



# TIPS From T.I.P.

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**Brooklyn, Iowa**

## General Manager's Update

### Let's Beat the Peak Together

#### What is Peak Demand?



**Dean A. Huls**

Almost everything in our lives today is dependent on electricity. We use electricity in our homes in a lot of different ways. Most of us don't spend a lot of time thinking about how much electricity it takes to run the

appliances we use to heat and cool our homes, clean our spaces or cook our food. Each time those appliances turn on and off, they create peaks and valleys in electrical demand.

What is demand? Demand is the amount of power needed to supply everything running off of electricity in your home at any given time. Demand is measured in kilowatts (kW). Your peak demand is the 30-minute period each month when your location uses the most kW. It likely is a different day and time than your neighbor. Demand varies from hour to hour, day to day and season to season.

About half of T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative's monthly payment to our power supplier goes to pay for kW demand charges. Educating our member-owners about their peak demand can help lower T.I.P. REC's monthly power cost. We can work together to lower the demand for electric power. This teamwork is a win-win for the membership and the cooperative. T.I.P. REC consistently works toward the goal of keeping the cost of power as low as possible.

How do you reduce your demand? You do that by reducing your energy peak. What is a peak? It might help to think about electricity like the internet service you need to stream a movie at home. When one person streams a movie or television show on a device in your home, the stream works perfectly. But as additional people in your home attempt to stream video at the same time, more bandwidth is needed. When this happens, it's created a peak. Peaks cost utilities more because they put more strain on the grid. T.I.P. REC must plan and prepare to meet each member's demand needs, even when it's not a daily occurrence. Equipment to meet your

electrical demand must be on standby and ready to fill your increased need for electricity immediately.

To reduce your electricity demand, think about your appliances. Take an electric range and dishwasher as an example. Make them take turns instead of running them at the same time. Or, take a hot shower when you're not drying your clothes in an electric dryer. Keeping your demand for electricity at a trickle can help lower cost. After all, that's all a part of our mission: providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity.

We would like all of you to mark your calendars for your **2022 Annual Meeting** which will be held the morning of Saturday, August 27. We have decided to have an in-person meeting with breakfast being served before the meeting. We are excited to have the meeting portion in the **new BGM auditorium**. During the meeting we will have the director election where we will be electing directors from Iowa, Keokuk, and Tama counties this year. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a safe planting season and be careful when working outdoors. Always remember to watch for overhead power lines, please "Look Up and Live!"

### Nominating Committee Members for August Annual Meeting

At your August 27, 2022 annual meeting, directors will be elected from the following counties:

**Iowa                      Keokuk                      Tama**

If you are a Co-op member and you know of a member from any of these counties whom you would like to serve on the nominating committee which will select director candidates, contact any present director or the cooperative office and give that member's name before **May 2, 2022**.



## Thank a Lineworker on April 11 - *The Power Behind Your Power*

You've likely noticed T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative's crews out and about, working on power lines and other electrical equipment in the communities we serve. It's no secret that a lineworker's job is tough - but it's a job that's essential and must be done, often in challenging conditions. Without the exceptional dedication and commitment of our hardworking lineworkers, we simply would not have the reliable electricity that we need for everyday life.

So, the next time you see any of our lineworkers, please thank them for the work they do to keep power flowing, regardless of the time of day or weather conditions. After all, T.I.P. REC lineworkers are the *power behind your power*.

Please join us on April 11 as we recognize the dedicated lineworkers at T.I.P. REC!

### BROOKLYN CREW



**Joe Kriegel - 32 years  
Brooklyn Line Foreman**



**Dana Kilmer - 28 years  
Journeyman Lineman**



**Andrew Kloppenburg -  
13 years  
Journeyman Lineman**



**Nate Egerton - 2 years  
Journeyman Lineman**



**Nyle Kleine - 7 years  
Journeyman Lineman**



**Kendall Bunn - 2 years  
Apprentice Lineman**



**Tanner Meeks - 2 years  
Apprentice Lineman**



**Hunter Connelly -  
1 year  
Apprentice Lineman**

### SIGOURNEY CREW



**Dan Roller - 34 years  
Sigourney Line Foreman**



**Sean Stutzman - 13 years  
Journeyman Lineman**



**Shane Morse - 15 years  
Journeyman Lineman**



**Jacob Cook - 7 years  
Journeyman Lineman**



**Tyler Hanson - 3 years  
Journeyman Lineman**

## Iowa Geothermal Conference



Pictured above is Cole Calkins, Staking Technician/Member Service, at the Iowa Geothermal Conference.

