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Brooklyn, Iowa

Director Nominees Needed for August Annual Meeting

The following nominating committee has been appointed to find candidates to run for your Board of Directors at your August 28, 2021, annual meeting. This year directors will be elected from the following counties: **Iowa, Poweshiek, and Tama.**

If you are a co-op member and have a member whom you would like to have nominated for director, contact any of the members on your nominating committee listed below.

Nominating Committee Members are:

Iowa County:

Ronald Nace 1029 163rd St. Victor, IA 52347 319-647-3297	James Thys 1017 163rd St. Victor, IA 52347 319-647-2748
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Poweshiek County

Kevin Cline 2178 440th Ave. Guernsey, IA 52221 319-685-4114	Tom Grier 2163 440th Ave. Guernsey, IA 52221 641-990-8684
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Tama County:

Tony Upah 2690 370th St. Chelsea, IA 52215 641-489-2509	Don Weiermann 3880 Highway V18 Chelsea, IA 52215 641-485-4179
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Nominees' names must be given to any nominating committee member **before June 28, 2021.** Thanks for your help!



Notice: Your REC office will be closed Monday, July 5th. Have a safe holiday!

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

2021 Shine the Light Contest Shining the Light on Community Volunteers in June

Guided by our cooperative commitment to community, Iowa's electric co-ops are launching a new contest in June to celebrate local volunteers. The Shine the Light contest, sponsored by the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa, will accept nominations and select three winners who will each receive a \$1,500 donation to their local charity or nonprofit. The three winners will be announced during the Iowa State Fair in August.

Member-owners and employees of Iowa's electric cooperatives are eligible to nominate local volunteers during the month of June. The volunteer being nominated does not need to be a T.I.P. REC member-owner. Minors may be nominated with consent from their parents or legal guardians.

Go to www.IowaShineTheLight.com to review the contest rules and make your nomination.

Contact Information Drawing Winners

Four names were drawn from the members who submitted their contact information. The following members will receive a \$25 bill credit on their June bill: Chad Foster, Mark and Revae Gabriel, John and Jane McCulley, and Jim Patten.

Thanks to everyone for submitting your updated contact information.

Save the Date

This year's Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, August 28th. We will be having another drive-thru so please plan to attend!

T.I.P. Rural Electric

Regular Hours 7:30 to 4:00 Weekdays.....	641-522-9221
or Toll Free.....	800-934-7976
After Hours (Outages & Emergencies Only) ..	641-522-9223
or Toll Free	800-934-7976

website: www.tiprec.com

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Seniors Receive T.I.P. Scholarships

This year T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative started a scholarship program to recognize academic and community achievements made by the young adults in the communities we serve. T.I.P. REC takes pride in helping develop leaders in our communities and these scholarships are considered an investment in the economic future of rural areas.

T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative accepted scholarship applications from graduating seniors whose parents/guardians are members of T.I.P. REC.

The following is a partial list of the high school seniors who were awarded \$500 scholarships:
(The remainder of the list will be in the July newsletter)

English Valleys Jr/Sr High School



Clara Mews
Simpson College, Health
& Exercise Science



Brayden Mikesell
DMACC,
Agribusiness

HLV Community School



Kayla Jack
Mount Mercy University,
Exercise Science



Kayla D. York
Iowa Central
Community
College, Dental
Hygiene

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

A dirty filter causes your air conditioner to work harder than necessary. Remember to change your air filter every month (or every two months) to prevent dust buildup.

Iowa Valley Jr/Sr High School



Millie Peach
Ferris State
University,
Welding
Technology



Paige Wieck
Iowa Lakes
Community
College,
Elementary
Education

South Tama County High School



Alyssa Chyma
University of
Tamap, Marine
Biology



Sydney L. Parizek
Iowa State
University,
Advertisement &
Design/Journalism

Sigourney Jr/Sr High School



Sidney Morse
Indian Hills Community
College, Accounting

NOTICE: The Brooklyn office will be closed on Thursday, June 24th from 8:00 a.m. till Noon for an all-employee safety meeting.

Installing a New Grain Bin?

The State of Iowa requires specific clearances for electric lines around grain bins. T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative will provide assistance in planning for a safe environment for everyone working and living around grain bins.

