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Lineworker Appreciation Day

BROOKLYN CREW



Pictured above left to right: Cale Reding, Intern, Tanner Meeks, Apprentice Lineman, Kendall Bunn, Journeyman Lineman, Andrew Kloppenburg, Journeyman Lineman, Nate Egerton, Journeyman Lineman, Hunter Connelly, Journeyman Lineman, Joe Kriegel, Brooklyn Line Foreman, Dana Kilmer, Journeyman Lineman and Nile Kleine, Journeyman Lineman.

SIGOURNEY CREW



Pictured above left to right: Tyler Hanson, Journeyman Lineman, Chase Tremmel, Journeyman Lineman, Sean Stutzman, Journeyman Lineman, Shane Morse, Journeyman Lineman and Dan Roller, Sigourney Line Foreman.

Join us on **Monday, April 10** to recognize T.I.P. REC's hardworking and dedicated lineworkers who provide us with the reliable electricity that we need for everyday life.

A lineworkers job is tough - but it's a job that's essential and must be done, day or night, often in challenging conditions. So, the next time you see any of our lineworkers, please thank them for the work they do to keep your power flowing.

Lineman 360 Virtual Reality Headgear at Member Appreciation Day



Don't miss your opportunity to see the world through a lineman's eyes at the Member Appreciation Day on Thursday, April 6 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Keokuk County Expo in Sigourney, Iowa. (A meal will be served from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.)

Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative has generously loaned their Lineman 360 Virtual Reality Headgear to us for our member-owners to get a glimpse of what it is like when a lineman trims trees and when they climb a pole and change out a transformer. Don't miss this amazing experience!

We will be giving an umbrella to the first 100 memberships to register at the door that day. There will be displays, a billing information booth, Sigourney linemen available to answer questions about the Live Line Demo, their trucks, tools and line equipment and a chance to win bill credits. We will be giving away 1 - \$100 bill credit, 2 - \$50 bill credits and 8 - \$25 bill credits. The drawing for bill credits will be after the event so we will contact the winners the next day.

We look forward to an educational and enjoyable day. See you there!

NOTICE: The Brooklyn office will be closed on Thursday, April 20 from 7:00 am till Noon for an all-employee meeting.

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Students Learn About Electrical Safety

This spring Louie the Lightning Bug and Cole Calkins, Staking Technician/Member Service, visited the English Valleys, Tri-County, BGM, South Tama, HLV, Sigourney and Belle Plaine elementary schools to spread the word about electrical safety. Cole gave an electrical safety presentation using interactive boards while having the students answer questions about electrical safety at home and on the farm.

After the presentation, students were given an electrical safety workbook, bookmark, pencil, color changing eraser, tatoos and stickers and the teachers received a goodie bag.



BGM Students Eva Ditzler (left) and Kade Calkins, (right) are pictured with Louie the Lightning Bug aka Sallie Ditzler, T.I.P. REC employee and Eva's mom.



Cole is pictured above touching a plasma ball that shows a visual form of how electricity flows.



Pictured above are 2nd and 3rd grade students from South Tama Elementary School.



Louie the Lightning Bug is pictured above with the second and third grade students from HLV.



Cole Calkins and students from HLV are holding an "Energy Stick" to demonstrate that people are good conductors of electricity and that a complete circuit can be formed just by everyone holding hands.

Apply for Scholarships by April 14



It's not too late to apply for this year's three scholarship opportunities offered by T.I.P. REC! For details and to apply go to [tiprec.com/scholarship-opportunities](https://www.tiprec.com/scholarship-opportunities). **The deadline to apply is Friday, April 14, 2023.** Scholarships will be awarded in May. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative to Pay \$330,120.00 in Property Taxes

The following is the breakdown, by county, of the property taxes to be paid by your REC for 2022-23:

Benton County	\$ 1,161.00
Iowa County	40,147.00
Jefferson County	96.00
Johnson County	352.00
Keokuk County	39,696.00
Mahaska County	791.00
Poweshiek County	37,226.00
Tama County	22,391.00
Wapello County	31.00
Washington County	40.00
TOTAL	\$ 141,931.00

In addition to these property taxes, CIPCO, our power supplier, incurred property taxes which were passed on to your cooperative to pay amounting to \$188,189.00 in the ten counties we serve.

Administrative Professionals Day April 26



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

The hardworking and dedicated ladies pictured above help make sure that T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative runs smoothly everyday.

Join us in celebrating them on Administrative Professionals Day!



Help keep all types of workers (including ours!) stay safe when working in traffic. Slow down and follow all signage and flagging directions when approaching and driving through a work zone.

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.



Momentum is Building Conference Promotes Energy Efficient Construction

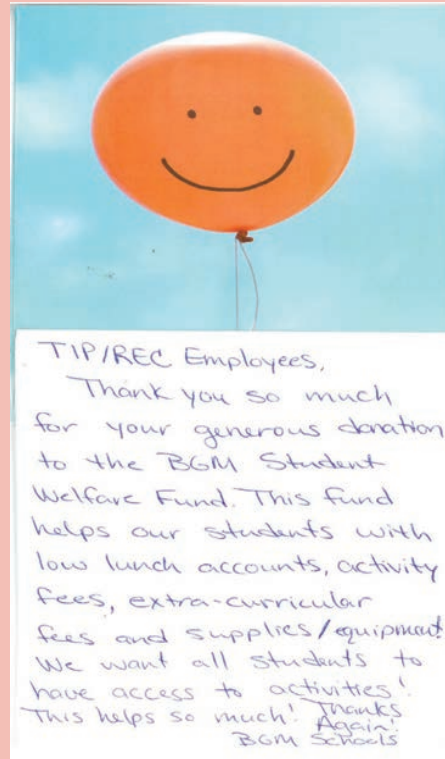
Iowa Cooperatives for Energy Efficiency hosted the 2023 Momentum is Building Conference for builders and trades professionals in February at the Meadows Conference Center in Altoona.



Almost 200 electricians, plumbers, HVAC professionals, contractors and electric co-op representatives came to learn more about energy efficiency trends and best practices in construction. Attendees heard from Tolu Omotoso, director of energy solutions at NRECA, who talked about emerging smart home technologies that improve energy efficiency. Trades professionals also had the opportunity to earn CEU credits during breakout sessions.

Jim Miller acclaimed Wartburg College wrestling coach, closed the conference with an inspiring message about going the extra mile for yourself and your team.

The annual Momentum is Building Conference connects Iowa's construction industry with the local services and resources available from Iowa's electric cooperatives. Mark your calendar for next year's conference which is scheduled for February 8-9, 2024.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Washing windows and screens is a great way to practice energy efficiency during spring cleaning. Clean windows and screens make your home brighter by

allowing more sunlight in, reducing the need for lamps and fixtures. Clean screens also allow more fresh air in the home when the windows are open to recycle indoor air. Natural light and clean air are energy savers, and they enhance overall health and productivity.



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