T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative's Staking Technician/Member Service, Cole Calkins, attended the Iowa Geothermal Conference this spring.

The conference provided contractors with CEU's and all participants educational sessions along with industry updates. The goal for the conference is for the participants to learn new skills and industry trends while networking with their peers.

## T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative to Pay \$329,969.00 in Property Taxes

The following is the breakdown, by county, of the property taxes to be paid by your REC for 2021-22:

Benton County	\$	1,130.00
Iowa County		40,662.00
Jefferson County		96.00
Johnson County		350.00
Keokuk County		37,461.00
Mahaska County		788.00
Poweshiek County		37,948.00
Tama County		22,708.00
Wapello County		30.00
Washington County		39.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>141,212.00</b>

In addition to these property taxes, CIPCO, our power supplier, incurred property taxes which were passed on to your cooperative to pay amounting to \$188,757.00 in the ten counties we serve.

## Administrative Professionals Day April 27



Pictured above left to right: Lee Rozmus, Administrative Assistant, Breanna McIlrath, Office and Billing Supervisor, Sallie Ditzler, Customer Service Representative, Becca Stauffer, Operations Assistant and Janet Faas, Staff Assistant/Communications.

T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative would like to thank the ladies pictured above for their hard work and dedication to making sure T.I.P. REC runs smoothly every day.

## Scholarship Deadline



T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative is accepting scholarship applications from graduating seniors whose parents/guardians are members of T.I.P. REC. We will be awarding one \$500 scholarship to each

school district in our service territory.

For more information and the application go to [tiprec.com/scholarship-opportunities](http://tiprec.com/scholarship-opportunities) or contact your High School guidance counselor. If you have any questions, give us a call at 800-934-7976.

**The application deadline is April 15, 2022, and the scholarships will be awarded in May.**



## Connecting with Legislators



Pictured above left to right: T.I.P. REC Staff Assistant/Communications, Janet Faas, Senator Dawn Driscoll, Congresswoman Ashley Hinson and T.I.P. REC General Manager, Dean Huls.

In February, Congresswoman Ashley Hinson and Senator Dawn Driscoll visited Brooklyn and were given a tour of the beautifully renovated Brooklyn Opera House by Laura Manatt, General Manager of Brooklyn Community Development.

After the tour, they stopped to enjoy a delicious coffee at the Center Ground Coffee Shop owned by Carla Kriegel. While there Laura, Carla and T.I.P. REC representatives had the opportunity to sit down with them to discuss issues concerning the electrical industry and rural Iowa.

We would like to thank Ashley and Dawn for their dedication to representing the people of Iowa.

## Watch Cooperative Property when Burning Ditches

It is that time of the year again when many of you may be burning off the weeds, grass, etc. in your ditches.

This burning helps clean things up, but it can also cause problems as “in” or “out” of control fire is sometimes allowed to burn around your cooperative poles, anchor guy assemblies, underground cabinets and so forth.

Burning close to cooperative property not only can cause a lot of damage, but it can also be dangerous and could cause future electric service problems. Any person involved may be invoiced for damage they cause to cooperative property.

To avoid damage to cooperative property, future service problems and danger to yourself and others, please watch where you burn.



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## Congratulations Bill Credit Winners!

Thanks to all our member-owners who signed up for ACH or Operation Round-Up. The following won a \$25 bill credit which was applied to their February bill: Mary Ellen Clayton, John Liljegren, Kurt Pierce and Mike Richardt.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



When streaming content, use the smallest device that makes sense for the number of people watching. Avoid streaming on game consoles, which use 10 times more power than streaming through a tablet or laptop.

Streaming content with electronic equipment that has earned the ENERGY STAR® rating will use 25% to 30% less energy than standard equipment.

**NOTICE:** The Brooklyn office will be closed on Wednesday, April 20 from 8:00 a.m. till Noon for an all-employee safety meeting.

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