



# TIPS From T.I.P.

Published By The T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative

**OWNED BY THOSE WE SERVE**

December 2023

Brooklyn, Iowa

## Attention SmartHub Users



**New Look. New Experience. Same SmartHub.**

Manage your account like never before with the new, improved SmartHub web application. A simplified yet enhanced design is coming your way soon. This new version of SmartHub puts your usage and payment details front and center for fast, easy access and the simplified menu structure makes navigating the site a breeze. Keep an eye out for more details soon!



Smart Management. Smart Life. SmartHub.

Effective January 15, 2024, you will have a new, improved version of SmartHub. It's the SAME SmartHub but with easier access to your usage and payment details. The simplified menu structure will make navigating the site easier.

## Surveying

Brooklyn and Sigourney crews will begin their annual surveying schedule to ensure that all our lines and equipment are in top operating condition. In December, crews will be surveying on these substation areas:

- Chelsea**
- Madison**
- Homestead**
- North English**
- Ollie**

Thank you for your cooperation during this process.



*T.I.P. REC Employees and Directors wish our member-owners and your families a season full of light and laughter. Best wishes for a joyous Christmas and may all that brings you joy be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year.*



**NOTICE:** The Brooklyn office will be closed the dates above along with Monday, January 1 to celebrate New Year's Day.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Get smart with a better way to heat and cool your home! Smart thermostats are Wi-Fi enabled and automatically adjust heating and cooling temperature settings in your home for optimal performance. Smart thermostats learn your temperature preferences and establish a schedule that adjusts to energy-saving settings when you're asleep or away.

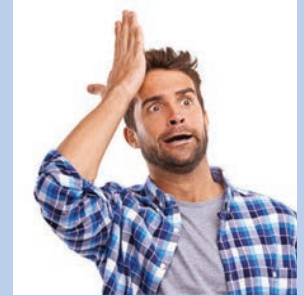
For maximum energy savings, look for smart thermostat models with the ENERGY STAR® label.

## Budget Billing

If you opt for budget billing, your account is averaged for your last year of usage. That amount is what you would pay each month over the next 12 months. Periodically your account will be reviewed to ensure that your monthly payments are keeping up with your actual usage. If you are interested, give our office a call.

## Tired of Having to Remember to Pay your Electric Bill?

T.I.P. REC offers Automatic ACH where you may pay your monthly bill automatically by having it conveniently deducted from your checking account. You simply fill out the form and send it with a copy of a voided check to our office.



To print a form go to:

[tiprec.com/payment-options](http://tiprec.com/payment-options) or call our office and request a form.

Approximately the 18th of each month we take the payment out of your account and apply it to your electric bill.

Fill out a form today and never have to worry about your bill being paid on time.

## 2023 Service Awards



Pictured above left is Journeyman Lineman, Dana Kilmer, holding his Appreciation Certificate for 30 years of service, CEO/General Manager, Scott Long, and CFO, Terry Kloppenburg, holding his Appreciation Certificate for 40 years of service to the cooperative.

T.I.P. REC would like to thank Dana and Terry for their many years of dedicated service.

# SAVE THE DATE

## February 8-9, 2024

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](mailto:mibeventcoordinator@gmail.com).  
Registration open NOW!  
[www.momentumisbuilding.com](http://www.momentumisbuilding.com)

**NOTICE: The Brooklyn office will be closed on Wednesday, December 13 from 7:00 am till 1:00 pm for an all-employee meeting.**



## We Need Your Help to Find the Owners of These Unclaimed Patronage Refund Checks

The following is a partial list of members whom we are unable to find since we made patronage payments for **25% of 2006, 70% of 2007, and 10% of 2022** on August 10, 2023. 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.

**\*Also, if you or someone you know was a member of T.I.P. in 2006, 2007, or 2022 and have not received a check, please let us know.**

**\*There are also some checks which were mailed out that were never cashed or have not been returned to the office. If you are holding a check, please cash it. If you are unable to cash a check for any reason, please let us know.**

**NOTE: Active members received their patronage refund on their July 2023 bill.**

## Estate Capital Credit Retirements

The Board of Directors of T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative decided to allow for a discounted payout to **deceased estates that are still open**. The cooperative allows the estate to apply for capital credits that were assigned to the deceased member while that person was receiving electric service from the cooperative. They have the option to accept a lump sum distribution at a discounted value; or to leave the money in for distribution over the normal retirement period which is about approximately 17 years. All applications to receive the discounted payout must be accompanied with a photocopy of the death certificate and letters of appointment issued by the clerk of court to T.I.P. REC before any estate funds can be released.

