



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

Storm preparedness

In the past year, we have experienced major windstorms that have greatly impacted our community. We appreciate your support through these critical times.

The most obvious and visual part of our team is our linemen. Their specific knowledge and skill to restore power starts with year-round training, safety inspections, and critical maintenance to our infrastructure. But behind the linemen is a team working to make the restoration efforts safe and efficient. Our storm team requires a variety of staff, each with a diverse field of expertise, long before a major storm hits.

Strategic planning is critical to your cooperative weathering any storm. This includes a four-year work plan that evaluates the current infrastructure and member demand with future growth plans. Our current \$23 million plan is the guideline for future infrastructure development. By maintaining our power distribution system — just like maintenance you do on your car or home — we can greatly improve our members' reliability. Our engineering and accounting departments work diligently to manage the work plan and make appropriate adjustments.

Also critical to our service is our vegetation management program. Tree-trimming and spraying reduces the growth of trees in our rights-of-way that otherwise would make contact and cause major damage to our system. Each substation territory is on a four-year trimming cycle.

Often not the visual center of our organization, but critical to the success of the cooperative, is our member services team. From the first day you become a member of the cooperative and receive power, the member services team is here to explain programs, provide valuable information to assist with reporting outages, and keep your contact data up to date. And during a storm, this team is committed to gathering critical information you provide regarding damage and downed lines or trees on our system. Because we manage more than 2,300 miles of line, this knowledge greatly assists in the restoration process.

Additionally, our communications team utilizes a variety of avenues like Facebook, this monthly publication, and your monthly bill to educate you, the members, throughout the year. Education includes making sure you know the

ways to report outages, storm preparation tips, and ways to stay safe during a power outage. During a storm, summary updates on the restoration process, reminders of power restoration steps, and shelter options or assistance are provided.



Glenn W. Miller
PRESIDENT/CEO

Our mapping and dispatch department maintains our digital maps year-round to have accurate, detailed data for all staff to view from mobile devices and from the storm center dispatch room. Having all of the information available for all to see, including the location of each line crew, the details of our infrastructure equipment, and reported outage notes, allows for universal communication and the highest level of safety possible.

Annually, our leadership team completes an emergency disaster tabletop exercise to review current practices and preparations in place, from every aspect of the organization. Even before predicted major storms, HWEC supervisors work with staff to make sure all equipment, materials, and processes are in place. After the storm, we look at any ways we could improve processes, and complete inventory replenishing, equipment clean-up, and preventive maintenance made necessary by the storm to prevent future potential outages.

Finally, we can't forget how you, the members, are a critical part of our storm team. You help us by preparing in advance when severe weather is predicted and by keeping your contact information up to date, which allows for reporting your outage quickly through caller ID verification. Or you may choose to download our mobile app, SmartHub, or register for our texting feature so you can report outages and damage immediately into our outage management system. During a storm, members assist by staying away from downed power lines, never removing debris that is near power lines, and driving slowly near our working line crews. These are all critical parts to storm restoration.

Our entire staff works together, year-round, with the members as our partners, to bring back the lights in the safest and most efficient way. Thanks for being part of our storm team.



Scholarship winners announced

The Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative Scholarship Contest is offered annually to co-op members' children who are graduating high school seniors and reside in a home served by Holmes-Wayne Electric. The cooperative is proud to have distributed more than \$275,000 in scholarships within the community since its establishment. Judges for the two-day virtual competition were Dale Sidle, Craig Hershberger, and Melinda Eliot. As they have served impactful careers in the education field, their participation in the scholarship program is greatly appreciated.



Sarah Irwin of West Holmes High School is the first-place winner of \$3,000 in scholarships in the 2023 Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative Scholarship Contest. Irwin was a part of a group of 37 students representing 11 area high schools who competed for a total of \$20,200 in scholarships.

Irwin is the daughter of Cormac and Jody Irwin of Big Prairie. Her top school choice this fall is Marietta College. Irwin shared, "I am honored to represent Holmes-Wayne Electric Co-op and receiving this scholarship means so much to me. While my major may currently be undecided, I know that this scholarship will benefit me in so many amazing ways. I can now focus more of my time on future education and goals rather than focusing too much on the finances that go along with it." Irwin represented Holmes-Wayne Electric at the Ohio's Electric Cooperatives scholarship competition in Columbus in April.



Other winners:

Jaret Snyder — second place (\$2,800). Snyder is son of Nate and Amy Snyder of Big Prairie. A senior at West Holmes High School, he will major in music education (instrumental emphasis) at Ohio University. "The most meaningful experience of my high school career was

the All-Ohio State Fair Band. It opened my eyes to how the arts can provide both technical and personal enrichment. Joining this group fueled my desire to constantly seek discomfort and try new things, which is exactly why I'm excited to begin college," Snyder explained.



Katie Seboe — third place (\$2,500). Seboe is the daughter of Kelly and Julie Seboe of Millersburg. She will be graduating from Loudonville High School. This fall she will be attending Geneva College, majoring in communications with a minor in writing. Seboe emphasized, "This scholarship shows the

importance of community and the impact it has had on my life. By showing that others are greater than me, whether that's tutoring 5th graders or simply sacrificing my time, I have seen how the people around me change who I am. I am so thankful for this opportunity!"



