



TIPS From T.I.P.

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Brooklyn, Iowa

Groundbreaking for New Brooklyn Headquarters



Pictured above left to right: Directors James De Smet, Randy Upah, Ronald Hoffman, Anne Axmear, General Manager, Dean A. Huls, Board President, Gene Von Ahsen, Directors Lisa Tichy, David Lee King, Jerry Henning and Craig Stallman.

After years of collaborating with our management team, board of directors, and employees to design a new headquarter facility, ground was broken in October. This new facility will enable us to serve our membership well into the future.

This investment in your cooperative will position us to continue providing our member-owners with safe, reliable, environmentally friendly, and affordable electricity while helping our rural communities thrive.

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

NOTICE: Your T.I.P. REC office will be closed Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2 to observe the holidays.

NOTICE: The Brooklyn office will be closed on Wednesday, December 21 from 7:00 am till 1:00 pm for an all-employee meeting.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



DKM Manufacturing Inc. Tour



Pictured below front left to right: Directors, Anne Axmear and Lisa Tichy, DKM Mfg Manager, Dani O'Brien, T.I.P. REC General Manager, Dean Huls, and Director Ronald Hoffman. Back row left to right: Staking Technician/Member Service, Cole Calkins, Directors, Lee King, Jerry Henning, James De Smet, Gene Von Ashen, and retired director, Jack Wilkinson.

This fall T.I.P. REC representatives, your board of directors and a retired director were given a tour of DKM Manufacturing by Manager, Dani O'Brien.

We would like to thank Dani for taking the time out of her busy schedule to tell us about their operation and for giving us a tour of their facility!

Welcome Brody



Pictured above is General Manager, Dean A. Huls (left) welcoming Brody Wolf to T.I.P. REC. Brody began working November 1 as an Apprentice Lineman on our Sigourney crew.

Brody is a graduate of HLV High School and received a diploma from the Powerline Program at Marshalltown Community College.

In his spare time, Brody enjoys hunting, golfing and being outdoors.

Brody looks forward to working here and being able to grow and set out his future and to being a part of the REC family.

We are excited to have Brody as a part of our team!

SAVE THE DATE

February 16-17, 2023

Prairie Meadows Conference Center
Altoona, Iowa

EARN CEUs in the following areas:

- Plumbing
- HVAC
- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Safety

NETWORK with building trades pros and other energy-efficiency industry experts

BUILD BETTER energy modeling and recognize overlooked trouble spots

GAIN INSIGHT into new techniques from top-of-the-industry, nationally-known speakers



Contact your local electric cooperative if you are interested in attending.

To exhibit, contact
mibeventcoordinator@gmail.com.
Registration opens **November 1, 2022**
at www.momentumisbuilding.com

Congratulations Becca



We would like to congratulate Becca Stauffer for her promotion from Operations Assistant to Operations Coordinator.

Thanks Becca for all your hard work and dedication to making sure the Operations Department runs smoothly every day!

Help us Locate the Owners of These Unclaimed Patronage Refund Checks

(Continued from November newsletter)

The following is the remainder of the list of members whom we are unable to find since we made patronage payments for **25% of 2005, 75% of 2006, and 10% of 2021** on August 12, 2022. Please notify the office if you know the correct address for anyone listed. If one of the former members listed is deceased, we need to know the name of an heir to contact.

Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Myers, Justin, Sigourney
National Book Warehouse #704, Knoxville, TN
Nautica of Williamsburg #70, New York, NY
Neuses, Steve, Chelsea
Nielsen, Robert W., Williamsburg
O'Rourke, James L., Geneseo, IL
Osborne Jr., Leslie G., Marshalltown
Outlet Retail Stores Inc., Westbury, NY
Oxley, John, Coralville
Papakee Sr., Clyde, Tama
Papakee, Suzanne, Tama
Patterson, Steve, Millersburg
Pearce, Bill or Kelly, Ankeny
Pearson, Chester C., Marion
Peiffer, Mrs. Norbert J., % Mae M. Peiffer, Marion
Perry, Harold L., Marshalltown
Peters, David A., Tama
Peters, Mrs. Forest, % Carol Bigbee, Ankeny
Peters, Leodean, Twin Falls, ID
Peters, Paul or Sandra, Blairstown
Petz, Rick D., Williamsburg
Pfaltzgraff, Westbury, NY
Pfister, Mike, Homestead
Pinny, Mrs. Ronald, Marshalltown
Porter, Cindy, Williamsburg
Powell, Gertrude K., South English
Power, Pat, Prescott, WI
Poweshiek, Eugene, Tama
Premier Home Center, Marengo
Pritchett, Helen, Tama
Reed, Brian, Sigourney
Reed, Charles J., Iowa City
Reeder, James, Marshalltown
Ricker, Patrick W., Marengo
Rinehart Construction, West Des Moines
Rivas, Wanda, Tama
Roberts, Marian Lisa, Tama
Donna L. Robinett for the account of Dale Robinett, Tama
Rosenberger, Betsie K., Cedar Rapids
Rotter, Ryan or Shannon, South English
Roudabush, Kathryn J., Williamsburg