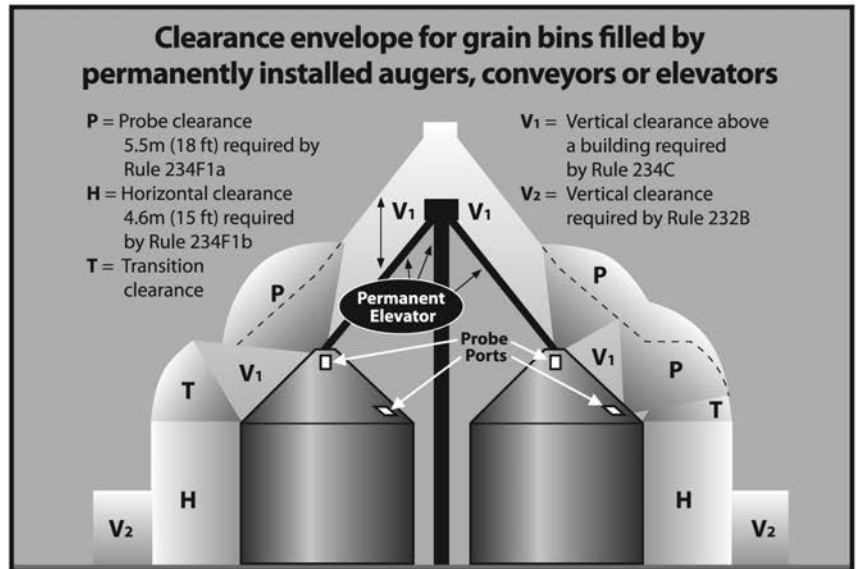
The diagrams shown are according to the Iowa Electric Safety Code found in Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 199-25.2(3)b. An electric utility may refuse to provide electric service to any grain bin built near an existing electric line which does not provide the clearances required by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C2-2017, "National Electric Safety Code", Rule 234F. This paragraph "b" shall apply only to grain bins loaded by portable augers, conveyors or elevators and built after September 9, 1992, or to grain bins loaded by permanently installed augers, conveyors, or elevator systems installed after December 24, 1997. (As adopted by the Iowa Utilities Board).

T.I.P. and its power supplier, Central Iowa Power Cooperative, are required by the Iowa Utilities Board to provide this annual notice to farmers, farm lenders, grain bin merchants, and city and county zoning officials. If you have any questions concerning any clearance regulations, please call T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative at (800) 934-7976 before any new grain bin plans are finalized. For your safety, T.I.P. standards exceeds those specified in NESC. **(See asterisk to the right.)**

