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## IMPA Solar Park Coming to Flora

The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), Flora's wholesale power provider, recently purchased land on South Willow Street on which to build a solar park. The IMPA Flora Solar Park is expected to generate approximately 750 kilowatts of electricity on approximately five acres of land. Construction on the park is expected to begin in early 2017.

"The IMPA Flora Solar Park will further diversify the Agency's power supply portfolio and will continue building upon IMPA's steady momentum of solar park construction," stated Raj Rao, President and CEO of IMPA. Today, 24.25 megawatts of IMPA's power supply is generated from solar parks in the IMPA communities of Anderson, Argos, Bainbridge, Crawfordsville, Frankton, Huntingburg, Pendleton, Peru, Rensselaer, Richmond, Tell City, Washington and Waynetown. The

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# Public Power Lineworkers: A S

**W**hen 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. ●

# Project Update: Flora Community Park

In the last issue, the Municipal Power News reported that the Flora Community Park would soon be updated with new playground equipment. That new equipment has now been installed and is ready to be used by children in the community. This project was spearheaded by Lane Simpson, a local teenager who was seeking to receive his Eagle Scout designation. Simpson worked with the Town of Flora to plan the design of the park, and also coordinated volunteers who helped construct and install the equipment. In order to help pay for the new equipment, the Carroll County Community Foundation generously provided a \$5,000 grant to help fund this project.

This new playground consists of several slides, climbing structures and swings as well as a merry-go-round and other playground structures. The playground, which is fenced in and filled with sand, is specifically designed for children ages five and younger. In addition to the playground equipment, there is also an adult-sized swing so that parents can keep an eye on their children while they play.

The Town of Flora thanks Lane Simpson, the Carroll County Community Foundation and all of the volunteers who worked to make this park a reality. Now that it's complete, the park boasts a playground that is built and designed specifically for the community's youngest residents. ●



Thanks to the work of local Eagle Scout, Lane Simpson, and the Town of Flora, the Flora Community Park now has new playground equipment designed specifically for those ages five and under.



## Solar Park

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project to construct a solar park in Flora is part of IMPA's larger plan to develop a solar park in each of the 61 communities that the Agency serves with wholesale power.

"IMPA appreciates the confidence placed in us by Flora and the other communities we serve with wholesale electric power in adding this renewable energy source to our generation portfolio in their community," said Rao. The addition of more solar parks not only provides an educational impact to IMPA's member communities, but also serves to bolster IMPA's already diverse power supply portfolio. This reinforces IMPA's goal to provide municipally-owned utilities with a power supply that is low cost, reliable and environmentally responsible. ●

# Flora Depot Project Moves to Phase II

The Flora Depot Restoration Project has made significant headway since construction first began in January 2016. Now, one year later, Phase I of the restoration project has been completed, and Phase II has already begun.

Phase I consisted of exterior updates, which included building site preparation work, a new concrete foundation, reconstruction of original walls and the roof, restoration of exterior paint and windows and the installation of new exterior doors. Phase I was completed on September 21, 2016, while preparations for Phase II had already begun.



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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

**T**he 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

**We need more recipes!**

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| Advance         | Chalmers       | Flora             | Knightstown  | Pendleton     | Straughn     |
| Anderson        | Coatesville    | Frankfort         | Ladoga       | Peru          | Tell City    |
| Argos           | Columbia City  | Frankton          | Lawrenceburg | Pittsboro     | Thorntown    |
| Bainbridge      | Covington      | Gas City          | Lebanon      | Rensselaer    | Tipton       |
| Bargersville    | Crawfordsville | Greendale         | Lewisville   | Richmond      | Troy         |
| Blanchester, OH | Darlington     | Greenfield        | Linton       | Rising Sun    | Veedersburg  |
| Bremen          | Dublin         | Huntingburg       | Middletown   | Rockville     | Walkerton    |
| Brooklyn        | Dunreith       | Jamestown         | Montezuma    | Scottsburg    | Washington   |
| Brookston       | Edinburgh      | Jasper            | New Ross     | South Whitley | Waynetown    |
| Centerville     | Etna Green     | Kingsford Heights | Paoli        | Spiceland     | Williamsport |
|                 |                |                   |              |               | Winamac      |

## Potato Soup

Recipe submitted by Penny Cox of Montezuma, Indiana.

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

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

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The Depot project is currently in the midst of Phase II, which consists of site development, including the installation of utility services, new guttering, exterior lighting, a driveway and a parking lot. Several tons of dirt were delivered in September 2016, which will be used to level the construction site and to help protect the depot's foundation during the winter. In addition, Flora Utilities ran utilities to the site, which will provide electricity and running water to the depot. A sign has been installed in front of the depot, and more stone is being delivered to winterize the foundation and to also create a driveway and a parking lot.

This entire project is coordinated by Flora Main Street and its Flora Depot Committee. These dedicated groups are passionate about restoring a piece of Flora's history so that future generations are able to learn from and enjoy the space. If you're interested in learning more about this project or would like to donate to the cause, visit [www.floraindianadepot.org](http://www.floraindianadepot.org) or [www.facebook.com/floraindianadepot](https://www.facebook.com/floraindianadepot). ●