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## IMPA Waynetown Solar Park Now Generating Electricity

Representatives from the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), the Town of Waynetown and Waynetown Electric & Water Utility welcomed a new solar electric generating facility to the community on November 10, 2016. The IMPA Waynetown Solar Park is a 250 kilowatt solar facility, which consists of 1,008 solar panels, located on 2.4 acres of land on State Road 25.

"I'm very excited for this solar park and I know residents of Waynetown are excited, too," commented Barry Lewis, Town Council Member and IMPA Commissioner. "This is a great opportunity

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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. ●

# Solar Park

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to educate residents and visitors about renewable energy, and it's great that we have it here in Waynetown. We really appreciate everything that IMPA has done to make this a reality.”

IMPA began constructing solar parks in 2014 as an effort to incorporate more renewable sources of energy within its power supply diversification plan. Three solar parks were built in 2014, and an additional six were constructed in 2015. Four more solar parks were constructed in 2016, which include Waynetown, along with Anderson, Huntingburg and Washington, Indiana. By January 2017, IMPA will have a total of 24.25 megawatts of solar energy in its power portfolio.

“IMPA’s ongoing commitment to provide a low-cost, reliable and environmentally responsible power supply to our 61 members is a top priority for the Agency,” stated IMPA President and CEO Raj Rao. “This is an exciting time for solar energy in our state. IMPA is proud to be one of the utilities leading the way for solar in Indiana.”

IMPA provides real-time data on each of its solar parks on its website, allowing website visitors to see how much power the solar parks are generating at any given time. To find out how much power the IMPA Waynetown solar park is generating, visit [www.impa.com](http://www.impa.com), click on the “Spotlight IMPA Solar Parks” on the homepage, and choose IMPA Waynetown. ●



The IMPA Waynetown Solar Park is capable of producing up to 250 kilowatts of energy.



Representatives from the Town of Waynetown presented IMPA with a certificate of appreciation for the construction of the IMPA Waynetown Solar Park.

# Waynetown Hosts 2016 Christmas in the Park

After residents of Waynetown determined that the town should have some sort of celebration around the Christmas holiday, they went to work planning an event that could take place in Tremaine Park: Christmas in the Park. The event was twofold and consisted of a ceremony and lighted Christmas displays, which were located throughout the park.

Participants of Christmas in the Park were able to create a lighted display, which served to celebrate the Christmas season. Christmas lights, trees, statues and sculptures were created, all of which celebrated the holidays. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, the community came together for a lighting ceremony where all of the displays were illuminated and introduced to the public. The park remained open through Christmas so that visitors could walk or drive through the park and view all of the festive displays.

## 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  
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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 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 five coal-fired units, seven combustion turbine units and 13 solar parks.*

# 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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[newsletter@impa.com](mailto:newsletter@impa.com)

**You'll win a prize!**

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| Anderson        | Coatesville    | Frankfort         | Ladoga       | Peru          | Tell City    |
| Argos           | Columbia City  | Frankton          | Lawrenceburg | Pittsboro     | Thorntown    |
| Bainbridge      | Covington      | Gas City          | Lebanon      | Rensselaer    | Tipton       |
| Bargersville    | Crawfordsville | Greendale         | Lewisville   | Richmond      | Troy         |
| Blanchester, OH | Darlington     | Greenfield        | Linton       | Rising Sun    | Veedersburg  |
| Bremen          | Dublin         | Huntingburg       | Middletown   | Rockville     | Walkerton    |
| Brooklyn        | Dunreith       | Jamestown         | Montezuma    | Scottsburg    | Washington   |
| Brookston       | Edinburgh      | Jasper            | New Ross     | South Whitley | Waynetown    |
| Centerville     | Etna Green     | Kingsford Heights | Paoli        | Spiceland     | Williamsport |
|                 |                |                   |              |               | Winamac      |

## 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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IMPA Commissioner: Barry Lewis

## How to Stay Safe around Downed Power Lines

**W**aynetown Electric & Water Utility, your hometown electric utility, 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.●