



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

Thankful for our community and co-op

In the heart of the holiday season, everyone usually takes a few moments to think about what we're grateful for. Probably like you, I am thankful for good health, wonderful family and friends, and the freedom our country provides.

I am also thankful for the job of serving the great people of Holmes, Wayne, and surrounding counties. I appreciate being part of Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative. Our employees are some of the most dedicated workers I know. Our mission at Holmes-Wayne Electric is to safely provide reliable, competitively priced electric service for our member-owners, to enhance the quality of life in the communities we serve while embracing cooperative principles and values. It's a mission we all take seriously.

One of those principles is Concern for the Community. HWEC serves as a vibrant force in the local economy — partly because we are local. That means your cooperative is invested in the future of our communities. We are actively involved on the economic development council and other community boards to support the growth and development of our little corner of the world.

That also means your cooperative cares. We give \$20,200 a year in scholarships to local high school seniors and recognize sixth- through ninth-graders throughout the year for their hard work and dedication to education. And every fall, we honor a football lineman at each of our local schools to promote the importance of teamwork, work ethic, and dedication. Of course, we can be found at many schools for safety demos, industry education, and career exploration.

Beyond our youth, our Concern for Community is also displayed by our staff members, who volunteer at local community events and serve various charitable organizations. We were excited to bring back our Veterans Honor Trip in 2023. We also enjoy taking a few hours out of our day near the holidays to decorate our trucks to provide a holiday parade for our neighbors, Holmes County Home and Holmes County Developmental Disabilities campus. Throughout the year, we participate in local parades and touch-a-truck events.

Concern also extends to safety of our staff and community. Monthly safety meetings and inspections are cornerstones to the HWEC safety program. We also give freely of our time to schools and at community events, educating many about the dangers of electricity.

Importantly, we also are committed to helping you manage your energy bill. We give weekly tips on our Facebook page and offer residential energy assessments. Our website offers a vast number of energy calculators and an energy savings library.

As a cooperative, our margins after expenses are returned to our members in capital credits. Last June, \$1,343,008 was returned to members. In the past ten years, members have received \$11.2 million in capital credits. That's cash that you reinvest in our community as you shop, donate, and invest here.

Communication and education to our members are also critical parts of our Concern for Community. We believe in transparency to our member-owners. This publication, our Facebook page, our website, our mobile app, bill stuffers, annual meeting, and emails are just a few of the ways we keep in contact with you with the most up-to-date information. We also annually allow members to tour our generation facility in Brilliant, Ohio. We want our members to know and see the efforts behind their safe, reliable, and clean energy.

Finally, I'm thankful for you, our members and faithful readers, because without you, there'd be no Holmes-Wayne Electric. Your participation in our Operation Round Up has changed the lives of many in our community. More than \$940,000 has been distributed to individuals, families, and organizations in our community since ORU's establishment in 2006. This is only possible because many generous members have chosen to have their bills rounded up every month. Your monthly donation, which averages 50 cents per month, is making a huge impact for others. Thank you for your commitment to our mission of making a great community even better.

Our community matters and our co-op matters because Holmes-Wayne Electric provides more than electricity. It strengthens our community, improving our quality of life, and that kind of power connects us to a better and brighter future!

Merry Christmas and happy New Year from all of us here at HWEC!



Glenn W. Miller
PRESIDENT/CEO



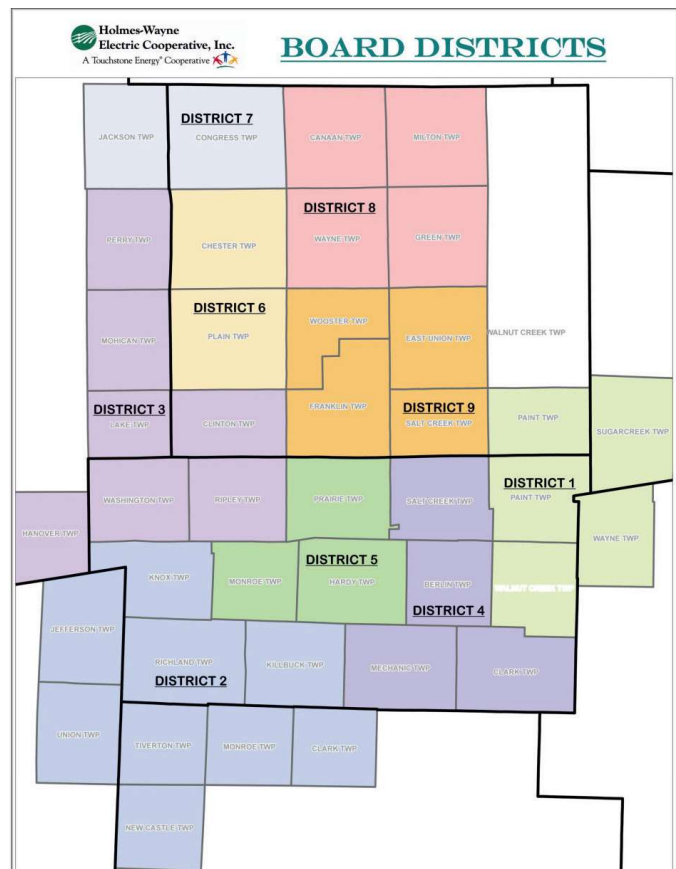
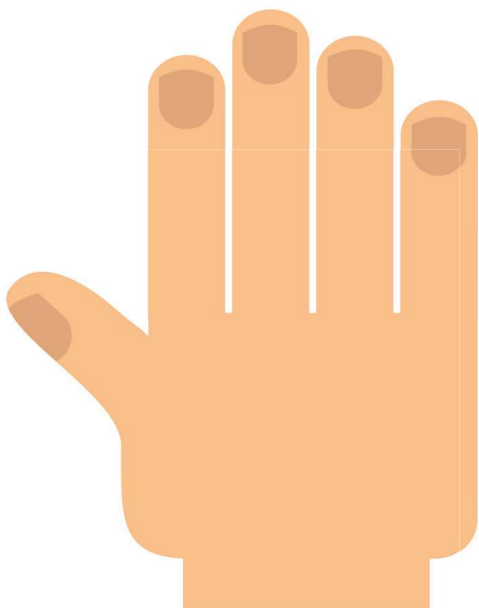
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if you want to get involved with
your electric cooperative

Your co-op is seeking trustee nominees and volunteers to serve on the nominating committee.

As a member of Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, you are an owner of your electric cooperative. You have an opportunity every June to express your ownership interest by exercising the cooperative principle of “one member, one vote” during the annual trustee election.

The HWEC nine-member board of trustees is the governing body of your cooperative. The board meets monthly to review and renew policies, make business decisions concerning the cooperative, review financial performance, establish rates, and approve all patronage capital credits payments.



At the December board meeting, trustees at Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative will appoint a nominating committee, which will be responsible for selecting candidates for the 2024 Holmes-Wayne Electric Board of Trustees election. The nine-member committee consists of one member who resides in each of the nine districts.

The nominating committee will meet in early 2024 at the cooperative office to select nominees for trustees from District 1, District 3, and District 7. The committee selects qualified candidates based on members' applications. If you are interested in participating in the nominating committee or running for trustee, please contact HWEC's Shay Lynch at 866-674-1055 to receive more information.



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