack prevents warm air from leaking into your home</p> | <p>Seal Ducts!</p> <p>Seal & insulate ducts to save up to 30% on your cooling system’s energy consumption</p> |
| <p>Don’t Heat with Appliances!</p> <p>Instead of using an oven indoors, consider using your outdoor grill!</p> | <p>Install Window Coverings!</p> <p>Upgrading to energy efficient blinds or curtains prevent solar heat gain</p> | <p>Buy ENERGY STAR!</p> <p>ENERGY STAR AC units are up to 15% more efficient than standard models</p> | <p>Use the Exhaust Fan!</p> <p>Use your bathrooms fan and range hood to reduce humidity inside your home</p> |