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Major Road Construction Nearly Complete

Earlier this year, the City of Gas City received funds totaling \$1.6 million from the Indiana Department of Transportation, which have allowed the city to completely rebuild South First Street, stretching north from Main Street all the way south to South D. Street. This stretch of road is located in downtown Gas City and sees a heavy amount of traffic, which has caused a great amount of wear and tear.

The Gas City Electric Department has assisted with this road rebuild by relocating 13 electric poles in order to accommodate for the new street. In addition, the area has been outfitted with new stormwater sewers as well as a new water main, curbs and sidewalks. The project is in its final phases and is expected to be complete by the end of 2016. Once finished, Gas City will boast both a new street and utility infrastructure, which will benefit the city for decades to come.●

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. ●

Earthwise Plastics, Inc. Purchases Building

Earthwise Plastics, Inc. recently purchased a 189,000 square foot building located just east of Gas City in the city's industrial park. This building had sat vacant for several years prior to the company's purchase. Earthwise Plastics is a manufacturing company that specializes in the production of high-quality synthetic lumber, which is made out of recycled plastic. The Gas City expansion is an addition to its corporate headquarters, which is located in Marion, Indiana.

"It's very exciting to see a high-quality company come in and purchase this building," stated Gas City Mayor Larry Leach. "The city is pleased to see Earthwise Plastics expand into Gas City, and we look forward to seeing the success of its operations."

In addition, Gas City also renamed the street directly in front of the building Earthwise Way in an effort to honor and celebrate the new business. The company is in the process of moving into the building and is making a few structural improvements, including a new roof and a new parking lot. The city expects that production will begin sometime in 2017. ●



Earthwise Plastics, Inc. recently purchased the above building. Gas City celebrated this new business by renaming the street near the building Earthwise Way (below).



Gas City Electric Department Continues its Tree Trimming Efforts

In an effort to provide exceptional reliability, the Gas City Electric Department is continuing to trim trees throughout town that are near live power lines. The utility trims trees all year, but increases its efforts during fall and winter months when leaves are off the trees and the branches are easier to trim back. By trimming trees, the utility is taking a proactive approach to decrease power outages and increase safety.

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Tree Trimming

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It's important to continually trim trees that are near power lines for a variety of reasons. When trees touch power lines, they can drain electricity from the electric system, resulting in voltage loss. Low voltage can damage motor-driven appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines and sensitive electronics like computers. Tree limbs touching power lines also put constant stress on live wires, and can cause branches to catch fire and fall to the ground, possibly catching the entire tree on fire. Finally, during storms, branches may fall onto the lines, which can tear down energized lines, transformers and poles. This can cause a prolonged power outage and also poses a safety concern.

"We have had several severe storms roll through this past summer and fall, but we've not experienced many power outages," stated Dick Justice, Electric Superintendent at Gas City Utilities. "That is a big credit to the electric department employees for their proactive approach to tree trimming."

Because Gas City Utilities is committed to maintaining safe, reliable and affordable electricity for all of its customers, it is important for the utility to complete its tree trimming projects each year. If you have questions about tree trimming, please contact the Gas City Utilities office at (765) 674-6995. ●

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

We need more recipes!

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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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IMPA Commissioner: Dick Justice

How to Stay Safe around Downed Power Lines

Gas City Municipal Utilities, your hometown electric utility, urges you to exercise caution as winter ice storms can sometimes spell trouble for power lines. Follow these steps to ensure the safety of yourself and others:

- If you see a downed power line, move away both from it and anything touching it. The ground around power lines – up to 35 feet – may be energized.
- Assume that all downed power lines are live.
- The proper way to move away from the power line is to shuffle with small steps, keeping your feet together and on the ground at all times. This will minimize the potential for a strong electric shock.
- If you see someone who is in direct or indirect contact with the downed line, do not touch the person. Call 911 for help. Do not attempt to move a downed power line or anything else in contact with it.●