



A matter of principles: 'Democratic Member Control'

WHILE THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS of the past November may be fading from your memory, voting for politicians is not the only way we as co-op members can practice democracy.



Glenn W. Miller
President/CEO

Every co-op — whether it's Holmes-Wayne Electric, your credit union or any one of the many types — follows the basic principle of *one member, one vote*.

Most often you are asked to vote and elect individuals that will represent you on the board of trustees. These trustees are your friends, neighbors and fellow residents of your community. Occasionally, you may be asked to vote on a policy, such as a bylaw change in your co-op's code of regulations.

Every member in good standing of the cooperative may run for the board. This is one of the key differences between a co-op member and a customer of an investor-owned utility (IOU).

Co-ops invite participation. In fact, it is critically important to the survival of the co-op. Most co-ops serve far fewer people than IOUs. Co-ops measure the number of members in the thousands, IOUs in the millions.

In 2015, three HWEC trustee positions will again be part of the election process. If you are interested in running for a position, please contact the cooperative to receive additional information and an application. The nominating process and the three districts that are in the 2015 election process are listed on page 20.

At Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, we believe in the Own, Use, Serve and Belong model.

Own: Each member truly is an owner of the co-op. To increase your knowledge of ownership, members attend the Annual Meeting, vote for trustee election, receive a capital credits check or participate in other co-op events.

Use: For electric co-ops like HWEC, this means that you use the co-op's resources wisely; after all, you are an owner of those resources. You take advantage of the energy audits that we offer. You use energy-efficient appliances, caulk and apply weather stripping around windows and doors, use LED or CFL lights — and you turn them off when you leave the room.

Serve: If we are successful with "own" and "use," perhaps you will feel called to serve your co-op, maybe as a board member, nominating committee or other programs.

Belong: We all seek to belong to something. In the early days when the co-op was just getting started, neighbors helped neighbors. While our lives seem busier and more electronically driven than ever, the need to connect and belong is necessary for us and for our communities to thrive.

There is great power in the human connection, and at Holmes-Wayne Electric, we strive to do that every day. Connecting with your cooperative brings the Second Cooperative Principle, "Democratic Member Control," to life. ☺

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PAY BILLS ONLINE WITH SMARTHUB



Starting Jan. 12, Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative's new online payment system, SmartHub, began providing new services and a new look!

The website will look different but will have the same great features and now includes outage reporting — report a power outage straight from your computer or mobile app for Android and Apple devices!

Don't worry — you can still pay your bill, submit your meter reading and view your monthly consumption through our website, www.hwecoop.com.

Your username and password will be the same for both sites.



2015 HWEC trustee election

A special thanks to the appointed 2015 Nominating Committee members for their willingness to participate.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for the review of potential candidates for the HWEC Board of Trustees. If you are interested in being considered for the board election, please contact Robyn Tate at the cooperative office to discuss the application process.

Also, any member from districts 1, 3 and 7 may nominate a trustee candidate for the trustee election in writing by March 12, 2015. The candidate must live within the election district, and all nominations must include 15 signatures of members in the election district.

All nominations will be posted at the cooperative office, according to the Holmes-Wayne Electric Code of Regulations.

2015 Nominating Committee

- District 1 - Tim Hershberger
- District 2 - Trevor Ogi
- District 3 - John Abele
- District 4 - Wes Starker
- District 5 - Bruce Shaw
- District 6 - Stanley Berry
- District 7 - Nate Johnson
- District 8 - Faye Blough
- District 9 - Gail Miller

HWEC members give back over \$435,000 to local communities

THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY celebrates love, and the members of Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative again have shown how large their hearts are in supporting those in need in our community.

Through the Operation Round Up® program, close to \$50,000 was distributed to individuals, families and organizations within the HWEC territory throughout 2014.

Below and continued on page 22 is a summary of the 2014 distributions.

Operation Round Up began at HWEC in January 2006. As the program begins its tenth year, the Operation Round Up Foundation has distributed a total of \$435,277.59 as of the end of 2014.