Remember that spouses are joint members and can continue to receive the capital credits made out in their name. Just let us know, and we will send a form that will allow the spouse name change on the check.

Please feel free to contact the cooperative if you should have any questions.

### Patronage Checks Returned after Payment in 2023

Albert, Mark C., Marengo  
Allnutt, Karen, Williamsburg  
Alltell Corporation, Little Rock, AR  
Alvarado, Daniel or Debra, Apopka, FL  
Antle, Harold, Gladbrook  
Warren Arendt for the account of Willis J. Arendt, Hedrick

Avery, Lilly, Des Moines  
Ayers, Brett, Thornburg  
B L Wireless, Vinton  
Bailey, Mendy or Ryan, State Center  
Balvin, Darlene, Toledo  
Bathen, Larry, Homestead  
Beadle, Warren G., Deep River  
Bear, Barry J., % Tama County CPC, Toledo  
Bear, June, Tama  
June Bear for the account of Maggie Mitchell, Tama  
Beasley, Mike, Marengo  
Bechtel, Chris, Fairfield  
Beck, Paul, Red Oak  
Beckley, Daryl, Sigourney  
Bennett, James J., Chelsea  
Belongia, Matthew, % Pearl Green, Williamsburg  
Berger, Kenneth, Marengo  
Best Assets, Minneapolis, MN  
Billick, Kole, Iowa City  
Dan Bine for the account of Lawrence R. Bine, Belle Plaine  
Bombay Outlet #197, Fort Worth, TX  
Brooklyn Short Stop, % J D Carpenter Co., Urbandale  
Buchanan, Dennis or Karen, Gilman  
Buehneman, Brett, Marengo  
Buffalo, Milo J., Toledo  
Burrell, Donna, Amana  
Burtlow, Dawn, Centerville  
Cadden, George, Brooklyn  
Campbell, John O., Cedar Rapids  
Campbell, Pamela, Conrad  
Chilton, Kim, North English  
CKJMD, Inc., % Justin McCrabb, Oxford  
Cook, Daniel L., Williamsburg  
Corning Revere Factory, % World Kitchen Store #100, Rosemont, IL  
Cottrell, Jesse, Richland  
Craig, Denise, % Denise Beninga, Stout  
Craig, Doreen, Florence, AZ  
Cronbaugh, Troy or Jaime, Marengo  
Crow, Aimee K., Hedrick  
Danial Hospitality Super 8/Cozy House, % Providence Hospitality Partners, Denver, CO  
Daniels Farm, Victor  
Davenport, Larry, % Meskwaki Family Services, Tama  
Davis, Jeff, Williamsburg  
De Coster, Eugene, Victor  
Decker, Steven or Kelly, Waterloo  
Denny, Jane M., Keota  
Densmore, James, or Mary Jo Fortner, Victor  
DeRuyter, Brooke, Marengo  
Detweiler, Marion, Williamsburg  
Dhondt, Ricky L., % Nedra Dhondt POA, Parnell  
Dickey, Lacey, Hedrick  
Dietze, Danny or Lauren, Marengo  
Donna Carmichael Realty Experts LLC, Des Moines  
Donohoe, Mervin, % Helen Donohoe, North English  
Driscoll, Keelan, Williamsburg  
Dye, Adam, % Judy Dye, Ladora

(Continued on Page 4)

