



# TIPS From T.I.P.

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## CEO/General Manager's Update



**Scott Long**

Greetings everyone, as we look to spring, we must reflect on our winter. Overall, it was pretty favorable with some very cold stretches in the mix and a pretty light snowfall across the T.I.P. REC landscape. With no major events, we were at a 99.96% average service reliability index for 2024. Although last year's 0.04% of outages did result in more interruptions per member than in 2023 at 1.793, the length of interruptions per member was less. The electric system reliability indexes that we report to the Iowa Utility Commission on an annual basis and follow, are for all outages whether they are caused by the public hitting a pole, transmission lines that feed our distribution substations going off, natural weather events or animal contacts.

To keep our reliability index numbers low, we budget for strategic investments in our distribution system's infrastructure. In 2025, we are focusing on rerouting multiple miles of overhead line in the private right-of-ways and moving them into the public right-of-ways allowing for more easily accessible lines for our crews to maintain. This will increase the reliability and capacity of electric service in those areas as we are installing new larger conductors, new poles, and will have shorter span lengths. As with every year, vegetation management is a high priority not only keeping our lines clear for reliable power but also for public safety. On March 5th, we had very strong winds blow across the state, and I am proud to say despite the extreme winds we had, there were very few outages. Keeping the trees trimmed back away from the lines reduces the frequency and length of outages caused by limbs falling into them and tearing down the lines and even breaking poles at times.

On Monday April 14th, we celebrate Line Worker Appreciation Day. They are the ones that go out during the worst weather to do their job of keeping the lights on. We have an incredible, dedicated team of line (Continued on top of Page 2)

## Thank a Lineworker on April 14



**BROOKLYN CREW**

Pictured above on our Brooklyn crew left to right: Landyn Haack, Apprentice Lineman, Kendall Bunn, Journeyman Lineman. Andrew Kloppenburg, Journeyman Lineman, Nyle Kleine, Journeyman Lineman, Kendig Maschmann, Apprentice Lineman, Adam Hawkins, Brooklyn Line Foreman, Tanner Meeks, Journeyman Lineman, and Nate Egerton, Journeyman Lineman.



**SIGOURNEY CREW**

Pictured above on our Sigourney crew left to right: Chase Witte, Apprentice Lineman, Tyler Hanson, Journeyman Lineman, Chase Tremmel, Journeyman Lineman, Sean Stutzman, Journeyman Lineman, Dan Roller, Journeyman Lineman, and not pictured is Shane Morse, Sigourney Line Foreman.

On **Monday, April 14** we recognize T.I.P. REC's dedicated lineworkers. 24/7, no matter the weather conditions, they work hard to provide you with the reliable electricity that's needed to power your lives.

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workers in our Sigourney outpost office and Brooklyn main office that take this responsibility seriously when the outage calls come in. If you see them out in your area, give them a big thank you as we all depend on the electricity flowing through the lines to power our lives.

Although it is not just the line workers that keep your cooperative moving forward. We have an incredible team in the office that I am proud to call my co-workers. Investing in our greatest assets, all T.I.P. Rural Electric employees, is always at the forefront. Professional development, multiple training programs, leadership opportunities and improving our safety practices are keeping us innovative and thinking strategically every day. We strive to bring professionalism and care to our roles when serving our member-owners.

With my final thought, the board of directors fall directly into this same path. Our Board of Directors are elected to govern and guide the cooperative. They are committed to making decisions that are in the best interest of our entire membership and to providing safe and reliable power to all our member-owners. The directors also take many professional development training courses through the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association that enables them to understand the operations of the cooperative and prioritize reliable service for our member-owners.

Have a safe Spring and Summer!



**HELP KEEP  
OUR WORK  
CREWS SAFE**

### **Work Zone Awareness Week April 21-25**

As we observe Work Zone Awareness Week, let's work together to prioritize safety on the roads, especially for roadside utility and construction crews.