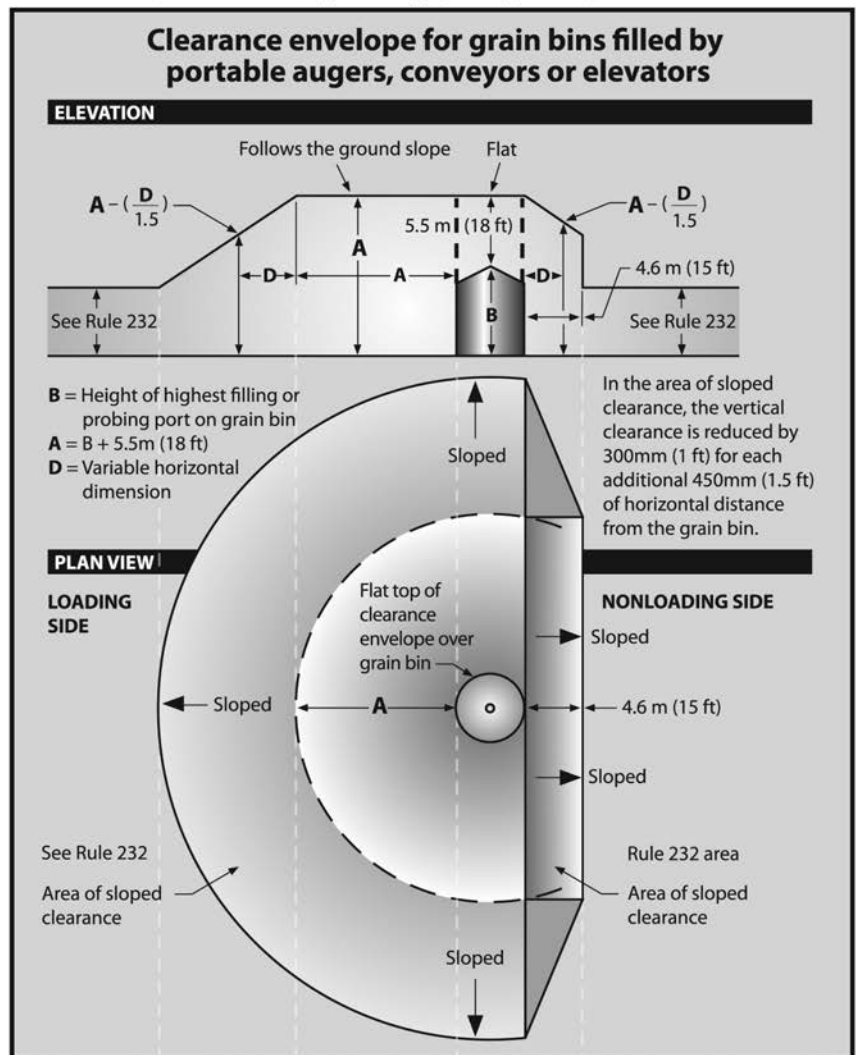
Pool Clearances

When installing a pool, clearance in any direction from the water level, edge of a pool, base of diving platform, or anchored raft is required by (ANSI) C2-2012, "National Electric Safety Code", Rule T-234-3.

If you have any questions, please call us at (800) 934-7976 before any new pool plans are finalized.



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***EXCEPTION:** In reference to 236C of the Code, T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative will only recognize a "non-loading side" if the following criteria is met; both parties are in agreement to it; both parties sign a "grain bin agreement" form; and the bin in question is posted with "Non-Loading Side" signage.

We're Ready for Storm Season. Are You?

Now that summer is in full swing, like many of you, we welcome more opportunities to be outdoors and enjoy the warmer weather. Summertime brings many of our favorite activities like cooking out with family and friends, afternoons on the water and simply slowing down a bit to enjoy life.

But summer months also make conditions right for dangerous storms. These potential weather events can cause destruction to our electrical system, but we want you to know that T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative crews are ready and standing by to respond should power outages occur in our area.

When major storms knock out power, our line crews take all necessary precautions before they get to work on any downed lines. We would encourage you to also practice safety and preparedness to protect your family during major storms and outages.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends the items below as a starting point for storm and disaster preparedness, but you can visit www.ready.gov for additional resources.

- Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of non-perishable food, such as canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water and other essentials (i.e., diapers and toiletries).
- Confirm that you have adequate sanitation and hygiene supplies including towelettes, soap and hand sanitizer.
- Ensure your First Aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages and other medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current.
- Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener and portable, battery operated radio or TV.
- Organize emergency supplies so they are easily accessible in one location.

In the event of a prolonged power outage, turn off major appliances, TVs, computers and other sensitive electronics. This will help avert damage from a power surge, and will also help prevent overloading the circuits during power restoration. That said, do leave one light on so you will know when power is restored. If you plan to use a small generator, make sure it's rated to handle the amount of power you will need, and always review the manufacturer's instructions to operate it safely.

Listen to local news or a weather radio for storm and emergency information, and check T.I.P. REC's Facebook, website or our app on your phone for power restoration updates.

After the storm, avoid downed power lines and walking through flooded areas where power lines could

be submerged. Allow ample room for utility crews to safely perform their jobs, including on your property.

Advance planning for severe storms or other emergencies can reduce stress and anxiety. At T.I.P. REC, we recommend that you act today because there is power in planning. From our co-op family to yours, we hope you have a safe and wonderful summer.

Clēnera, CIPCO and RES Host Ribbon Cutting for Wapello Solar



Representatives from T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative's power provider, Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO), Clēnera, LLC, and RES (Renewable Energy Systems), marked the official opening of Wapello Solar, LLC, with a ribbon cutting ceremony this spring.

Attending the event from T.I.P. REC was Craig Stallman, (pictured above third from the right), T.I.P. REC's representative on the CIPCO Board of Directors and your General Manager, Dean Huls.

"The commercial operation of Wapello Solar adds an important piece to our diverse portfolio," said CIPCO Executive Vice President and CEO Bill Cherrier. (pictured above center) "With it, CIPCO supports its mission to provide our member-owners with wholesale power and services in a safe, reliable and cost-effective manner."

CIPCO has a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) to purchase 100% of the power from the 100 MWAC Wapello Solar for 25 years. Clēnera partnered with RES to construct Wapello Solar in six months, creating approximately 250 jobs at peak construction.

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