



TIPS From T.I.P.

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CEO/General Manager's Update



Scott Long

Hello everyone, I am Scott Long, your CEO/General Manager. For some of you I am a familiar face and to others a brand new one. First, I'll give you a little background about myself. I grew up south of Sigourney on T.I.P. lines on our family

farm. I am proud to say that my brother and his son now manage our farm keeping the family tradition growing. In 1997, I received the opportunity to start my lineman career with T.I.P. out of our Sigourney office. For the next fifteen years, I was able to be part of the Sigourney line crew until moving into the Member Service Representative position which brought me to the Brooklyn office to work directly with the members on the many different aspects of member service and staking for a few years. My next step took me back to the Sigourney office as District Manager and continuing to work directly with the membership and line crew. After a few years there, I received the opportunity to manage the operations department where I directed the Brooklyn and Sigourney line crews and worked with the membership and our transmission partners. Four years have gone by, and I am honored to say that I am privileged to serve the member-owners of T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative as your CEO/General Manager.

As I write this note, October is around the corner, that means fall is near and the leaves will be changing soon if they haven't started already. With fall comes harvest and the hustle and bustle of our agriculture economy running at full steam. As the farming equipment increases in size, please look out for overhead power lines and be aware of your underground pedestals and transformers that provide you the electricity for your farmsteads, homes, and businesses. As we state in our safety awareness, "Look Up and Live!"

The progress of our new facility is

staying on track and budget. This has been a project in the works for four years and not one that we have taken lightly to make sure every measure has been taken into account. The ability to get started on our dirt work last fall and prepare for construction has enabled our contractors to get in early this spring and take off. T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative was formed in 1938 with the current facility being built in 1953. In 1965, our first warehouse was built and in 1968 the first addition was added to the current office. With the growth of T.I.P., a second warehouse was built in 1997. In 2001 with the increase in size of the vehicle fleet, door bays were cut open and raised along with the second addition to the office. All this work was completed by 2002. Ongoing maintenance issues with our 70 year old facility and the physical size increases of our service equipment have challenged our staff. This has been compounded by the storage requirements for our inventory during supply chain interruptions. It was clear to see that we definitely needed to come up with a solution. This new facility will ensure that we can meet the needs and deliver reliable electricity to our membership well into the future. We are proud to be a part of another important milestone in the growth of our service to the member-owners of T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative.

Have a bountiful, safe harvest and an enjoyable holiday season with your family and friends and I look forward to another update for you in January.



Annual Meeting Highlights

T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative held its 85th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, August 23, at the cooperative headquarters in Brooklyn.

The Annual Meeting was called to order by Board President, Gene Von Ahsen.

The Certification of a Quorum, the reading of the Notice of the Meeting and Treasurer's Report was given by Ronald Hoffman, Secretary-Treasurer. There were motions to waive the reading of last year's Annual Meeting Minutes.

The new 2023 election process was explained by Mark Adams, Cooperative Attorney, and the report of the Nominating Committee and election results were given by Nominating Committee Chairperson, Ronald Waechter. The following were elected for three-year terms: three incumbents, Jerry L. Henning, representing Poweshiek County, Ronald L. Hoffman, representing Keokuk County, and Craig Stallman, representing Iowa County.

Scott Long, CEO/General Manager, then gave an explanation of the prizes.

With there being no new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Shine the Light Contest Nominee

Jackie Wallace

Nominated by Sherry Moffit



Jackie is leading the horse.

Jackie Wallace has been a volunteer for Miracles in Motion for 34 years. Miracles in Motion was established in 1988 and has provided an opportunity for persons with disabilities to participate through riding and other activities with therapy horses. Jackie has had a life-long passion for horses and spent hundreds of hours in her youth riding, showing, and training

horses. Miracles in Motion has been the perfect opportunity for Jackie to volunteer and share her love of riding with others.

Miracles in Motion is a volunteer-intensive program, using up to three volunteers per rider: a horse leader and one to two sidewalkers who help keep the riders safe and to help them respond to instructions. They offer different classes and also sessions for professional therapists to bring their clients. Riders gain strength, mobility, improved speech, better focus and many other benefits while riding and from being in the sensory-rich environment at Miracles in Motion.

Jackie has worked in nearly every aspect of their program, including horse leader, sidewalker, horse trainer, property maintenance, public presentations, Board member, volunteer recruiting and training, fundraising, administrative work, and taking mini horse ambassadors on visits. She has also served on Miracles committees, chairing two of them and co-chairing two regional (Iowa and five adjacent states) therapeutic riding conferences. Throughout the years Jackie has completed over 6,000 volunteer hours and driven thousands of miles. She has worked with dozens of horses and hundreds of riders and walked hundreds of miles in classes. She has also taught swimming lessons to people with disabilities. Working with these individuals has been very rewarding for Jackie.

Miracles in Motion is currently pursuing construction of a larger barn that will also include a volunteer center and space for equipment maintenance.

T.I.P. REC would like to thank Jackie for volunteering and making a difference in so many individual's lives.

