

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc.



Thankful for our community and co-op



*Glenn W. Miller
President/CEO*

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. From giving \$12,000 a year in scholarships to local high school seniors to coordinating a food drive at our annual membership meeting to reaching out to members with information that will help

them save energy and money, we care about the people we serve.

Concern for our community also is displayed by our staff who volunteer at local community events and serve various charitable organizations. The cooperative staff has raised nearly \$100,000 over the past decade through a wide variety of fundraising activities for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

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 electric.

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 \$360,000 has been distributed to individuals, families and organizations in our community. This is only possible because many generous members have chosen to have their bill 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. We truly have many reasons to be thankful. Merry Christmas and happy New Year from all of us here at HWEC, your electric co-op.

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**You can call 24 hours a day to report outages,
submit meter readings and payments.**

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2014 Holmes-Wayne Electric Scholarship

**Attention all high school seniors!
Are your parents HWEC members?**

**You could win a college, vocational
or technical school scholarship of**

\$5,700*

*Nine scholarships for both the boys and girls division will be awarded through the statewide competition. Amounts listed include local Holmes-Wayne Electric first place award of \$2,500. Holmes-Wayne Electric will distribute three scholarships for both boys' and girls' division. (First is \$2,500, second is \$2,000 and third is \$1,500.)

**Second place:.....\$4,700
Third place:\$4,300
Fourth place:\$4,200
Fifth place:.....\$4,100
Sixth place:\$4,000
Seventh place:.....\$3,900
Eighth place:\$3,800
Ninth place:.....\$3,700**

1. Applicants must be a son, daughter or legal ward of a Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative member living on the lines and receiving service at the time of the statewide competition.
2. All applications must be submitted (typed) on forms obtainable at www.hwecoop.com.
3. All applications must be submitted to Holmes-Wayne Electric Millersburg office or post marked by Friday, Jan. 31, 2014.
4. Applicants must have all basic credits for college or proper vocational or technical school entrance. They must have a current career average of "B+" (3.6 on a 4-point scale) or better and must be accepted, then enrolled (when they receive the award), in the accredited college or proper** vocational or technical school of their choice.
5. Any applicant who has received a "full ride" (tuition, room, board and books) scholarship to the school of his/her choice is not eligible for a scholarship from OREC.
6. All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year after proof of enrollment is received by OREC.
7. Winners from both the boys and girls division of the local Holmes-Wayne Electric competition will compete at the statewide competition.

**Applications and guidelines are
available at www.hwecoop.com,
your local high school guidance
office or at the HWEC office.**



Holmes-Wayne Electric Announcements



Holiday Schedule

The HWEC offices will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24 and 25, to celebrate Christmas with our families. We will also be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, for the New Year holiday. As always, you can contact us toll-free at 866-674-1055 to report outages, make a payment or submit a meter reading during these days.

Non-discrimination statement

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc., 6060 St. Rte. 83, Millersburg, OH 44654 is the recipient of federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, or handicap shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance effort is the President/CEO of Holmes-Wayne Electric. Any individual or specific class of individuals who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

Stealing electric & meter tampering are crimes

Since August 1978, a revised Ohio law has been in effect covering theft of utility service and tampering with utility equipment. The statute provides that a person does not have to be seen tampering with a meter to be held responsible for such action. Prior to the revision in the law, it was difficult to prosecute a person for meter tampering unless the action was witnessed.

In addition, in prosecution for a user's reconnecting a device that was disconnected by a utility, such activity is now considered prima facie evidence that the user intended to defraud the utility.

The law defines theft of a utility service as a first-degree misdemeanor if the value of the stolen electricity, plus any utility equipment repair, is under \$150. It's a fourth-degree felony if the value is more than \$150 or if the offender was previously convicted of the charge. Tampering convictions carry similar penalties.

Tampering is defined "to interfere with, damage or bypass a utility meter, conduit or attachment with intent to impede the correct registration of a meter or the proper function of a conduit or attachments." Conviction can bring from six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine to five years in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

Meter tampering costs all of us. It costs the cooperative, and it costs you. And, it's downright dangerous. If you witness someone tampering with their electric meter, contact your cooperative office. Stealing electricity is a crime, and anyone caught violating the law will be prosecuted. Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative is required by law to provide this notice to its members annually.

HWEC Gift Cards



The holidays are quickly approaching, and if you're having trouble finding the perfect gift for family and friends, consider the gift of electricity.

A gift certificate for the purchase of electricity to a Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative member might just be an ideal present for your parents, grandparents, children, or someone in need. It's not just for holidays or birthdays, though — you can also help someone going through a tough time.

If you're looking for a useful present for someone you know who is a member of Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, clip the form below, fill it out and mail with your check to Holmes-Wayne Electric. You can also call the office and pay over the phone via check, credit or debit card. Holmes-Wayne Electric will send the gift certificate card to the recipient.

Holmes-Wayne Electric Gift Card Form

You may submit this form with a check to the cooperative office or contact the office toll-free at 866-674-1055 and pay by phone via check, debit or credit card.

Payee Name: _____

Payee Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Payee Phone Number: _____

Gift Amount: \$ _____

Signature: _____

Gift Recipient Name: _____

Gift Recipient Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Holmes-Wayne will credit the gift recipient's electric account with the amount listed above. The gift recipient will receive a gift card receipt explaining the credit that has been placed on the account and the payee name.

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