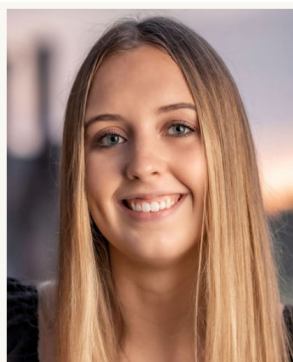
Noah Cerniglia — fourth place (\$2,000). Cerniglia is the son of Andrew and Angela Cerniglia of Holmesville. He will graduate from Waynedale High School and Tri-County International Baccalaureate Academy. He will attend the College of Wooster or University of Notre Dame, majoring

in environmental engineering or architecture. Cerniglia shared, "In high school I was lucky to be able to attend the IB (International Baccalaureate) Program at Wooster High School and pursue the academic rigor I desired. I want to thank the IB program for all it has done for me, allowing me to grow as a student and a member of this community. I would also like to thank Holmes-Wayne Electric for giving me this scholarship and aiding me in my academic pursuits."



Laci Snyder — fifth place (\$1,900). Snyder is the daughter of Nate and Amy Snyder of Big Prairie. A senior at West Holmes High School, she will be attending the University of Cincinnati, majoring in computer science. She feels, “I am beyond grateful to have received this scholarship. It will

help relieve some of the financial burdens of college and will aid me in focusing more on my academics and to achieve a technological career.”



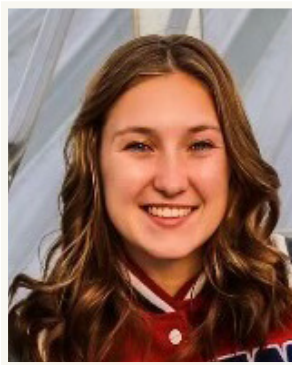
Jenna Rose — sixth place (\$1,800). Rose is the daughter of Kevin and Jessica Rose of Wooster. A senior at Triway High School, she will major in kinesiology at Miami University. “I am extremely thankful to be able to represent Holmes-Wayne Electric Co-op in receiving this scholarship,”

Rose shared. “My goal in life is to become a pediatric occupational therapist to support and show kids that just because they are faced with challenges, with grit and determination, the sky is the limit.”



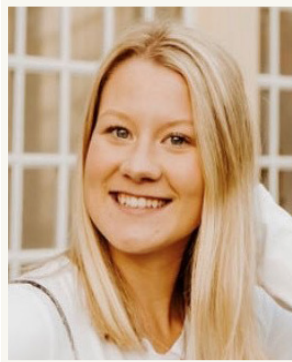
Claire Yost — seventh place (\$1,700). Yost is the daughter of Matthew and Abby Yost of Wooster. She is a senior at Central Christian High School and will pursue a degree in business management and minor in entrepreneurship at Taylor University. Yost shared her personal mission statement, “to

passionately pursue God’s kingdom through leadership.”



Becca Schuch — eighth place (\$1,600). Schuch is the daughter of Jason and Erika Schuch of Shreve. A senior at West Holmes High School, she will attend Grace College and major in environmental studies/sciences and minor in communications. Schuch expressed, “I am very thankful for the

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative Scholarship. This scholarship will bring me one step closer to being able to go to my preferred college, where I will be able to grow both personally and academically.”



Lily Yoder — ninth place (\$1,500). Yoder is the daughter of Brian and Stephanie Yoder of Walhonding. A senior at River View High School, she is pursuing a degree in dental hygiene at Shawnee State University. Yoder said, “I am very ready and excited to start my new future. I can’t wait

to start working and growing. This scholarship will help me do just that. I am very thankful for this opportunity and this scholarship.”



Felicity Cline — 10th place (\$1,400). Cline is the daughter of Heath and Amy Cline of Killbuck. A senior at West Holmes High School, she will major in nursing at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Cline expressed, “Life is a very precious gift granted to us from God. We are given the chance to make

a difference, to achieve our goals and dreams, a chance to pursue him, a chance to live. With my life, I want to grow and become a person who encourages, supports, and values life. I want to be a nurse, specifically a neonatal nurse, to care for life when it’s the most vulnerable. Our lives are what we make them. So, I challenge everyone to dream for the stars and never stop chasing them.”



HOLMES-WAYNE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE LOCAL PAGES



Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting

June 29, 2023 - 10am
Baker Building - Harvest Ridge
Millersburg

Join us for a business meeting
with coffee & donuts.



We want to hear from you!

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative will be working with NRECA Market Research Services to complete member satisfaction surveys.

The surveys will be conducted both by phone and email, but not everyone will be contacted. If you are contacted, we would greatly appreciate a few minutes of your time to share your opinions of the cooperative.

We strive to provide all members with safe, affordable, reliable, and clean electric service. By participating in the survey, you will help us make decisions that benefit you, your family, and your neighbors. All information is confidential.

Thank you to the crews who assisted our sister cooperative!

Cooperatives are known for their willingness to assist others in their time of need. Mutual aid is critical to efficient restoration during major outages. Holmes-Wayne Electric experienced the need for sister cooperatives' assistance last June as well as in late March and early April of this year. It is always a pleasure to return the favor to those in need.

Thanks to the following HVEC staff who assisted Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (West Union, Ohio) with storm restoration in March: Carter Quay, Mike Martin, Mike Maurer, and Jim Stake.



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