

# Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc.



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*President/CEO*

## **Concern for the Community**

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative is a local organization with its headquarters located in Millersburg and a district office in West Salem. We understand that our service brings “the lights” to many homes, businesses and farms within our neighborhoods.

However, we aren’t just a physical part of the community, we also are an active part of the community. As an organization, our board of trustees and staff feel it’s important to make a difference in our community.

As you will read in our following local pages of this issue of *Country Living* magazine, we have taken many avenues to not just be a standard utility company. We want to provide extraordinary service to our members and actively be involved in making our community better. In fact, one of our seven guiding principles is “*Concern for Community.*”

One example of that commitment to our community is our participation in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. In 2011, our team raised \$8,000 to assist in finding a cure and bringing services to our community for local cancer patients.

You will also see how the establishment of our Operation Round Up program is making a dramatic impact on our community. More than \$240,000 has been gifted to individuals, families and organizations within our community, making a large impact in the lives of

those who have needs. What a wonderful privilege it has been to coordinate this program locally for the past 5-1/2 years.

We also are taking specific steps to assist our members with their utility bills. In this unpredictable energy market, we want to arm our members with the best tools and resources to reduce your energy consumption. So no matter what laws are put in place and what the future holds in energy prices, you can take action to reduce and minimize your consumption to help manage your electric bill.

Tools like our energy-savings tips that we provide on our website, in this publication and on your monthly bill are several ways we are trying to educate members on cost-saving ways to reduce consumption. We also have an on-site energy advisor who will provide home energy audits or answer questions you may have.

Additionally, we are hosting our third annual Energy Savings Days in October. This is a free service to you, the members, to learn more about energy savings, get one-on-one advice, see first-hand energy-saving tools, find out more on options for federal tax credits and meet with agencies providing assistance for low-income families. Details of these October Energy Savings Days are on the following pages.

We also take the time to educate members of the community on the importance of electric safety. We provide life-saving information to emergency first responders and remind youth in our schools through visual demonstrations of the dangers of electricity.

We like being part of this wonderful “small town” community. We hope that our commitment to serve our members and the community is making a big difference.

## **Board of Trustees**

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# *HWEC Members Giving to the community*

## *Operation Round Up Foundation*

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative members can voluntarily have their electric bill rounded up to the nearest dollar every month. Those quarters, dimes, nickles and pennies are placed in the Holmes-Wayne Electric Operation Round Up Foundation. The funds are returned back to organizations, families and individuals within our community. **Since the establishment of the Holmes-Wayne Electric Operation Round Up program in January of 2006, you, the members, through the Foundation have given back more than \$240,000 to our community.** This program is making a big impact on many lives within our community for just pennies!

One of the community programs to receive a donation from the Foundation is Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH). This program uses donated funds to process deer during the fall deer hunting season. The venison is given to local agencies to feed those in need within our community. Last fall, the Foundation gave \$1,000 to both the Holmes County and Wayne County FHFH programs. In Holmes County, FHFH processed 106 deer, which resulted in 5,500 pounds, or 22,000 servings, of venison. Wayne County FHFH processed 85 deer, which resulted in 4,851 pounds of ground venison that was provided to 11 different agencies.

Thanks to all the members who have generously chosen to round up their electric bill every month to make a dramatic impact in our neighborhood.



## *Holmes-Wayne Electric Announcements*

### *Closed Labor Day - Sept. 5*

HWEC offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5, for the Labor Day holiday. Our after-hours call center will be available for outage reports, meter readings and payments by phone.

### *HWEC website providing key services*

You can view our website at [www.hwecoop.com](http://www.hwecoop.com) and

- \* pay your bill
- \* submit a meter reading
- \* learn about the latest cooperative news
- \* review outage information.

Coming soon is Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative's Facebook page.

# Energy Savings Days

Oct. 19 — 1-6 p.m.  
HWEC office —  
Millersburg

Oct. 26 — 1-6 p.m.  
West Salem School



Holmes-Wayne Electric will be hosting its Third Annual Energy Savings Days on Oct. 19 and Oct. 26. Please mark your calendar to come visit us. As winter quickly approaches, this is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more ways to make your home more energy efficient and reduce your energy consumption, which reduces your electric bill.

Attendees will receive a pack of compact fluorescent light bulbs and an entry in a \$100 bill credit drawing. We will draw a winner from each event location.

You can learn more about our home energy audits and schedule a full house audit for yourself. You can see examples of low-cost winterization of your home for the upcoming cold winter. Why try to heat the outside as well?

We will also have local agencies available to assist with applications for Ohio's home heating assistance program.

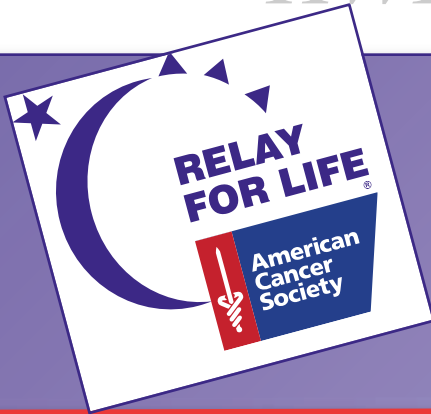
Maybe you're thinking about changing your windows and doors, learn more about the federal tax credits that are available.

We can even review your personal past consumption, and you can enroll in our no-stress budget billing program.

Our staff will be available to answer questions and assist you with planning for another cold Ohio winter. Take advantage of this free service!

*All HWEC members receive a free pack of compact fluorescent light bulbs and an entry to win a \$100 bill credit for their November bill.*

# HWEC raising \$\$ for a cure



*The Holmes-Wayne Electric 2011 American Cancer Society Relay for Life team raised more than \$8,000 to assist with the American Cancer Society's dedication to eliminating cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. The team would like to thank the following businesses for their donations. They are greatly appreciated.*

Autoworks Collision Center; Holmesville  
Baker's Mobile Home Transport, LLC; Shreve  
Barnhart Auto Body; Millersburg  
Bromund and Byler; Millersburg  
Canaan Meats; Creston  
Frosty Twins; Winesburg  
Holmes Oil Distributing; Millersburg  
Kirk Builders; Millersburg  
Lake Fork Grain, Hay and Timber; Glenmont  
Mac Oil Field Services; Millersburg  
Norman Electric, Inc.; Apple Creek  
SpareECM; Millersburg  
Tate Farms; Shreve  
The Flip Side; Shreve  
The Voice of Holmes County; Millersburg  
Tope Printing; Millersburg  
Village Insurance; Shreve  
WKLM Radio; Millersburg  
Winesburg Hardwood; Winesburg

*HWEC staff,  
family of staff,  
and board has  
raised over  
\$73,600 in  
8 years.*



## Energy Efficiency

### *Tip of the Month*

Is your washing machine more than 10 years old? According to the U.S. Department of Energy, families can cut related energy costs by more than a third — and water costs by more than half — by purchasing a clothes washer with an ENERGY STAR label. Choose a front-load or redesigned top-load model.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy