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Huntingburg Future Leaders (pictured above) is a youth leadership group under the direction of Mayor Denny Spinner. The group is assisting the city in planning the “5-5-5” 5ks by encouraging increased participation from their peers.

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## “5-5-5” 5ks Continue with Help of Youth Council

In an effort to encourage city residents to both lead an active lifestyle and explore their own community, the City of Huntingburg will once again host the “5-5-5” 5k series. This year, the 5ks will be held on the second Friday of each month at 5:00 p.m., starting in May and stretching until September. This is the fourth year that Huntingburg has hosted this series.

Children and adults of every fitness level are encouraged to participate in the “5-5-5” series, as it is an un-timed event and is meant to be a non-competitive, community building and healthy living opportunity. Participants are welcome to run or walk the course.

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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. ●

# Huntingburg Utilities Energy Superintendent Assists with Market Street Park Planning

As work continues on the proposed Market Street Park, community and utility leaders met with VS Engineering, the engineering firm coordinating the project, at the end of February. This meeting was specifically planned to determine the location of utilities in the park, as well as other services such as telephone and internet lines, to ensure that these services are maintained throughout the construction of the park. Energy Superintendent and IMPA Commissioner John Reutepohler played an integral role in this meeting, both by providing the locations for electric and gas lines, but also through his proactive thought process.

“John came to this meeting prepared with lots of good ideas about how to incorporate reliable utility service, but to do it in a way that doesn’t affect or detract from the aesthetics of the park,” commented Mayor Denny Spinner. “John’s approach to his work is more than just a service provider. He consistently sees the big picture and adds quality to our community. Huntingburg is privileged to have him lead our energy utilities.”

Work is still ongoing on the planning and construction of Market Street Park, but city officials hope to have it complete by summer 2018. The City of Huntingburg looks forward to its completion and appreciates all of the hard work and efforts by city staff, including Reutepohler. ●



Energy Superintendent John Reutepohler has been instrumental in the planning of Market Street Park.

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## IMPA Huntingburg Solar Park Generating Power

For almost a year, the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) Huntingburg Solar Park has provided a renewable and environmentally responsible source of electricity to residents and businesses within the community. All of the power generated by the two megawatt solar park stays within the City of Huntingburg, providing a steady stream of electricity during daylight hours.

Since the IMPA Huntingburg Solar Park began generating power in October 2016, it has generated over one million kilowatt hours of energy, powered 130 homes and reduced carbon dioxide emissions by over 1,000 tons, which is the equivalent of planting 28,831 trees. IMPA provides this real-time data on its website, allowing the public to see how much power the IMPA Huntingburg Solar Park is generating at any given hour. Visit [www.impa.com](http://www.impa.com), click on the “Spotlight IMPA Solar Parks” on the homepage and choose IMPA Huntingburg.

IMPA is passionate about providing low cost, reliable and environmentally responsible power to its 61 communities. In an effort to continue with that mission, IMPA plans to construct an additional four solar parks in other member communities throughout 2017, bringing this renewable resource to more citizens and businesses within the State of Indiana. ●

## “5-5-5”

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“I’m really looking forward to this year, as the youth council has been actively involved in the planning, as well as encouraging participation from other young adults,” stated Mayor Denny Spinner. “Each year, we have a great turnout, but it will be special to see our city’s young people involved and encouraging other participants.”

Huntingburg Future Leaders, a 10-member leadership group formed by Mayor Spinner in 2016, has worked to promote an active lifestyle at Southridge High School. Part of their work in promoting this lifestyle is encouraging their peers to participate in the “5-5-5” series. Members of the youth council surveyed local students and then designed fun competitions based off of the survey results. These competitions are intended to motivate more young people to participate in the 5k series.

Each “5-5-5” 5k begins and ends at the City Hall. Participants must sign in at the registration table prior to the event, but only need to sign a waiver before their first event. Water bottles and a variety of healthy snacks will be provided at the conclusion of each 5k, and those that participate in all five 5ks will receive a free t-shirt.

“We see this ‘5-5-5’ series as an opportunity for someone who’s never participated in a 5k to try it out in a low-risk environment,” said Spinner. “This is a great community building event. It really allows for citizens to get to know one another and encourage each other through a fun run.”

For more information about this year’s “5-5-5” series, visit [www.huntingburg-in.gov](http://www.huntingburg-in.gov).

## 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 through 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. Additionally, IMPA purchases power from wind and nuclear-powered resources.*

# 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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## 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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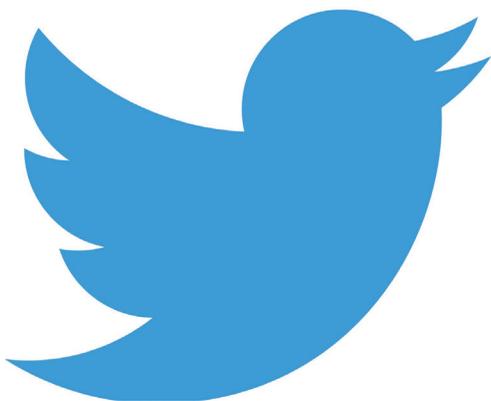
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