As a community-owned and operated utility, Richmond Power & Light (RP&L) understands the importance of active involvement in the community, and nothing is more important than the education of the city’s local students. RP&L participates in a variety of community educational programs, and the utility also actively encourages organizations to tour RP&L’s facilities.

One of RP&L’s longest-running educational endeavors is its Partners in Education program, which is aimed at teaching sixth grade students more about the electric utility. Program coordinator Susan Alexander says that Partners in Education also stresses the importance of education and aims -continued on page 5
Public Power Lineworkers: A Staple in their Communities

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.
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 IMPAs member communities has access to safe and reliable electricity.
IMPA Richmond Solar Park Continues to Generate Electricity

Almost three years since it was constructed, the IMPA Richmond Solar Park is still going strong, producing up to one megawatt of electricity. The solar park sits on approximately eight acres of land on the grounds of Richmond Power & Light, contains approximately 4,000 solar panels and has the capacity to generate enough electricity to power up to 200 homes. The solar park utilizes a horizontal tracking system, which allows the panels to move and track the sun throughout the day. All of the power generated at the IMPA Richmond Solar Park stays within the City of Richmond, providing a renewable source of energy for the entire community.

IMPA Generation Spotlight

The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) is Dublin’s wholesale power provider, meaning IMPA sells the town power that Dublin then distributes to local residents and businesses. In order to ensure that there is an ample amount of power, IMPA owns approximately 956 megawatts of generating capacity, which it then sells to its 61 member communities.

One of IMPA’s generation resources is the Prairie State Energy Campus, which is a coal-fired generating station located in southwest Illinois. Prairie State was designed to meet and exceed the latest environmental regulations and is one of the cleanest coal burning plants in the United States.

IMPA is proud to provide the Town of Dublin with low cost, reliable and environmentally responsible electricity, and the Prairie State Energy Campus is one way that IMPA does just that.
to give the students incentives to earn rewards for their hard work throughout the year.

The sixth grade students participate in a kick-off luncheon each October before a program agenda is set for the year. Over the course of the program, students will be involved in safety presentations and will also visit and learn from the RP&L Line Department, Customer Service and Billing Department, Engineering and Operations Department and will also receive interviewing tips from the Human Resources Department. RP&L is pleased to have offered this program for over 30 years and appreciates the trust that the community places in them, both to provide reliable power and to educate students within the community.

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:

newsletter@impa.com

OR

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

**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.
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.
We need more recipes!

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Cooking Corner

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.

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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)
- 1 egg, 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.
Richmond Power & Light Celebrate Retired Staff

Thanks to the staff at Richmond Power & Light (RP&L), customers have access to reliable power twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. RP&L and the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), Richmond’s wholesale power provider, would like to celebrate and thank four RP&L employees who have recently retired after dedicating their careers to RP&L and public power.

Sharon Baldwin: Sharon retired on February 10th after 41 years at the utility serving as a Junior Accountant. She plans to devote her retirement to traveling and spending time with her family.

Chris Cenova: Chris served as RP&L’s IT Operator, retiring on February 10th after 38 years of service. He plans to travel, spend time with his granddaughter and enjoy life!

Steve Sheckles: Steve served as a Line Foreman for RP&L, dedicating 48 years of service to the utility. He retired on February 10th and plans to travel and spend time with his grandchildren.

Eddie Wagers: Eddie retired on January 1st after 36 years with the utility. He served as RP&L’s Substation/Electrical Maintenance Testing Supervisor. He and his wife, Anita, plan to travel and spend time with their grandchildren.