



TIPS From T.I.P.

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Giving Back to Our Communities

Over the years, you've probably heard or read about T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative's concern for the communities we serve. This is one of the core principles that sets cooperatives apart from other types of utilities and businesses. We've always taken this mission and responsibility to heart. It's who we are as a co-op.

Over the past several months, like so many of you, we've risen to meet new challenges and strengthen the safety net for our communities, particularly for those who are most vulnerable. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we've made numerous adjustments to programs and operations to maintain business continuity while staying focused on the bigger mission of helping our member-consumers during this turbulent time.

Now, with the holidays fast approaching, these recent events have made us pause and think about the role we play in our communities. While our purpose is to provide safe and reliable power to you, our member-consumers, we have a greater mission-to be an advocator of good.

You're probably aware of our Operation Roundup® program, where we take donations from generous members like you who have "rounded-up" the amount due on their electric bill to disperse to various local organizations and individuals in need. Or our Youth Tour program, where we send our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C. for a week-long all-expense paid trip to experience democracy in action.

We also have strong commitment to safety-not just for our employees, but for our communities as well. We visit schools to teach children how to stay safe around electricity and hold safety demonstrations at community meetings and other gatherings.

Your cooperative also invests in the economic development of our communities through an active role in our county and local economic development organizations.

You'll also see our employees serving on local boards, coaching youth sports, and volunteering at charitable events. Because when you work at a co-op, you understand how important a strong community is-after all, without you, the co-op wouldn't exist.

We know that our core job is to keep the lights on; but our passion is our communities. Because we live and work here too, and we want to make it a better place for all.

If we can help you by providing energy-saving advice to help lower your electric bill or discuss payment options during these difficult times, please call us at 800-934-7976.

Concern for community is the heart and soul of who we are. And no matter what the future brings, you can count on *your* electric co-op to care about you.

Your Cooperative and Employees Earn No Lost Time Award



Pictured above is the "No Lost Time Accident Award" which T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative and its employees received for promoting a safe working environment and not having a "Lost Time" accident for the past four years.

Each year our insurance carrier, Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange, recognizes its member systems with a "No Lost Time Award" for those that have accrued at least 5,000 work hours per employee without any lost time accidents. Your cooperative and its employees received the outstanding achievement of an accident-free record of 210,158 hours since April 2016.

Systems that have a good safety program not only protect their employees and the community, but also save on insurance, avoid fines, and add dollars directly to their bottom line.

T.I.P. Rural Electric

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2020 Derecho Storm T-Shirts



Pictured above left to right is: Breanna McIlrath, Office and Billing Supervisor, Sallie Ditzler, Customer Service Representative, Lee Rozmus, Administrative Assistant and Becca Coover, Operations Assistant, wearing the derecho t-shirt that was given to all the T.I.P. employees.

These t-shirts were given to the employees in appreciation for the hard work and dedicated service during the derecho storm and throughout the year.



The front of the t-shirt says: T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative Derecho 2020 #co-op strong and the back says "I Am My Brother's Keeper".

Linemen Practice Pole Top Rescue



Dana Kilmer, Journeyman Lineman, is shown to the left practicing his pole top rescue.

Every year, all T.I.P. linemen review the procedures to rescue a fellow lineman who may have had electrical contact, heat exhaustion, an allergic reaction to a bee sting or heart complications while working on the lines.

The following are the procedures our linemen review during this training: The assisting lineman first makes a May Day call to our office and calls 911 to get help coming (an ambulance and in the case of an electrical contact Air Care helicopter) and then proceeds to rescue the victim on the pole by climbing the pole or using a aerial device. He attempts to have the victim on the ground and start doing CPR and first aid within approximately four minutes and continues until Emergency Medical Services arrive.

Your Cooperative's management and employees feel that safety is a top priority and will continue to review numerous safety procedures unique to the electric industry.

Fire Extinguisher Training



Terry Kloppenburg, Financial Manager, is shown to the left practicing his fire extinguishing skills.

At a recent safety meeting the linemen and staff members participated in a fire extinguisher training session.

They watched a video on the different classes of fire extinguishers and type of fire they extinguish, and then reviewed how to properly use a fire extinguisher.