Congratulations to the Annual Meeting Prize Winners



Cole Calkins, Staking Technician/Member Service, (right), is pictured presenting annual meeting prize winner, Robert Welsh with the Green Mountain Grill he won.



Steven and Marna Durr (right) won the Apple iPad 10 annual meeting prize.



We're Looking for Students Interested in Public Service and Leadership

High schoolers who attend our Zoom sessions in October will have a chance to win AirPods and a \$1,000 college scholarship!



Guided by our cooperative commitment to community, T.I.P. REC has a long history of supporting students in the communities we serve through scholarship and leadership opportunities.

We've also been sending deserving high school students to our nation's capital every summer for years as part of the national Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program.

Iowa's electric cooperative are pleased to once again offer a virtual opportunity for rural students to learn more about advocacy, electric cooperative career opportunities and the cooperative business model with a three-part webinar series in October. The Iowa Youth Leadership Academy is open to any high school student in our service area and they are invited to register at www.IowaYouthTour.com.

Once students register online for the Iowa Youth Leadership Academy, they can attend the webinars from their own computer or mobile device. Each Zoom session will last around 45-60 minutes and focus on a specific topic:

- Tuesday, Oct. 3, 7:00 p.m. - Cooperative Business Model
- Thursday, Oct. 19, 7:00 p.m. - Rural Iowa Advocacy
- Thursday, Oct. 26, 7:00 p.m. - Civic Involvement and Leadership

At the end of each live session, one lucky attendee will be selected at random to win a pair of Apple AirPods. Students who attend all three sessions will be entered into a random drawing for a \$1,000 college scholarship.

During the Zoom sessions, students will be inspired by our lineup of speakers and presenters. Participants will learn how to advocate for issues that are important to them and build leadership skills from a motivational speaker.

Students, don't miss this educational opportunity!

Shine the Light Contest Nominee

Ruth Jennings

Nominated by Michelle Jennings



In her freshman year at Mt. Mercy University (MMU) as an early admission to their nursing program to become an oncology nurse, Ruth was chosen as a Co-Director on the MMU Dance Marathon Committee. She saw the opportunity to help raise awareness and funding to help kids and their families at the local hospital so she volunteered to serve on the dance committee. Ruth is very passionate about this cause as Tate, the brother of one of her best friends, had DIPG, a pediatric cancer. The challenging journey that her friend's family experienced changed their community and many lives for the future, especially Ruth's.

Ruth has always been about the team and she worked tirelessly with others to get athletic teams and campus organizations involved in the dance marathon. Last year they raised over \$8,000 for the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital.

With her passion and commitment to this special event, she continues to live like Tate by spreading continuous joy, smiles, and Light wherever she goes.

T.I.P. REC would like to thank Ruth for volunteering and for her dedication to helping kids and their families as they face difficulties and obstacles in their lives.

The National Fire Protection Association's Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 8-14) theme is "Safe Cooking Starts with You." Check out fpw.org for cooking safety tips.

Cooking safety starts with YOU.

Pay attention to fire prevention.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

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Electric Co-ops Grow for the Communities They Serve October is National Co-op Month

October is National Co-op Month, and T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative is joining cooperatives across the U.S. to celebrate. Co-ops come in all shapes and sizes, but they each have a common goal: to provide goods or services for the member-owners of the co-op.

Electric co-ops, including T.I.P. REC, exist to serve their member-owners. Our priority is to provide affordable, reliable energy to our local communities. Because we are led by you, the member-owners we serve, we can evolve to meet your needs.

This October, as we celebrate Co-op Month, we're focused on the ways "Co-ops Grow" for their member-owners.

Co-ops Grow Communities: Co-ops help communities grow by promoting economic empowerment, fostering community engagement and supporting the unique needs of co-op member-owners. "Concern for Community" is one of our core principles-and being community-focused is essential to everything we do.

Co-ops Grow Together: Co-ops are all about cooperation, not competition. That's why electric co-ops work together to share lessons learned, successful strategies and better ways to serve you. We're better when we grow together!

Co-ops Grow Tomorrow's Leaders: Electric co-ops serve as fertile ground for growing tomorrow's leaders through a variety of youth engagement programs. Whether through school safety demonstrations, community events, the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program, and the Iowa Youth Leadership Academy program, we're committed to providing opportunities for local youth to learn and thrive in our communities and beyond.

Co-ops Grow for You: At T.I.P. REC, your satisfaction is just one of our goals. It's why we were formed many years ago to fulfill a uniquely local purpose. We've come a long way since then, and your needs continue to evolve. That's why we'll never stop growing for you!

7 COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

#1 VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP

#2 DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

#3 MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

#4 AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE

#5 EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

#6 COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

#7 CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Did you know fall is the perfect time to schedule a tune-up for your heating system? Home heating accounts for a large portion of winter energy bills, and no matter what kind of system

you have, you can save energy and money by regularly maintaining your equipment.

Combining proper equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings can save about 30% on your energy bills.

NOTICE: The Brooklyn office will be closed on Tuesday, October 24 from 7:00 am till Noon for an all-employee meeting.

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Have a Safe & Fun Halloween!

