



# TIPS From T.I.P.

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## Happy Retirement, Joe!



Joe Kriegel, (right), Brooklyn Line Foreman, whose last day was January 3, 2025, is shown receiving an Appreciation Certificate from Scott Long, CEO/ General Manager, for his 35 years of dedicated service to T.I.P. REC.

Joe began work on October 2, 1989, as a Groundman on our Brooklyn crew. With hard work and dedication, he then completed the Apprentice Lineman program requirements and became a Journeyman Lineman. In June of 2015, Joe was promoted to Brooklyn Line Foreman.

We hope Joe enjoys this new chapter of his life and we wish him a long and healthy retirement!



Joe is pictured above standing by his Retirement picture board that's full of memories from his 35 years at T.I.P. REC.

## January Work Anniversaries

Nyle Kleine - 10 years

Tyler Hanson - 6 years

Sallie Ditzler - 6 years

Lee Hawkins - 21 years

**Thank You!**



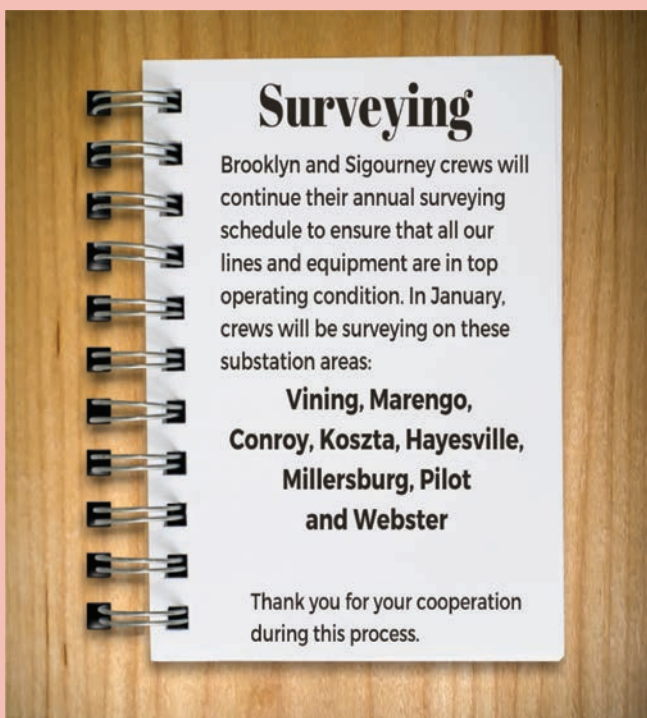
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## Surveying

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

**Vining, Marengo,  
Conroy, Koszta, Hayesville,  
Millersburg, Pilot  
and Webster**

Thank you for your cooperation during this process.



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## Momentum is Building Conference



The 2025 Momentum is Building Conference will be held at the Sheraton West Des Moines with registration beginning at 8:30 AM on Thursday, Feb. 20. Sessions begin at 10 a.m. on Feb. 20 and run through Noon on Friday, Feb. 21, 2025. For more details go to [momentumisbuilding.com](http://momentumisbuilding.com).

Sponsored and organized by the Iowa Cooperatives for Energy Efficiency (ICEE), the annual Momentum is Building Conference connects Iowa's construction industry with the local services and resources available from Iowa-based electric cooperatives, who serve nearly 650,000 Iowans across 99 counties. A major draw for electricians, plumbers and HVAC professionals is the opportunity to earn CEU credits at the conference. MIB attendees can also network with industry professionals, hear from recognized energy efficiency and building trades experts and gain insight on trending technologies.

## Things to Keep in Your Car During Winter



## Winter Walking Safety Tips



- Focus on your footing
- Walk like a penguin
- Don't use your cell phone when walking
- Use handrails
- Be aware of changes in walking surfaces
- Free up your hands
- Report unsafe conditions
- Use authorized paths
- Step down off curbs, not out
- Step down not out of car
- Wear appropriate footwear

# APPLY IN FEBRUARY

## YOUTH TOUR CONTEST (TRIP DATE: JUNE 15-21, 2025) & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON  
BOTH IN OUR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER  
OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE  
[WWW.TIPREC.COM](http://WWW.TIPREC.COM)

### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Taking steps to help your home heating system run more efficiently can reduce energy use and lower your winter bills. Check to see if any air vents around your home are blocked by furniture, curtains or other items. Obstructed vents force your heating system to work harder than necessary and can increase pressure in the ductwork, causing cracks and leaks to form.



If necessary, consider purchasing a vent extender, which can be placed over the vent to redirect air flow from underneath furniture or other obstructions.



## 6 Tips for Year-Round ENERGY SAVINGS



- 1** Use your **ceiling fan** counterclockwise in the summer for a down breeze, and clockwise in the winter for an updraft to force warm air down into your room.
- 2** Turn off **lights** and unplug chargers and electronics when not in use.
- 3** Regularly change or clean your **furnace and indoor AC filters** as recommended, and keep the area around your outdoor AC unit clear of obstructions.
- 4** Close or lower **window coverings** to keep out heat or cold.
- 5** Insulate your **home** and weatherproof windows and doors.
- 6** Use a **programmable or smart thermostat**. Adjust the temperature a few degrees for overall savings.

Get more tips on creating a resilient and efficient home:



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

# 2025

WISHING YOU A SAFE YEAR

## HLV School Lunch Program Receives \$300 Operation Round Up Donation



Pictured above left to right: Director, Jerry Henning, CEO/General Manager, Scott Long, HLV Food Service Director, Amber Pierce, and Director, James De Smet.

Our District 3 Directors Jerry Henning and James De Smet were happy to present a \$300 donation check to the HLV School Lunch Program in Victor.

This donation account was created to assist students who cannot pay for a school lunch or breakfast due to extenuating circumstances beyond their control.

The funds that were donated by the Operation Round-Up Program will go directly to several family accounts who may be unable to pay for their meals. It will help by paying off some outstanding lunch balances, or providing additional funds to select students that may want to purchase more food as an ala carte.

“We truly thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous donation for our students. By providing this donation, it will ensure that students can still eat a healthy lunch, which can positively impact their concentration and learning abilities in class,” commented Amber Pierce.

T.I.P. REC would like to thank our member-owners who donate to this fund. It definitely makes a difference in our communities.

**NOTICE:** The Brooklyn office will be closed on Wednesday, January 22 from 7:00 am till 1:00 pm for an all-employee safety meeting.



**Moving? Make sure to notify your cooperative.**

WE TIP OUR HATS TO YOU.

JANUARY 15 | NATIONAL HAT DAY



As we celebrate National Hat Day on January 15, we tip our (hard) hats to you, our member-owners! We're proud to power our local communities.



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