

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc.



Glenn W. Miller
President/CEO

HWEC looks forward to a busy 2016

AS WE ARE A MONTH INTO 2016, I would like to take a moment to share our busy schedule and goals for the year.

We are excited to be celebrating the 10th anniversary of Operation Round Up. As you will see in the following pages, you, the member-owners of Holmes-Wayne Electric, have given almost half a million dollars back into the community over the past 10 years. That is an amazing accomplishment worthy of celebration.

We continue to work on your behalf on the federal and state legislative front. Joined together with electric cooperatives across Ohio and the nation, we maintain constant communication of our concerns with the latest Environmental Protection Agency proposal. This is an ongoing challenge that we are committed to resolving in the best interest of our members. I will be spending time with your HWEC board members in Washington, D.C., this spring, talking to our legislative representatives about the issue.

Our engineering and operations department is working diligently to maintain and improve operations. In 2016, these substations will see upgrades: Golden Corners, Hefferline, Trail, Killbuck, Mohicanville, Moreland, Ripley, Sugarcreek and West Millersburg.

Our tree trimming and EPA-approved vegetation control will continue on a four-year rotation. This is all in an effort to prevent potential outages for you, the members. Reedsburg, Ripley and West Millersburg substation areas are scheduled for tree trimming. Vegetation control will be administered in the Buck-

horn, Drakes Valley, Killbuck and Stillwell substation areas.

Additionally, 3,411 poles will be inspected. These are poles in our system that are over 10 years old.

HWEC plans to rebuild 20.2 miles of line in 2016. That is over \$1.8 million your cooperative is investing in replacing and upgrading lines for continued reliability.

2016 also will see some new programs we are excited to participate in and support. We are working closely with the Shreve American Legion to help sponsor an Honor Trip. We are humbled to help support our veterans in a worthwhile cause. Just like the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, all money raised for this program is through our employees' fundraising efforts. If you are a veteran and interested in the program, please review the information on the next page and contact our office for an application.

We also are proud to announce that one of our own, Class A Lineman Steve Asbury, will be working for two weeks in Guatemala to help bring electricity for the first time to the village of La Soledad. Ohio electric cooperatives, along with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association International Foundation, are joining efforts for this humanitarian project. Just as 80 years ago, when members of our community came together to bring electricity to the countryside to better the lives of citizens in Holmes and Wayne counties, we have a chance to bring safety and conveniences to those in desperate need.

As you can see, we have a busy year scheduled, but most of all, we look forward to serving you, the members of HWEC. ☺

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**August 26-28, 2016
Washington, D.C.**

Holmes-Wayne Community Honor Trip

Holmes-Wayne Community Honor Trip is an opportunity for WWII, Korean and Vietnam War veterans to visit the memorials in Washington, D.C., that honor their service. This honor trip is entirely funded by private donations from individuals and organizations.

Veterans will travel for free and guardians/caretakers for a reduced rate.

If you are interested in participating on this bus trip, please contact Holmes-Wayne at 866-674-1055 for an application.

If you are interested in making a donation to this worthy cause, please make checks payable to Shreve American Legion Post 67 and write "Honor Trip" in the memo line. **Mail checks to P.O. Box 112, Millersburg, OH 44654.**

This program is coordinated by the Shreve American Legion Forest Post 67 and Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc. Holmes-Wayne Honor Trip is a 501(c)3 organization.



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10 years of giving

HWEC's Operation Round Up gives back nearly \$500,000 to neighbors in need

In January 2006, Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc., introduced a new community service program called Operation Round Up. This program allowed HWEC members to round up their monthly electric bills to the next even dollar. The spare change was placed into a foundation to be distributed to those in need within our community.

Ten years later, members of HWEC have given almost half a million dollars back to the community. This is an amazing testament to our members' generosity and concern for our community.

Applicants for assistance must live within 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 Jonathan Berger and Glenn Miller.

As your local electric provider, we again want to thank you for allowing us to administer such a worthy program. It is an honor to assist the needs of those in our community and improve our neighborhoods.

Below and continuing on page 22 is a summary of the 2015 distribution. 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.



2015 Operation Round Up Summary

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| Assist a family with transportation for medical treatments - Shreve | \$250.02 |
| Assist individual with transportation for medical treatments - Glenmont | \$250.00 |
| Assist a family with transportation for medical treatments - Millersburg | \$679.81 |
| Assist a family with transportation for medical treatments - Sugarcreek | \$500.00 |
| Assist with plumbing needs for elderly individual - Wooster | \$200.00 |
| Assist with ramp for handicapped individual - Shreve | \$1,200.00 |
| Assist with handicap bathroom for developmentally challenged child - Millersburg | \$61.77 |
| Assist a family with transportation for medical treatments - Wooster | \$250.00 |
| Holmes County Disaster Assistance Program | \$653.00 |
| Special Olympics - Wooster | \$250.00 |
| ALS Foundation Community Walk - Wooster | \$500.00 |
| Assist individual with transportation for medical treatments - Glenmont | \$250.00 |
| STEPS Agency - addiction assistance program in Holmes and Wayne counties | \$500.00 |
| Assist a family with transportation for medical treatments - Shreve | \$250.00 |
| Shreve Community Youth Mission | \$1,000.00 |
| Assist an individual with a medical emergency - Glenmont | \$937.00 |
| Assist a family with transportation for medical treatments - Millersburg | \$250.00 |
| Assist a family with handicap shower needs for a child - Holmesville | \$695.00 |
| Shreve American Legion - veterans project | \$1,000.00 |
| County Line Historical Society - restoration project | \$1,000.00 |
| Assist a family with beds for children - Holmesville | \$1,526.52 |
| Assist a family with furniture and clothing following house fire - West Salem | \$1,000.00 |

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2015 Operation Round Up summary (—continued from page 17)

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| Glenmont Food Pantry - processing of donated fair animals | \$160.46 |
| Holmes County Home and Senior Center - processing of donated fair animals | \$2,500.00 |
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| Camp Ohio - 4- H camp - cabin improvements | \$200.00 |
| Holmes County Senior Center - emergency food pantry | \$748.91 |
| Wayne County Food Pantry & Agencies - processing of donated fair animals | \$2,544.18 |
| Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry - Holmes and Wayne counties | \$2,000.00 |
| Community trash pickup - Holmes County | \$250.00 |
| Assist a family with a heating emergency - Millersburg | \$203.58 |
| Adaptive Sports program - Wooster | \$1,000.00 |
| Assist a family with beds for children - Millersburg | \$179.00 |
| Assist a family with beds for children - Shreve | \$1,404.00 |
| Assist a family with beds for children - Holmesville | \$234.00 |
| Assist a family with beds for children - Killbuck | \$702.00 |
| Assist a family with a bed for a child - Millersburg | \$235.00 |
| Shop with a Teacher - Millersburg | \$100.00 |
| Assist a family with transportation for medical treatments - West Salem | \$250.00 |
| Assist a family with transportation for medical treatments - Wooster | \$1,985.45 |
| 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 | \$49,449.70 |