**(Patronage List Continued from Page 3)**

Eagle, Shirlene K., Tama  
Ennis Farm, % Hertz Farm Mgt, Mt Vernon  
Erwin, Don or Lyla, Williamsburg  
Euchner, Russell E., % Jonathan P. Euchner,  
Saint Joseph, MO  
Shirley Ewald for the account of Wayne V. Ewald,  
What Cheer  
Ferring Homes Corporation, Center Point  
Finders, John Thomas, Marshalltown  
Jeanne Fisher for the account of Carroll Fisher, Milford  
Flanagan, George, Marengo  
Fossil Stores, Richardson, TX  
Frahm, Dwayne L., Tama  
Frimml, Mary Ann, Marengo  
Gerdes, Stanley R. or Sonya D., Montezuma  
Girard, John, North English  
Brothers Three LLC for the account of Mrs. Carroll Gorsch,  
Williamsburg  
Green Tone Ent Inc, Marshalltown  
Gregor, William C. or Christine M., Oxford  
Gregory, Phyllis R., Ball Ground, GA  
Jane G. Walls for the account of Raymond D. Gregory,  
Ball Ground, GA  
Grier, Jeremy, Santa Teresa, NM  
Guyer, Douglas, Ames  
Haack, Laura, Belle Plaine  
Hammes, William C., Sigourney  
Harris, L W, North English  
Herrmann, Max, Belle Plaine  
Richard Falls for the account of Cheryl Hessenberger,  
Ottawa, IL  
Rebecca J. Hinz for the account of Christine Hill,  
Petaluma, CA  
Karla Stanze for the account of Christine Hill, Marshalltown  
Horras, Robert D., Exira  
Hoskins, Brenda M., Brooklyn  
Howell, Joshua, Newton  
Hubbs, Danette, Clive  
Huedepohl, Mrs. Ralph, Williamsburg  
Huhn, Robert, Toledo  
Iowa Telecom, Newton  
Jackman, Dena, Williamsburg  
Jacobi, Tony J., Brooklyn  
Jaster, Nathan, Marengo  
Jensen, Gordon, Dubuque  
Jessepe, Melvin H., % Sac and Fox Elderly Apts, Tama  
Johnson, Craig, Wisconsin Dells, WI  
Kading, Kala, Kalona  
Kahl, Ervin, Ottumwa  
Kane, Rebecca, Coggon  
Kann, James, Belle Plaine  
Kapayou, Bryce, Tama  
Kapayou, Steven, % Sac and Fox Elderly Housing, Tama  
Kaut, Jon or Tara, Cedar Rapids  
Keahna, Ernestine, Tama  
Keahna, Georgiana, Tama  
Keahna, Shannon, Montour

Keahna, Vincent D., Minneapolis, MN  
Keegan, Brian, Grinnell  
Kees, Erik, Bismarck, ND  
National Stroke Assoc. for the account of Mrs. Marvin  
Keller, Aurora, CO  
Kellogg, Jeff, Benton, KS  
Kelsey, Robert or Sheila A., Rome, ME  
Keraghan, Georgia, Toledo  
Keraghan, Robert, Tama  
Kern, Ronald, Cedar Rapids  
Kluesner, Randy, Davenport  
Koret of California, Chesterfield, MO  
Kroemer, Danette, % Danette Hubbs, Clive  
Kulhavy, Derek, Garwin  
Kulow, Dorothy D., Cedar Rapids  
American Cancer Society for the account of Herold Ladely,  
Cedar Rapids  
Landmark Construction, Tama  
Landmark '66' Service, % Nordstrom Oil Co., Cedar Rapids  
Larson, Eugene L., % Taylor Larson, Cedar Rapids  
Lasley Sr., Gordon, Tama  
Lasley, Jessup, Tama  
Lee Lake Estates, % Pamela Nied, Casa Grande, AZ  
Lenhart, Clifford L., Pine, CO  
Levi's Outlet by Most Store #476, Columbus, OH  
Lucas, Darcy, Sigourney  
Lyman, Alice, Des Moines  
Lyons, Robert L., Pella  
Magic Media, Inc, Duncan, SC  
Amy Kane for the account of Mrs. Winfield Martz, Walford  
May, Andy, Victor  
McCormack, Christina, Flanagan, IL  
McGrory, Kenneth, Ladora  
McKain, Donald, Marengo  
Meadow Hill Christian Fellowship, % Carol Traver, Marengo  
Midwest Wireless, Mankato, MN  
Mikasa Factory Store #48, % Facility IQ-MS 1151,  
Spokane, WA  
Miler, Eugene B., Tama  
Miller, Anna M., Saint Francis, SD  
Miller, J C, The Villages, FL  
Miller, Jerry K., Mesa, AZ  
Gay Moffit for the account of Wayne Moffit, North English  
Monaghan, Ronald, Kinross  
Morse, Douglas E., Everett, WA  
Mothers Work Inc, % Engie Insight - MS 1601,  
Spokane, WA  
Musick, Cory, Keswick  
Myers, Justin, Sigourney  
Nail, Justin or Jessica, Williamsburg  
National Book Warehouse #704, Knoxville, TN  
Nautica of Williamsburg #70, New York, NY  
Nelson, Ronald L., Ollie  
**(Remainder of list will be in the January newsletter)**

**Non-Discrimination Statement**

**“This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.”**