This training is just one example of your Cooperative's comprehensive safety program.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Keep cold air out to save energy. Seal air leaks around pipes and any gaps around chimneys and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.

NOTICE: Your REC office will be closed Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th to observe the Thanksgiving holiday.

NOTICE:

The Brooklyn office will be closed on Thursday, November 12th from 8:00 a.m. till Noon for an all-employee safety meeting.

Help us Locate 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 2003, 75% of 2004, and 10% of 2019** on August 10, 2020. 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 2003, 2004, or 2019 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.

Estate Capital Credit Retirements

The Board of Directors of T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative recently took action 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 2020

Abben, Darryn J., Evansdale
Adams, Cary or Theresa, Blairstown
Agnew, John, Corning
Albert, Mark C., Marengo
Allnutt, Karen, Williamsburg
American Oil Company, San Antonio, TX
Anderson, Catherine, Tama
Anderson, Nikki, Burlington
Arch Communications, Westborough, MA
Nathan H. Arens for the account of Mrs. Julian Arens,
Hartwick

Arifi, Mendim, Galva, IL
Atkinson, Leona J., Williamsburg
Ayers, Brett, Thornburg
B & F Farms, LTD., Sigourney
Bailey, Gary L., Cedar Bluffs, NE
Bailey, Mendy or Ryan, State Center
Balvanz, Warren E., Marshalltown
Baugman, Thomas E. or Janice A., Altoona
Bayer, Kenneth, Victor
Bear Sr., Homer, % Avis Bear, Le Grand
Bechtel, Chris, Fairfield
Becker, Ronald, Blairstown
Beckley, Daryl, Sigourney
Bidwell, Ann, Marshalltown
Billick, Kole, Iowa City
Bine, Lawrence R., Marengo
Bixby, Frank F., Delta
Blackcloud, Christina, Tama
Bolen, Regina, Montour
Bombay Outlet #197, Fort Worth, TX
Bond, Angela or Tony, Hedrick
Borchert, Scott, Cedar Rapids
Bozeman, Laurel A., % Laurel Wilson, Williamsburg
Bradley, Pamela, Grinnell
Bream, Ronald G., Brandenton, FL
Brecht, Michele, % Michele Fuller, North English
Brenneman, Mark A., Williamsburg
Briggs, Anthony L. or Pamela J., Gladbrook
Brooklyn Short Stop, % J. D. Carpenter Co., Urbandale
Gary Kerr for the account of Arlan H. Buhrmann,
Bondurant
Burns, Mrs. Norman, % Maxine Burns, Brooklyn
Burrell, Mrs. George, Amana
Burrus, Carol L., Memphis, MO
Burrus, Mrs. Don, South Amana
C70 Builders Inc., Roseville, MN
Calvin, Charles, North English
Campbell, John O., Cedar Rapids
Campbell, Pamela, Conrad
Carlo, Tim, Williamsburg
David Carlson for the account of Edwin Carlson, Ames
Carter, John P., Luxemburg
Cernin, Jennifer, % Jennifer Rupp, Chelsea
Coffey, Dan, Oskaloosa
Comstock, Jacquelyn, Williamsburg
Cook, Russell J., Williamsburg
Craig, Doreen, Florence, AZ
Crouse, Horace, Sigourney
Crozier, Gary S., Marengo
Currie, Gary or Linda, Coralville
Maxene Cuthbertson for the account of B G Cuthbertson,
Entiat, WA
DBTH Inc., % Marilyn Chmelar, Richland
Damewood, Christopher or Linda A., Lucasville, OH
Dansk Factory Outlet #5, Lawrenceville, NJ

