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Argos lineworkers Jamie Lindstrom and Harry Partin (third row, far right), as well as Josh Salazar (not pictured) attended many of IMPA's Second Wednesday workshops in order to increase their skillset and job knowledge.

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Argos Utilities Lineworkers Benefit from Trainings

In 2016, the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), Argos' wholesale power provider, implemented a new education and training program entitled Second Wednesdays. Free to all IMPA member communities, this monthly training program aimed to meet the needs of all utility personnel, including lineworkers, substation workers, meter personnel, management staff and customer service personnel. Jamie Lindstrom, Josh Salazar and Harry Partin, all lineworkers with Argos Utilities, attended several of these workshops in order to increase their skillset and job knowledge.

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Public Power Lineworkers: A S

When severe weather strikes, the first instinct is often to hunker down inside and wait for the storm to pass. Lineworkers across the state and the country know that when severe weather hits, it's time to get to work. A portion of a lineworker's job demands working in inclement weather conditions for long periods of time, often during the middle of the night. These lineworkers put their lives on the line each day to ensure that everyone in their cities and towns has access to reliable electricity. Read on to meet a few lineworkers from Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) member communities across the state.

Colin Leinenbach - Huntingburg Electric Utility



"This can be a dangerous job, and my first year as an apprentice, I wasn't sure if I could do it. But, I learned to trust the other people that I work with. They keep me safe and they keep me alive, and we have a real bond. It's a dangerous job and it's a hard job, but it's worth it to know that I'm helping keep the lights on for our city."

Colin has worked for the City of Huntingburg in various capacities for six years and has been an apprentice lineworker for the last four years. Colin is in his final year in the apprenticeship program and is set to graduate and receive his certification in March 2017. Colin is also a recent graduate of the Dubois County Leadership Academy.

Myron McAlister - Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power



"The best part of this job is that I learn something new every day. Even though I've been a lineworker for basically my entire adult life, I know that I don't know everything. There are definitely some storms that I'll never forget, but it has all been worth it. I'm glad I made the choice to become a lineworker, and I would encourage others to think about this as a career."

Myron has worked for Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power (CEL&P) for 41 years and will retire on February 28, 2017. IMPA and CEL&P thank Myron for his decades of service to CEL&P as well as to public power as a whole.

A Staple in their Communities

Greg Gayler - Darlington Light & Power



"Over the past few years in Darlington, I've really tried to make the electric system more reliable for the people who live here. It's a small town, but we all care about each other. That's what makes it worth it to go out in bad weather. I see that people appreciate it, and I want to do what's right for our town."

Greg has been with the Town of Darlington for the past eight years, but has 35 years of experience as a lineworker. He is the recipient of the American Public Power Association's Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award, which is a national award that recognizes utility managers who serve in the nation's smallest public power communities.

Jeff McNew - Lebanon Utilities



"When I first started as a lineworker, I really didn't know a lot about the job, but the longer I worked, the more I liked it. I enjoy climbing the poles, being outside and working with the other lineworkers. Sometimes people will come up to us and tell us how much they appreciate what we do, which always makes you feel good. It's hard to work in the rain, ice and snow, but it's worth it."

Jeff has been a lineworker with Lebanon Utilities for four years. Jeff was recently named Apprentice Lineworker of the Year by the Indiana Municipal Electric Association and will compete this spring at the national American Public Power Association's Lineworkers Rodeo.

The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), your community's wholesale power provider, knows just how hard these lineworkers work, each and every day. We salute lineworkers from our member communities for putting their lives on the line each day, ensuring that each resident and business across all 61 of IMPA's member communities has access to safe and reliable electricity. ●

Downtown Scarecrow Contest a Success

The Town of Argos hosted its first ever scarecrow decorating contest in 2016, which was open to all residents of the town. Those who were interested in decorating a scarecrow applied for a spot, and then displayed the scarecrow on their assigned light pole, beginning on October 15th. Residents of Argos were able to vote for their favorite scarecrow by visiting local businesses and casting their vote. Voting ended on October 31st and the winners were announced on November 2nd.

The first place winner was 'Miss A', the second place winner was 'The D Fencing Scarecrow' and third place went to 'Puppy Love'. The first place winner received McDonald's and Subway gift cards, second place received a Visa gift card donated by 1st Source Bank and third place received a candle set donated by Argos Hardware. The town plans to continue this tradition next year and hopes to have even more entries into the contest.●



Pictured above are the first, second and third place winners of the scarecrow decorating contest. Pictured left to right: 'Miss A', 'The D Fencing Scarecrow' and 'Puppy Love'.

Lineworkers

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"I found these workshops to be helpful and a good reminder to always put safety first," stated Jamie Lindstrom, lineworker and IMPA Commissioner. "In this line of work, you can never have enough training and education. Everything that we learned will benefit the town, as we will be able to put this training into action."

IMPA is passionate about providing learning opportunities for its member communities, especially programs that encourage safety. Looking forward to 2017, IMPA plans to continue offering these workshops, which benefit all IMPA communities, including Argos.●

Park Board Completes and Plans for Several Projects

Earlier this year, the Argos Parks Board completed a five-year master plan, which aims to grow and develop parks and recreational opportunities throughout the community. Building on that master plan, the Park Board has already completed several projects that enhance the Argos Community Park.