Thank you to those members who have chosen to have their monthly electric bills rounded up to the nearest dollar. The monthly donation is placed into the Operation Round Up Foundation. Applicants for assistance must be members of the local community, and all applications are reviewed by a five-member board. A special thanks to the following board members for volunteering their time: President Dan Mathie; Vice President Harold Neuenschwander; Secretary Lisa Grassbaugh; and directors Don Buren and Glenn Miller.

If you would like to learn more about the program or how to participate in Operation Round Up, please call the office toll free at 866-674-1055. ☎

2014 Operation Round Up Summary

Assist a family with furniture and clothing, black mold house - Millersburg	\$1,000.00
Assist with memorial benches for community park - Wooster	\$500.00
Assist family with appliance due to medical needs - West Salem	\$354.00
Assist with Holmes County youth drug prevention program - Holmes County	\$2,000.00
Assist electrician wiring for community youth program - West Salem	\$323.89
Adaptive Sports program - Wooster	\$1,000.00
Assist lighting needs for community youth program - West Salem	\$346.02
ALS Foundation Community Walk - Wooster	\$500.00
Assist family with window replacement - child with medical needs - Creston	\$900.00
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Walk - Holmes County	\$500.00
Assist flooring needs for community youth program - West Salem	\$330.09
Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry - Wayne and Holmes counties	\$2,000.00
Special Olympics - Wooster	\$250.00
Assist family with transportation for medical treatments - Creston	\$250.00
Assist family with special equipment for children's disability needs - Millersburg	\$2,000.00
Holmes County Youth Mission - Love Out Loud	\$2,500.00
Printer for Ashland County Cancer Association	\$175.00
Assist a family with beds for children - Shreve	\$872.89
Assist family with transportation for medical treatments - Holmesville	\$250.00
Assist a family with transportation for medical treatments - Shreve	\$500.00
Assist a family with transportation for medical treatments - West Salem	\$500.00
Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry - Coshocton County	\$500.00

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Operation Round Up Summary (—continued from page 21)

Assist with essential equipment for Ashland Christian Health Services	\$884.88
Assist a family with transportation for medical treatments - West Salem	\$250.00
Assist a family with transportation for medical treatments - Glenmont	\$500.00
Glenmont Food Pantry - processing of donated fair animals	\$257.92
Assist a family with transportation for medical treatments - West Salem	\$250.00
Assist a family with beds for children - Killbuck	\$722.38
Holmes County Home and Senior Center - processing of donated fair animals	\$2,341.36
Camp Ohio - 4-H camp - cabin improvements	\$200.00
Wayne County Agencies - processing of donated fair animals	\$458.13
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Summer Youth Program/After School Program - Wooster	\$1,000.00
Assist a family with transportation for medical treatments - Killbuck	\$250.00
Assist individual with heating needs during medical conditions - Millersburg	\$500.00
Mohican Area Community Fund	\$250.00
Shreve United Methodist Church - Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
Share-A-Christmas - Holmes County	\$1,000.00
West Salem Outreach & Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
Light House Love Center - Holmes County	\$1,000.00
Salvation Army - Wayne County	\$1,000.00
Salvation Army - Holmes County	\$1,000.00
Town & Country Fire & Rescue Association - West Salem Toy Drive	\$1,000.00
Christian Children's Home - Wooster	\$1,000.00
Meals and More - West Salem	\$1,000.00
Meals on Wheels - Holmes County Senior Center	\$1,000.00
Every Woman's House - Holmes-County	\$1,000.00
Every Woman's House - Wayne County	\$1,000.00
American Red Cross - Wayne County	\$1,000.00
American Red Cross - Holmes County	\$1,000.00
Hospice - Holmes County	\$1,000.00
Hospice - Wayne County	\$1,000.00
Viola Startzman Health Clinic - Wooster	\$1,000.00
Church of God - Food Pantry - Millersburg	\$1,000.00
Meals Together - Wooster	\$1,000.00
Love Center - Free Health Clinic - Millersburg	\$1,000.00
Glenmont Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
Total	\$48,216.56

