



You are invited to the Holmes-Wayne Electric Legislative Breakfast

Friday, Aug. 1 • 8 a.m.

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative office, Millersburg

Guest Speakers:

U.S. Rep. Bob Gibbs

U.S. Rep. Jim Rennaci (invited)



Glenn W. Miller
President/CEO



Randy Sprang
Board Chairman

Limited seating for 200 HWEC members — RSVP by July 18!
Members already participating in ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action® will be guaranteed a seat upon RSVP.

Contact the office toll-free at 866-674-1055 to reserve your seat.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all members of the cooperative to attend a very informative and interesting meeting covering many of today's legislative topics.

Most importantly, this breakfast is an important venue to speak up, along with your cooperative, about the immediate concerns relating to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposed regulations and their impact on affordable electricity.

On Sept. 20, the EPA issued new proposed rules limiting the carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions of new coal- and natural gas-based power plants. The proposed rule sets stringent limits on CO₂ emissions from coal plants in particular, essentially requiring the use of "carbon capture and sequestration" technolo-

gy (CCS) or eliminating coal as a potential fuel source for future power plants.

Because CCS is not proven to be a viable technology for power plants, the Obama administration has effectively abandoned its "all-of-the-above" energy strategy and embraced an "all-but-one" approach that effectively prevents construction of new coal-based generation.

Also, as recently as June 2, the EPA released a second proposal with alarming standards on existing coal generation facilities. This 695-page proposal is projected to be even more costly and will impact your electric bill!

Electric cooperatives strongly oppose this shift and believe the proposed rule should be

withdrawn. Co-ops support using a diverse fuel mix including renewables, natural gas, nuclear and coal to generate electricity, and support using demand response and energy efficiency programs that use energy wisely while keeping costs affordable.

Co-ops also continue to deploy new technologies and are researching even more cutting-edge technologies to meet the energy needs of the future.

If you are unable to attend this event, we strongly encourage you to use the website below to let the administration know that you want a secure energy future that will maintain American jobs and help prevent extreme increases in your electric bills.

www.action.coop

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

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The power of human connections®



FUNDRAISING FOR A CURE

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative participated in the 2014 Holmes County American Cancer Society Relay for Life on June 13 and 14 at Hiland High School. This year's spirited team raised more \$10,000 before and during the event. Look for the final team fundraising total and photos in the August issue of *Country Living*.

A special thanks to the local businesses listed at right for their donations to help find a cure!

Autoworks Collision Center
Baker's Mobile Home Transport, LLC
Canaan Country Meats
Frosty Twins
Holmes Oil Distributing
Mac Oil Field Service, Inc.
Norman Electric, Inc.
Stinky's Septic Tank Cleaning
The Flip Side
The Kirk Building Company
The Voice of Holmes County



Holmes-Wayne Electric Announcements

Congratulations

Congratulations to Holmes-Wayne Electric scholarship winner Alexis Eliot for placing fourth at the statewide Ohio Rural Electric Scholarship competition in Columbus. Eliot competed against 24 students representing electric cooperatives from across the state and received an additional \$1,700 award. She is the daughter of Scott and Jean Eliot of Lakeville. A graduate of West Holmes High School, she will be attending Virginia Tech this fall, majoring in engineering.

Office closed July 4

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative will be closed Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. As always, you can contact us toll-free at 866-674-1055 to report outages, make a payment or submit a meter reading.

Budget billing

If you are interested in signing up for budget billing, please call the office during regular business hours, which are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, to learn more or to get a budget estimate and enroll in the program. Budget billing helps members avoid extreme variances in their bill during the heating and cooling seasons by averaging electricity consumption over a 12-month period.

2014 Annual Meeting

HWEC Annual Meeting was held Thursday, June 26. Due to publication deadlines, details of the annual meeting will be in the August issue *Country Living*.

Save \$\$\$ and time with convenient payment options



As prices at the grocery store and gas pump go up, we are all watching our pennies. You can save money — and time — by paying your HWECC bill online, over the phone or by automatic payment. It's easy, convenient and, most of all, saves you money on postage and checks and a trip to our office or the post office.

Option 1 - Pay online. This option is available 24 hours a day through our e-bill website at www.hwecoop.com. You create your own password and can pay from any computer with a check or debit or credit card (Visa/MasterCard). You also can submit your monthly meter reading and view historical energy consumption to help manage your electric bill.

