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Jamestown Receives Grant for Street Improvements

At the beginning of 2016, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) introduced a new grant opportunity entitled Community Crossings, which provides matching grant funds to towns, cities and counties throughout the State of Indiana. These funds help pay for road, bridge and sidewalk projects. The Town of Jamestown applied for these matching grant funds, and in August, INDOT awarded the community \$46,236 to help pay for improvement projects.

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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. ●

Space Heater Safety

Electric space heaters are commonly used throughout the winter months as a supplement to a furnace or fireplace. These heaters are handy when trying to heat only one room in a house or when a room has inadequate heating capabilities, but can cause safety concerns. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, approximately 25,000 residential fires and 300 deaths occur each year due to the improper use of space heaters. Read on for tips on how to safely use a space heater – and stay warm this winter.

- **Never leave a space heater unattended. While it may be tempting to turn a space heater on before going to sleep, this is a dangerous practice. Always turn off and unplug a space heater before leaving a room.**
- **Proper placement of a space heater is critical to staying safe. The space heater should be at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including clothing, furniture, rugs or paper.**
- **Space heaters should sit on flat, level surfaces. Never place space heaters on rugs, carpet, cabinets or tables, as this could easily start a fire.**
- **Always plug a space heater directly into a wall outlet, not into an extension cord or power strip.**
- **Purchase a space heater that has a tip-over safety switch. This will automatically turn the heater off if it falls over, which can help prevent a fire.**

While electric space heaters provide a great benefit during the cold winter months, they can also spark tragedy if proper safety precautions are not taken. Follow these tips to help keep you and your family safe during the winter season.●

Street Improvements

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The town identified three different streets – Darlington, High and Stockton Streets – all of which needed infrastructure updates. Each street needed a new culvert, which is a structure that allows water to flow underneath the road. In some cases, the road contained a sinkhole or was deteriorating, so these repairs were much needed. After receiving the grant funds in August, the town worked hard to finish construction and repairs by this fall.

“This grant allowed the town to replace sections of these streets which had really begun to deteriorate,” stated Clerk-Treasurer Katie Conyer. “Without this grant, the town wouldn’t have been able to afford to make these updates.”●

Town Submits Improvement Grants

In an effort to continue providing top notch utility services, the Town of Jamestown has applied for and submitted two separate grant applications, both of which are intended to improve the town's utilities. The first grant, which is through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), is focused on the planning stage of establishing a stormwater utility. Because the town does not currently have a stormwater utility, all rain and water sit in ditches that lead out to a lake, which can sometimes cause standing water and minor flooding on roads and in yards throughout town. The town successfully received this grant, and can now begin to work on establishing plans for this new utility. So far, town officials have met with HWC Engineering to begin planning.

In addition to the stormwater planning grant, the town also applied for a comprehensive planning grant, also through OCRA, which is focused on improving the town's water, electric and wastewater utilities. This planning grant will help the town to identify areas of opportunity and improvement within each utility. Utilities require maintenance and repairs to ensure that customers have access to safe and reliable utility services. By applying for this comprehensive planning grant, the Town of Jamestown is taking a proactive approach in the upkeep of its utilities by attempting to institute a forward thinking and long term plan. The Town of Jamestown should know by early 2017 if it received this comprehensive planning grant. ●

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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OR

MPN Energy Efficiency Quiz
11610 North College Avenue
Carmel, IN 46032

The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) is a not-for-profit organization that provides a low cost, reliable and environmentally-responsible power supply to its members.

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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How to Stay Safe around Downed Power Lines

The Town of Jamestown, 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.●