Ruby Field Inc., % Ed Grafke, Sigourney
Rue 21 Inc., Spokane, WA
Salisbury, Kristina L., Hedrick
Salyars, William R. or Julie, Cedar Rapids
Sanders, Janice, Williamsburg
Sara Lee Direct, Rural Hall, NC
Sawyer, Rusty, Tama
Mary Jo Ann Schulte for the account of Mrs. Francis A.
Schott, Shoreline, WA
Schulte, Peter J., Ladora
Shelby, Monica, Dana, KY
Sinclair, Edward B., Grinnell
Southgate Development, Iowa City
Spears, Jessica, Hedrick
Spencley, Jamie R., Marengo
Steenhoek, Judy, Manitowsh Wtr, WI
Steinbeck, John W., Bloomfield
James C. Stevens for the account of James F. or Mary Stevens,
Toledo
Stockton, Gary D., Fairfax
David A. Stratton for the account of Betty R. Stratton, Tiffin
David A. Stratton for the account of Mrs. Leo Stratton, Tiffin
Swalley, Donald, % Sigourney Care Center, Sigourney
Swanson, Josey, Marion
Tandy, Mrs. John R., Williamsburg
Thatcher, Rita, Williamsburg
Thompson, Michael, Brooklyn
Thompson, Warren, Deep River
Tomasek, John, % Roland and Dieleman, Grinnell
Tope, Ronald, Montezuma
Triple R Driving School, Coralville
Tweed, Gordon E., Montour
Ultra Diamond and Gold Outlet Store #115, Chicago, IL
Vajgrt, Martin or Mabel E., Marshalltown
Vogel, Roger, Indianola
Waldensbooks #00206262, Columbus, OH
Wallace, Mrs. Edward E., Iowa City
Wanatee, Marcus, Tama
Welcome Home, Wilmington, NC
White, Anson, Waterloo
White, Ken, North Liberty
Williams, Charlotte M., Conroy
Williams, Steve A., Brooklyn
Wilson, Laurel A., Amana
Wintringer, Pete, Brooklyn
Wisner, Seth J., Marengo
Wolfer, Greg, Williamsburg
Wright, Wayne or Annette, Parnell
Young, Laverne, Marengo
Youngbear, Dan, Marshalltown
Youngbear, James, Toledo
Youngbear, Jon P., Tama
Youngbear, Josephine, Tama
Youngbear, Leon, Toledo

Five Ways to Fight the Winter Chill and Save Energy



We all have our favorite season. Some people love crisp, cool weather and bundling up under a favorite blanket, while others prefer the warm temperatures summer brings and

all fun outdoor activities that go with it.

But there's one thing we can all agree on: high winter bills are never fun. T.I.P. REC is here to help you find ways to manage your home energy use and keep winter bills in check.

Here are five tips to help increase your home's energy efficiency this winter:

- 1. Mind the thermostat.** This is one of the easiest ways to manage your home energy use. We recommend setting your thermostat to 68 degrees (or lower) when you're home. When you're sleeping or away for an extended period of time, try setting it between 58 and 62 degrees; there's no need to heat your home when you're away or sleeping and less active.
- 2. Button up your home.** The Department of Energy estimates that air leaks account for 24% to 40% of the energy used for heating and cooling a home. Caulking and weather stripping around windows and doors is another simple, cost-effective way to increase comfort and save energy. If you can feel drafts while standing near a window or door, it likely needs to be sealed.
- 3. Use window coverings wisely.** Open blinds, drapes or other window coverings during the day to allow natural sunlight in to warm your home. Close them at night to keep the cold, drafty air out. If you feel cold air around windows, consider hanging curtains or drapes in a thicker material; heavier window coverings can make a significant difference in blocking cold outdoor air.
- 4. Consider your approach to appliance use.** When combined, appliances and electronics account for a significant chunk of our home energy use, so assess how efficiently you're using them. For example, if you're running the dishwasher or clothes washer, only wash full loads. Remember to unplug electronic devices that consume energy even when they're not in use, like phone chargers and game consoles.

- 5. Think outside the box.** If you're still feeling chilly at home, think of other ways to warm up - beyond dialing up the thermostat. Add layers of clothing, wear thick socks and bundle up under blankets. You can even add layers to your home! If you have hard-surfaced flooring, consider purchasing an area rug to block cold air that leaks in through the floor. Winter months often bring some of the highest energy bills of the year. By being proactive about saving energy, you can increase the comfort of your home and reduce monthly bills.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Blocked air vents force your heating system to work harder than necessary and increase pressure in the ductwork, which can cause cracks and leaks to form.

Make sure all air vents are unobstructed from furniture, drapes or other items to ensure sufficient circulation throughout your home. If necessary, purchase a vent extender, which can be placed over a vent to redirect air flow from underneath furniture.

Chapman Meter Testing this Spring

This spring Chapman Meter Testing will be testing meters on our Conroy and Homestead substations along with all 3-phase services.

T.I.P. REC will test all watt hour meters periodically for accuracy and mechanical condition, in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code 199-20.6

Thanks for your cooperation during this process.

**IMPORTANT
REMINDER**

Effective December 1, 2022, the facilities charge will be raising from \$30 to \$40 for all services.

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“This institution is an equal opportunity provider

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