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Andy Strickler, lineworker for Williamsport Electric Light & Power, works to load a new utility pole, which he will then install within the community.

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Williamsport Electric Light & Power Continues to Update Electric System

Brad House and Andy Strickler, the two lineworkers who are employed by Williamsport Electric Light & Power, are continuously working on projects to update the town's electric system. Both men have worked for the utility since it was re-instituted in 2012, and since then, both House and Strickler have worked to ensure that the town's electric system is functioning properly and provides a reliable source of power for all residents and businesses in Williamsport.

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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.●

Electric System

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Among the many ongoing maintenance and reliability projects the utility is tackling is the completion of overhead maintenance projects. According to House, these types of projects should be done frequently to ensure for excellent reliability. He and Strickler have completed many of these overhead projects, which typically consist of replacing utility poles, transformers and power lines, making sure that the new construction is built properly and meets the latest safety codes. House estimates that he and Strickler have replaced 60 to 70 transformers and utility poles since 2012, which has greatly increased electric reliability and safety for the Town of Williamsport.

In addition, the utility plans to hire outside contractors to test all three-phase meters as well as the durability of utility poles throughout town. It's important to test the meters to ensure that they are working properly and are providing an accurate read back to the utility. It is also important to test the utility poles in order to identify their quality and condition. This test should identify poles that are rotting or showing signs of deterioration so that House and Strickler can plan to replace them in the near future.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Williamsport Electric Light & Power's lineworkers, the Town of Williamsport has and will continue to have access to safe and reliable electricity for years to come.●



Williamsport Electric Light & Power is made up of two staff members: Brad House (right), Line Superintendent and Andy Strickler (left), Lineworker.

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.

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- Space heaters should sit on flat and level surfaces. Never place space heaters on rugs, carpet, cabinets or tables, as this could easily start a fire.
- Always plug a space heater directly into a wall outlet, not into an extension cord or power strip.
- Purchase a space heater that has a tip-over safety switch. This will automatically turn the heater off if it falls over, which can help prevent 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.●

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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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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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.



Advance	Chalmers	Flora	Knightstown	Pendleton	Straughn
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
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Williamsport Electric Light & Power Lineworkers Benefit from Trainings

In 2016, the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), Williamsport's wholesale power provider, implemented a new education and training program entitled Second Wednesdays. Free to all IMPA member communities, this training program aimed to meet the needs of all utility personnel, including lineworkers, substation workers, meter personnel, management staff and customer service personnel. Brad House and Andy Strickler, lineworkers with Williamsport Electric Light & Power, attended several of these workshops in order to increase their skillset and job knowledge.

"I found these workshops to be helpful and a good reminder to always put safety first," stated Brad House, Line Superintendent. "In this line of work, you can never have enough training and education. Everything that we learned will benefit the town, as we will be able to put this training into action."

IMPA is passionate about providing learning opportunities for its member communities, especially education that encourages safety. Looking forward to 2017, IMPA plans to continue offering these workshops, which benefit all IMPA communities, including Williamsport..