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After much research and deliberation, Peru Utilities has decided to demolish its power plant. The plant was decommissioned in early 2015 and has not generated any power since.

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Peru Utilities Power Plant Update

After decommissioning the Peru Utilities power plant in 2015, the Peru Utilities Service Board decided to demolish the closed power plant when it became clear that there was no other use for the building. According to Joe Pandy, General Manager of Peru Utilities, demolishing the power plant is the most logical option. “We looked into saving the building, but it was cost prohibitive, and didn’t make financial sense. It will cost to demolish the building, but we hope to receive salvage value on some of the materials.”

In November 2016, Peru Utilities chose National Salvage and Service Corporation to tear down the community’s closed power plant. This company specializes in demolishing industrial structures such as power plants. Peru Utilities expects that the demolition project will begin in 2017 and will be complete before the year end. The demolition will consist of removing the structures and the foundation and also cleaning up the area, ensuring that all chemicals and other contaminants are eliminated from the property. ●

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. ●

Wait Until Eight to Save

Peru Utilities customers noticed higher than average electric bills throughout the 2016 summer months, which is a direct result of the record hot weather that Indiana residents experienced this past summer. According to the Weather Channel, this summer was the fifth hottest summer on record since 1895. With a number of days topping 90 degrees or more, Indiana residents tried to counteract the heat by running air conditioning units and fans to keep homes and businesses at a comfortable temperature. The increased energy consumption resulted in higher electric bills.

The basics of supply and demand determine the cost of electricity, so when demand for electricity is high - usually from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the winter and noon until 8:00 p.m. in the summer - the cost of electricity is also higher. By waiting until 8:00 p.m. or later to run household appliances such as dishwashers, washers, dryers, space heaters, pool pumps and other electrical appliances, you can help reduce the overall demand for power during expensive peak periods. This is an especially effective strategy for high consumption during the cold winter and hot summer months. Peru Utilities encourages its customers to establish the "Wait Until Eight" strategy as a habit.

Peru Utilities' mission is to provide utility services, including electric power, in a dependable, competitively priced and environmentally responsible manner. Because of Peru Utilities passion for its customers, the utility encourages the public to carefully consider the time of day when using appliances such as dishwashers and washing machines. For other helpful tips on ways to reduce your energy consumption, visit www.peruutilities.com.

Peru Utilities Welcomes New Employees

Peru Utilities appreciates its loyal staff and would like to welcome four new employees within the water and electric departments:

■ Scott Correll - 2nd Class Maintenance, Water Department

■ Chad Douglas - 2nd Class Maintenance, Water Department

■ Derek Kendall - 2nd Class Maintenance, Water Department

■ Joshua Rylands - Journeyman Lineman, Electric Department

Peru Utilities welcomes these four new employees and wishes them all the best in their new positions.

Stay Safe Near Power Lines

Whether power lines are down after an ice storm or you are clearing gutters out in the fall, electric safety tips apply to all seasons. Knowing a bit more about electricity can help save someone from painful shocks or even death. Keep reading to learn simple tips to keep in mind when crossing electricity's path.

If working outdoors on your house, always look up before starting any work. Something as simple as a ladder leaning against the garage can lead to electrocution if a power line is there. Electric current travels along the path of least resistance and will always seek the quickest way to the ground. If you are holding the ladder when it's touching the live wire, you become part of the electricity's path. The human body is a conductor of electricity and acts just like metal or water when it comes into contact with electricity.

While you are remembering to look up, looking down is also important. Power lines often fall victim to storms, and just because they aren't on the pole doesn't mean they aren't live. Keep in mind, too, that a wire may still be live even if it isn't sparking. Just because there are no signs of life, a roll of wire could be just as deadly.

If you come across a downed power line, stay far away. Anything touching it, like a wet branch or a puddle of water, can conduct its electricity. Don't be tempted to move that stick away from the line because if there is a current running through it, the current will run through you with your first touch. Being aware of your surroundings is the first step in the right direction of electric safety. ●

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

We need more recipes!

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You'll win a prize!

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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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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.**

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.●