

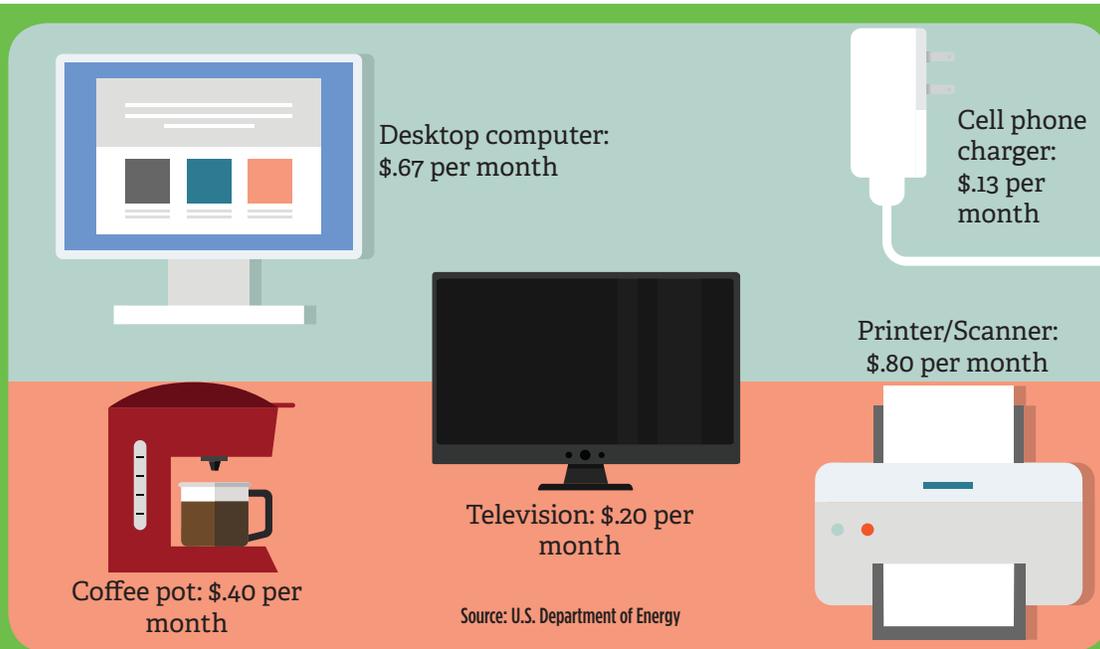
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This chart details how much money per month is spent on these everyday items when plugged in and not in use. Unplugging these devices has the potential to help save money on a monthly electric bill.

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## How to Prevent Phantom Loads

Although it sounds spooky, a phantom load has nothing to do with the Halloween season. Also referred to as vampire power, this describes any sort of electronic device that still uses power, even when that device is turned off. There are a variety of different electronics that produce a phantom load, and it can range anywhere from a television to a cell phone charger to a microwave. While these devices may be turned off or not supplying a charge to another device, they are still on standby, ready to be turned on at a moment's notice. The devices' readiness uses a small amount of energy that, over time, can add up to a costly electric bill.

One way to counteract this phantom load is simply to unplug items such as cell phone or laptop chargers, coffee makers or microwaves when not in use. Another easy solution is to plug all electronics

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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. ●

# The Benefits of Living in a Public Power Community

**F**or municipal utilities like Scottsburg, being small means being close to you – the customer. Being small and close to home, your utility understands your needs as a customer.

Scottsburg's electric department is one of 2,000 public power, municipally owned electric systems nationwide. But, because it is your utility, located in your city, it can provide better service to you than a larger company could. There's no searching for that special 800 number that will connect you with a huge bank of operators in another state who might register your request.

Since you live in a public power community, you can just pick up the phone and make a local call, or go to the utility office and explain your needs to someone who works and probably lives in Scottsburg. In public power communities, the community is the owner and shareholder of the local utility.

As our country industrialized, economies of scale provided lower cost electric generation. As a result, it was common for utilities to merge and form larger companies so that they could share resources and save money.

Public power communities, like Scottsburg, found innovative ways to benefit from economies of scale. Instead of selling the utility or merging, public power communities work together through joint action agencies. This helps utilities like Scottsburg achieve the economic benefits of being big, without taking away the benefits of being small and close to you, the customer. Scottsburg, along with 60 other communities in Indiana and Ohio, joined the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) for just that reason.

IMPA and all joint action agencies are nonprofit organizations, just like the municipal utilities that purchase power from them. Joint action agencies allow small utilities to jointly own and operate power plants and transmission facilities that would be costly for the utilities to operate alone. In addition, IMPA owns \$1.7 billion of generation and transmission assets, which provides a stable electric rate and reliable electricity.

Through joint action, IMPA provides your community with the best of both worlds. The local utility stays small enough to meet your service needs, and IMPA is big enough to provide you with the most economical service possible.●



# Phantom Load

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such as TVs, DVD players and gaming consoles into one power strip and turn off the power strip when the devices are not in use. Examples of electronics that can produce phantom loads are:

- TVs
- DVD players and DVRs
- Clock radios
- Answering machines
- Printers
- Laptops and computers
- Cordless phones
- Audio systems
- Any other device with a clock or power light

Do a short survey of your home and see how many devices you can find that may produce a phantom load. Then, either unplug that device, or plug into a power strip. Making these simple changes can affect your electric bill, putting you more in control over your monthly electric bill. ●

## 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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MPN Energy Efficiency Quiz  
11610 North College Avenue  
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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

**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!**

Send your favorites to:  
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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<br>(not drained) | - 1/4 tsp. salt               |

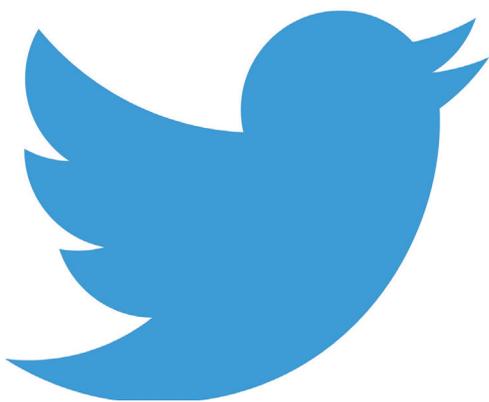
Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 2 1/2-quart baking dish. In a bowl, mix together sour cream, corn, creamed corn, melted butter and eggs. Add cornbread mix, salt and pepper and stir. Pour into greased baking dish and bake for 45-60 minutes until sides are golden and the middle doesn't jiggle when you shake it.

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**T**he Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), Scottsburg'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 Scottsburg. To follow @IMPAPower on Twitter, simply visit [www.twitter.com/IMPAPower](http://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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