



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

Your cooperative is here for you

It is often said that “timing is everything,” but some circumstances make timing more difficult. Writing this article is one of those difficult times. For those of you reading your *Ohio Cooperative Living* magazine, it is probably late April or early May, but to fulfill print deadlines, I am writing this at the end of March.

We are all being affected by the coronavirus, and our lives are changing. Here at Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, we have already made changes to how we operate our business. We have taken steps to protect our employees so that we can continue to serve our members. We closed our lobby and encouraged members to use SmartHub, our toll-free number, or our drop box to make payments. We divided the staff into teams to help reduce exposure by having fewer employees interacting at the same time. We initiated employees working remotely and employees reporting directly from their homes.

Ohioans were directed to stay home, per an order from our governor. But HWEC is an essential business. Our job is to keep the power on for our members, so our employees will always be working for you, just in new avenues.

By the time this reaches your mailbox, I don't know what will be happening. I do know that our thoughts and prayers are with those impacted by this terrible virus and that we will continue to serve our members the best we can.

We have temporarily waived all disconnects for nonpayment and late fees. Please reach out to us if you are having difficulty paying your electric bill. We will

work with you to schedule a payment plan.

Also, thank you to the HWEC members who, over the past several years, have given to our Operation Round Up program. We have used those resources to make financial donations to nine food pantries in our community.



Glenn W. Miller
PRESIDENT/CEO

We ask that you help us in expressing our appreciation to all the health care professionals and first responders who are the heroes on the front lines of this crisis. These days, we see those who are vital to our daily lives — grocery store workers, truck drivers, postal workers, farmers, janitors, and so many more — with a new appreciation.

During all this change, I want to remind you that May is Military Appreciation Month. I hope you will join me in pausing to reflect on the sacrifices of our country's veterans and their families. I am especially thankful for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy the freedoms their service affords us in this great country of ours. Please join us in taking a moment to show your appreciation to veterans and active duty members of the military — not just this month, but every month.

It remains to be seen what the result of this virus will be. We are community that always rises to the challenge to support one another, and I have no doubt this will bring out the best in all of us.



MEMORIAL DAY

IN HONOR OF OUR HEROES

We will be closed on
Memorial Day,
Monday, May 25.

Please join us in honoring the
nation's soldiers who paid the
ultimate price for our freedom.

For emergency service,
call 866-674-1055.



Scholarship winners announced



Annie Seboe



Grant Baker

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative announced the winners of its annual college scholarship competition, held late February at the cooperative's Millersburg office.

Annie Seboe of Loudonville High School and **Grant Baker** of West Holmes High School are the first-place winners of \$2,500 scholarships in the girls' and boys' divisions of the 2020 Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative Scholarship Contest. Seboe and Baker were part of a group of 35 students representing 10 area high schools who competed for a total of \$15,000 in scholarships.

Seboe is the daughter of Kelly and Julie Seboe of Millersburg. She plans to attend Huntington University this fall, majoring in biology. Baker is the son of Dustin and Steph Baker of Shreve. He will attend Ohio Northern University, majoring in civil engineering. Seboe was selected to represent Holmes-Wayne Electric at a scholarship competition sponsored by Ohio's Electric Cooperatives in Columbus.



Other winners

Second place, \$2,000

Hattie Carr is the daughter of Troy and Jenny Carr of Wooster. A senior at Triway High School, she will major in industrial design at The Ohio State University.

Joel Kornhaus is the son of Kim and Lyla Kornhaus of Fredericksburg. He is a senior at Hiland High School and will major in chemistry or engineering at Eastern Mennonite University, Messiah College, or Malone University.

Third place, \$1,500

Ashleigh Clabaugh is the daughter of John and Kristin Clabaugh of Wooster. She will graduate from Smithville High School and will attend Ohio University, majoring in chemical engineering.

James Desharnais is the son Randy and Virginia St. Clair. A senior at Norwayne High School, he will major in engineering at Youngstown State University.

Fourth place, \$1,000

Gabriella Monastra is the daughter of Jennifer Monastra of Wooster. A senior at Wooster High School, she will study pharmacy at Ohio Northern University.

Jordan Allshouse is the son Ben and Joelyn Allshouse of West Salem. He is a senior at Northwestern High School and will pursue a degree in architecture at Kent State University.

Fifth place, \$500

Taylor Howman is the daughter of Lynnessa Casto of Wooster. A senior at Northwestern High School, she will attend Ashland University and major in criminal justice.

Joseph Boros is the son of John and Jenifer Boros of Big Prairie. A senior at West Holmes High School, he will major in athletic health care at Benedictine College.

Judges for the two-day competition were **Dale Sidle**, **Lucille Hastings**, and **Melinda Eliot**.

The Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative Scholarship Contest is offered annually to children of co-op members who are graduating high school seniors and reside in a home served by Holmes-Wayne Electric. The cooperative is proud to have distributed over \$220,000 in scholarships within the community since its establishment.



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We want to **HEAR** from you

**Your thoughts and opinions about
Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative
help us to serve you better.**

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

The surveys will be 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.

Thank you!

All information is confidential.



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