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IMPA Service Corp Assists with Maintenance Project

Since 1983, the City of Rising Sun has been a member of the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), the community's wholesale power provider. As Rising Sun's wholesale power provider, IMPA meets Rising Sun's electric needs through a combination of power generated by plants in which IMPA has ownership interests and also through long-term power contracts and energy market purchases. In addition to selling power to Rising Sun, IMPA also assists the community in a variety of other ways.

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Public Power Lineworkers: A Story

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.●

IMPA Service Corp

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In 2016, the City of Rising Sun employed the help of IMPA Service Corp, the engineering and operations subsidiary of IMPA, to complete a maintenance project that will improve parts of the city's electrical system. This project consists of replacing 39 utility poles located in the alleyway between Walnut Street and High Street, as well as along the length of Barnes Alley. Many of these poles are aging and in need of updating in order to ensure that the city's system is both reliable and safe. IMPA Service Corp is in the process of completing this project, which has allowed for utilities' employees to continue working on other daily tasks.

The Indiana Municipal Power Agency is proud to be Rising Sun's wholesale power provider and is happy to assist the community, both with providing its power and updating its electric infrastructure.●

Rising Sun Municipal Utilities Receives Two Grants to Update Equipment

Rising Sun Municipal Utilities is the proud recipient of two grants from local agencies. The Rising Sun Regional Foundation (RSRF) awarded Rising Sun Municipal Utilities a \$25,000 grant and the Ohio County Community Foundation (OCCF) awarded the utilities a \$5,000 grant. The OCCF grant was funded by the Ohio County Today & Tomorrow Endowment Fund. Both grants went towards the purchase of updated meter reading equipment.

This updated equipment utilizes automatic meter reading (AMR) technology, which transmits meter data through radio waves. A utilities' employee would simply use the data collection device and drive by homes and businesses to record meter data. The signal is automatically transmitted from the meter to the collection device, and the data can then be easily uploaded to a computer where office staff will have access to the information. Rising Sun Municipal Utilities has utilized AMR technology for several years, but this updated equipment will serve as a replacement for the older AMR equipment, which was no longer able to be serviced by the manufacturer. This new equipment will allow the utilities to continue providing excellent service to its customers.

Utilities Superintendent Shawn Guidice says that this updated equipment will greatly benefit the water and electric utilities as well as its customers. "This equipment will allow us to continue reading water and electric meters in a matter of hours," commented Guidice. "Thanks to the generosity of these two local agencies, Rising Sun Municipal Utilities can continue providing excellent service to our customers."

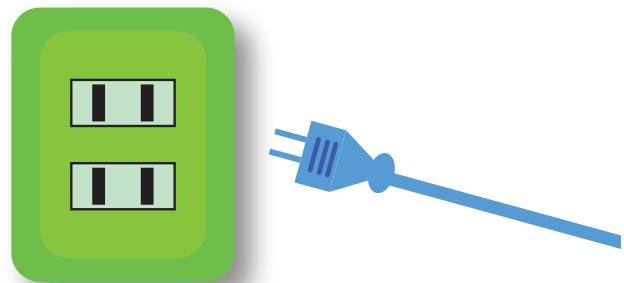
Rising Sun Municipal Utilities received the two generous grants at the end of 2016 and purchased and installed the meter reading equipment earlier in 2017. Rising Sun Municipal Utilities thanks both the Rising Sun Regional Foundation as well as the Ohio County Community Foundation for providing funds to help pay for these much-needed updates.●

Plug into Electrical Safety

Each year, many Americans are injured in and around their homes. Unsafe conditions such as overloaded circuits and damaged insulation, as well as the misuse of extension cords, can create fire hazards.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, electrical fires remain one of the top causes of home structure fires, resulting in fires in approximately 50,000 homes each year. The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), your community's wholesale power provider, encourages you to take a few minutes to look for and correct safety hazards in your home and office.

Outlets: Check for outlets that have loose-fitting plugs, which can overheat and lead to fires. Replace any broken wall plates. Make sure that there are safety covers on all unused outlets that are accessible to children.



Cords: Make sure cords are in good condition – not frayed or cracked. Ensure that they are placed out of traffic areas. Cords should never be nailed or stapled to a wall, baseboard or to another object, and they should not have any furniture resting on them.

Extension Cords: Check to see that cords are not overheated. Additionally, extension cords should only be used on a temporary basis; they are not safe as permanent household wiring. •

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 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

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	-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

- 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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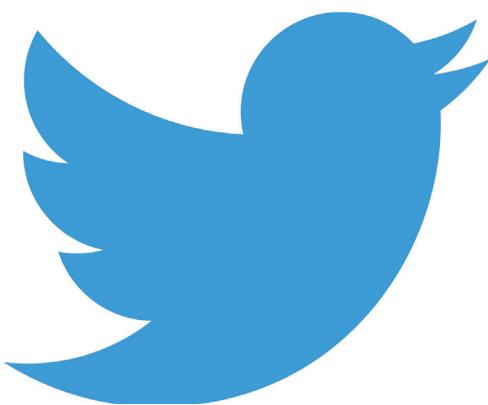
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The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), Rising Sun's wholesale power supplier, is now on Twitter! Using the handle @IMPAPower, IMPA is excited to join and contribute to conversations pertaining to public power, energy efficiency and other electric-related news. The Agency is also looking forward to sharing exciting stories from our member communities, including Rising Sun. To follow @IMPAPower on Twitter, simply visit www.twitter.com/IMPAPower and click 'follow'. Also, be sure to Tweet to @IMPAPower with any news-worthy stories you think we might be interested in. In the future, be on the lookout for contests and prizes hosted by IMPA.

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