Option 2 - Automatic payment. Quit worrying about due dates and remembering to pay your bill. Your bill can be automatically paid through your choice of bank account or credit card. You can complete the automatic payment form below or on our website, www.hwecoop.com. It doesn't get any easier than this!

Option 3 - Pay via phone. Give us a call and pay your bill or submit your meter reading over the phone. You can call any hour, any day, and we will take your check or debit or credit card (Visa or MasterCard) for payment.

AUTHORIZATION FORM - ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

Name (as shown on bill): _____

HWE Account Number : _____ Telephone #: _____

Service Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I authorize Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc., to instruct my financial institution to make my payments to them from the account listed below. I understand that I control my payments, and if at any time I decide to discontinue this payment service, I will notify Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc., in writing, allowing 60 days for cancellation of this arrangement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Financial Institution Name: _____

Type of Account: [] Checking or [] Savings

Account Number: _____ Bank Routing/Transit Number _____

***** Please enclose a voided check so that we can record the correct financial information. *****

OR

Credit Card Payment Type of Credit Card: [] Visa or [] MasterCard

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Please Note: Once you are placed on the EFT Payment Program, if you have two returned payments due to insufficient funds or two declined credit card payments, your account will be removed from the program. Also, if you have authorized credit card payments, please inform our billing department of the updated expiration date when you receive a new credit card. Please continue to read your meter and submit the reading on our website at www.hwecoop.com, or via e-mail, phone or mail. Thank you.



STORM SAFETY:

When thunderstorms, tornadoes strike

BY B. DENISE HAWKINS

Beware. Through the summer months, thunderstorms can quickly roll in and tornadoes can touch down, often during the afternoon and evening hours, according to researchers at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Severe Storms Laboratory.

Follow these tips from NOAA and the American Red Cross to keep you and your home safe when tornadoes and severe thunderstorms come your way.

- Prepare for high winds by removing diseased and damaged tree limbs.
- Listen to local news or National Weather Service broadcasts to stay informed about tornado watches and warnings.
- If in a mobile home, immediately head to a sturdy shelter or vehicle. Mobile homes, especially hallways and bathrooms, are not safe places to take shelter during tornadoes or other severe winds.
- Designate a family meeting place for shelter during and after a storm. If possible, go to your home's basement, a small interior room or under stairs on the lowest level. Also, have a battery-operated weather radio handy along with emergency supplies.
- Unplug your electronics. Avoid using electrical equipment and corded telephones.

- Remember that there is no safe place outside during a severe storm. If you are caught in a storm while on the road, the American Red Cross urges drivers to turn their headlights on, try to safely exit the roadway, and park. Stay in the vehicle with your seat belt on and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends. If thunder and lightning are occurring, avoid touching metal or other surfaces that conduct electricity in and outside the vehicle.

- Move or secure lawn furniture, trash cans, hanging plants or anything else that can be picked up by the wind and become a projectile.

- Stay safe after a storm. Remain indoors at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder. Also, stay away from downed power lines and avoid flooded areas, power lines could be submerged and still live with electricity. Report them to Holmes-Wayne Electric toll-free at 866-674-1055 immediately.

Learn more about storm safety at:

www.nssl.noaa.gov/education/svrwx101/thunderstorms

Sources: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Severe Storms Laboratory, and American Red Cross

HWEC sponsors winning teacher in Be E³ Smart program



HWEC Energy advisor Kenny DePriest presents Mrs. Snyder and her class with a fifth-place award for her Be E³ Smart program portfolio.

Congratulations to Mrs. Rachel Snyder of West Holmes Middle School, who was awarded fifth place in the Junior Division (sixth to eighth grades) for the Ohio Energy Project portfolio she submitted. The portfolios are notebooks detailing the teacher, student and school involvement in the Be E³ Smart program and how it was used in the classroom.

Be E³ Smart's mission is to facilitate students' and teachers' understanding of the science of energy and its efficient use to empower the next generation of energy consumers in Ohio. In the 2012-13 school year, almost 49,000 Ohio students participated in programs offered by the Ohio Energy Project.

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative sponsored Mrs. Snyder as well as Mrs. Ann McNeil from Triway Junior High and Mrs. Karen Raber from Northwestern Middle School for Be E³ training and implementation of the program in their classrooms.