One of the biggest projects in 2016 consisted of extending the popular walking trail. Previously, the walking trail was only located inside the park, but now the trail extends onto State Road 10 and stretches all the way to the Subway and McDonald's. This paved asphalt trail gives pedestrians and bicyclists a safe walking path to access the park, as well as the restaurants and businesses on State Road 10. In the future, the town hopes to extend the trail even further, going from the park to the Argos Town Pond.

In addition to extending the walking trail, the Park Board built a sand volleyball court in the Argos Community Park. Located near the basketball courts, this volleyball court will open in the spring and will be free to use by the general public.

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Tidbits & Trivia

Question: How many peregrine falcon chicks hatched at IMPA's co-owned generating unit, Trimble County Station, in 2016?

- a) 38 chicks
- b) 5 chicks
- c) 10 chicks
- d) 3 chicks

Send your answer to the question to IMPA, and we will randomly select winners from all of the correct entries to receive an energy efficiency prize pack. Please send your name, e-mail address and address with your answer to:

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IMPA member utilities purchase their power from IMPA and deliver that power to the residents and companies within the community.

Generation

The actual creation of electricity at power plants or a generating station.

IMPA's generation portfolio includes seven coal-fired units, seven combustion turbine units and 13 solar parks.

Trimble County Station's Wildlife Preserve Helps Save Endangered Species

The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), your community's wholesale power provider, is passionate about providing affordable and reliable electricity, but is equally passionate about environmental responsibility and preserving our country's natural resources. One of IMPA's co-owned generating stations, Trimble County Station, is a great example of how the two seemingly opposite services – power production and environmental responsibility – can merge together as one.

Trimble County Station is a two-unit station located in Kentucky that generates a total of 1,274 Megawatts (MW) of power of which IMPA owns 162 MW. Trimble County Station, a baseload generating station whose mission is to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is an integral component of IMPA's power portfolio. It provides a steady and consistent stream of electricity, which serves to power your homes and businesses. In addition to generating power in a reliable manner, Trimble County Station also boasts its own 114-acre wildlife preserve, which includes both wetlands and forest areas. This nature preserve is home to a variety of wildlife, including American bald eagles, peregrine falcons, fox, deer, wild turkeys and many other species of birds and mammals.

Trimble County Station's wildlife preserve has been instrumental in preserving the peregrine falcon population, which was considered an endangered species as recently as the 1970s. As a participating power generation station in Kentucky's peregrine falcon nesting program, Trimble County Station's wildlife preserve contains a nesting box where falcons can breed each year. 2016 was successful for the Station as a male falcon, Favre, and his female falcon companion once again nested at Trimble County, producing three peregrine falcon chicks. In 2016, the entire Kentucky peregrine falcon nesting program produced a total of 38 chicks throughout a variety of participating locations.

Trimble County Station and IMPA are proud to be a part of this resurgence in the peregrine falcon population and are also proud of the efforts made to maintain our country's natural resources. Going forward, IMPA will continue to remain vigilant in providing low cost, reliable electricity in an environmentally responsible manner. ●



One of IMPA's generating stations, Trimble County Station, is home to a 114-acre wildlife preserve (pictured above). Trimble County Station (pictured below) provides a steady stream of electricity, which helps to power IMPA's 61 member communities.



Cooking Corner

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Potato Soup

Recipe submitted by Penny Cox of Montezuma, Indiana.

- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped carrots
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 3 cups cubed potatoes
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 tbsp. parsley
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1 tbsp. chopped pimento
- 4 cup milk (1/2 reserved)
- 1 can chicken broth

Heat olive oil in a 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat and saute onion until tender, about five minutes. Add carrots, celery, potatoes, parsley, chicken broth, salt and pepper. Cover and simmer until vegetables are tender, about 15 minutes. Reduce heat; add pimento and 3 1/2 cups milk. Heat soup until milk is scalded only - do not boil. Blend flour with 1/2 cup of milk and add to soup, stirring constantly. Cook until bubbly and slightly thickened.

Easy Corn Casserole

- 1 8.5 oz. package cornbread mix
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 stick unsalted butter, melted
- 1 15-oz. can creamed style corn (not drained)
- 1 15-oz. can corn (drained)
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 2 1/2-quart baking dish. In a bowl, mix together sour cream, corn, creamed corn, melted butter and eggs. Add cornbread mix, salt and pepper and stir. Pour into greased baking dish and bake for 45-60 minutes until sides are golden and the middle doesn't jiggle when you shake it.

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Park Board

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The Park Board had a successful 2016 and they are already busy planning for 2017 improvements, which will include the construction of a Frisbee golf course. The Park Board received a \$4,500 grant from the Marshall County Community Foundation that will help to pay for this new addition to the park. Once constructed, the town hopes to host Frisbee golf tournaments and also introduce the community to this recreational activity.

“The town really puts a lot of effort and work into our park,” stated Jim Burroughs, Park Supervisor and Utilities Superintendent. “We see our park as a major way to differentiate ourselves and bring additional economic growth to our town.” ●



The Park Board extended the town’s walking path (above) and built a sandpit volleyball court (below).