## **Unclaimed Property List**

T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative, located at 320 Industrial Drive., PO Box 534, Brooklyn, IA 52211, is holding unclaimed property resulting from patronage dividends which are due to the persons listed below. The owner may claim this property by contacting us at the address listed above and/or by phone at 1-800-934-7976 during regular office hours.

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AIKEN, JAMES R., CEDAR RAPIDS  
ALBAUGH, DONALD, CEDAR RAPIDS  
MARISSA D. BRAL FOR THE ACCOUNT OF  
CAROL L. ANDERSON, MARENGO  
BAETSLE SR., MRS. WILLIAM J., % WANDA R.  
BAETSLE, WOODWARD  
BEAR, JUNE, TAMA  
BILLICK, COLE, IOWA CITY  
BOMBAY OUTLET #197, FORT WORTH, TX  
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KIRKSVILLE, MO  
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CO, URBANDALE  
BROWN, HEATH, % HARLAN BROWN, TAMA  
BURRELL, MRS. GEORGE, AMANA  
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CLUBB, LU ANN, SIGOURNEY  
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CROZIER, GARY S., MARENGO  
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ACCOUNT OF BERTHA DAVENPORT, TAMA  
DAVENPORT SR., TALBERT, TAMA  
DHONDT, RICKY L., % NEDRA DHONDT POA,  
PARNELL  
DIEOMATIC TRUCKING INC., %VICTOR  
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EAGLE, SHIRLENE K., TAMA  
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HUDEPOHL, BRAD, NORTH ENGLISH  
HUTCHINSON, JOHN OR CINDY, TOLEDO  
IOWA TELECOM, NEWTON  
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MS 1151, SPOKANE, WA  
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JUNE BEAR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF MAGGIE  
MITCHELL, TAMA  
MOELLER, WILLIAM, IOWA CITY  
MORGAN, PATRICK J., MARION  
MUSIC FOR A SONG #57, VALUE MUSIC  
CONCEPTS, MARIETTA, GA  
NAUTICA OF WILLIAMSBURG #70,  
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SHADDEN, VERLYN, % DAVID SHADDEN,  
CHELSEA  
STEENHOEK, JUDY, MANITOWSH WTR, WI  
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JAMES F. OR MARY STEVENS, TOLEDO  
SUMA, MRS. RAYMOND, CEDAR RAPIDS  
SUMMITCREST FARMS, SUMMITVILLE, OH  
TIMM, GARY A., % JOHNETTE TIMM, GUERNSEY  
TRI-STATE OUTDOOR MEDIA GROUP, INC.,  
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YOUNG BEAR III, GEORGE, TAMA  
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MICHAEL ZAVODSKY FOR THE ACCT OF  
JERRY ZAVODSKY, MARENGO

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**If T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative does not hear from the owner within six (6) months of this notification, we are allowed to retain this property (per Iowa law) to be used for economic development, education or deliver this property to the State Treasurer's Office for disposition as abandoned property.**

# T.I.P. REC Scholarship Program Deadline

T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative offers three scholarship opportunities for students. For details and applications go to [tiprec.com/scholarship-opportunities](http://tiprec.com/scholarship-opportunities)

**Deadline to Apply**  
**April 11, 2025**

## Administrative Professionals Day April 23



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

The ladies pictured above have devoted many decades of hardwork and dedication to serving our member-owners and to making sure that T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative runs smoothly everyday.

Join us in celebrating them on Administrative Professionals Day!



April marks Safe Digging Month. Whether you're planting a garden or installing new fence posts, make sure to call 811 or go to [www.iowaonecall.com](http://www.iowaonecall.com) before starting any digging projects. It's free, easy and helps to keep our communities safe and prevent damage to underground utilities. Let's dig safely and avoid unnecessary risks!

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

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### April Work Anniversaries

Chase Witte - 2 years  
Nate Hopwood - 7 years

Thank You!

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