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Davenport, Carla, Tama
Davenport, Larry, % Meskwaki Family Services, Tama
Davenport, Robert W., Worthington, MO
Rev. Harlan Gillespie for the account of Clarence Davis,
Webster City
Davis, Dana M., Tama
Decker, Steven or Kelly, Waterloo
Devine, James A., Williamsburg
Dhondt, Ricky L., % Nedra Dhondt POA, Parnell
Dickey, Alan, Salem, OR
Diego, Melinda, Walthill, NE
Doehrmann, Kim K., Marengo
Kathy Dolash for the account of Michael Dolash, Tama
Donnan, Nick, Wellman
Doty, Ross E., Brooklyn
Downing, Denny, What Cheer
Dunaway, John W., New Vienna, OH
Dysart, Jamie or Jessica, Grinnell
Eagle, Shirlene K., Tama
Edwards Brothers, Keokuk
Ellis, Linda, Brooklyn
Ellis, Sherry, Ollie
Ennen, Jerry, Homestead
Ennis Farm, % Hertz Farm Mgt, Mt. Vernon
Evans, Becky, Iowa City
Ewald, Mrs. Wayne V., What Cheer
Ewoldt, Terry L. or Debra S., Chelsea
Fancher Farms, % Hocker Farm Mgt., Williamsburg
Farrell, William, Ottumwa
Fields, Amy, Millersburg
Finnegan, Jodi, Parnell
Fisch Jr., David W., Sigourney
Fisher, Carroll, Marshalltown
Fisher, Tina, Tama
Flores, Paula, Toledo
Fluke, David D., Chelsea
Folkedahl, Kim K., Marengo
Folkmann, Rod, Williamsburg
Fossil Stores, Richardson, TX
Frederick, Steve L., % Brittany Goltz, Williamsburg
Kevin Tubbs for the account of Ted Frese, Cedar Rapids
Frimml, Mrs. Martin J., Marengo
Fry, Mrs. Edd, % Kenneth Fry, Oskaloosa
Full Size Fashions, Mc Cook, NE
Fuller, Michele, % Dan Brecht, Iowa City
Gaddis, Bruce, K., Ankeny
Galbreath, Roberta, Iowa City
Gates, Lora, Grinnell
Julie A. Gates for the account of Mrs. M C Gates, Tama
George, William J., Deep River
Gerdes, Stanley R. or Sonya D., Montezuma
Giannetto, Carl J., Marshalltown
Gibson, Lureta J., Le Grand
Gingerich, Marjorie J., Williamsburg
Girsch, Chris, Tama
Goetzinger, Jim, Montezuma
Golf Closeout Warehouse, Murrieta, CA
Goos, Dorothy M., Williamsburg

Gorsh, Jason, Williamsburg
Gragg, David, Williamsburg
Greene, Michael S., South English
Greenlee, Glenn L., North English
Gregor, William C. or Christine M., Oxford
Jane G. Walls for the account of Raymond D. Gregory,
Ball Ground, GA
Greiner, Jade, Williamsburg
Grimm, David E., South English
Hagenow, Robert J., Waterloo
Hallquist, Roger W. or Ruth D., Hiawatha
Halverson, Joel, Williamsburg
Hammes, Virginia, Sigourney
Hammes, William C., Sigourney
Handeland, Kenny, Thornburg
Hansen, Shay, Parnell
Harmon, Richard W., Browning, MO
Harper, Jayson, Keswick
Harrington, Tamara J., Cedar Falls
Harrison, Donald E., Bussey
Harthorn, Craig, Badger
Harvey, Claire, Fairfield
Hatling, Arnold, Le Grand
Kathleen A. Bodenlos for the account of John E. Hawse,
Grayslake, IL
Hefflon, Lorena, Coralville
Flora V. Heitshusen for the acct of Mrs. Harold Heitshusen,
Center Point
Henning, John R., W Melbourne, FL
Heritage Lace Gallery, Anderson, MO
Herrmann, Max, Belle Plaine
Hessenberger, Cheryl, Ladora
Hicks, Jennifer L., North English
Rebecca J. Hinz for the account of Christine Hill,
Petaluma, CA
Hinson, Juli, Ames
Hofmeister, Melissa A., Marion
Holder, Michael, North Liberty
Horras, Robert D., Exira
Houdyshell, George E. or Deborah, Aledo, IL
Hubbard, Roger, Somis, CA
Huedepohl, Mrs. Ralph, Williamsburg
Huhn, Robert, Toledo
Hummer, Mary Jo, % Mary Jo Tomas, Oxford
Iowa Telecom, Newton

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