



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

The good kind of audit



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PRESIDENT/CEO

As tax season quickly approaches, the word “audit” is used more frequently. But have you ever considered an energy audit or, as we like to call it, an energy assessment?

Cold weather in the winter and heat in the summer typically result in higher energy bills. At Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, we have always been committed to helping our members manage their energy bills so they can reduce energy consumption to reduce their bills. That’s why we offer home energy assessments.

An energy assessment provides a holistic view of your home’s efficiency. Understanding how your home uses energy can help determine the best ways to adjust energy consumption, improve problem areas, and ultimately keep more money in your wallet. You could say this is a good kind of audit.

So how does it work? First, request the energy assessment by contacting us toll-free at 866-674-1055. Our new service coordinator and energy advisor, Kenny DePriest, will gather specific information about your home and schedule a time for the assessment.

What to expect during the assessment

The assessment comprises three parts: evaluation, energy testing, and recommendations.

First, our energy advisor conducts a walk-through of your home, examining energy use and identifying problem areas. The advisor will look at specific elements of your home — such as doors, windows, and insulation levels — that affect energy use. The advisor will also examine major appliances, including your heating and cooling system, and conduct a room-by-room assessment. During the assessment, the advisor will ask questions about your energy use habits and review past energy bills.

In the testing phase, the advisor will evaluate the seal of your home by conducting a blower door test to identify the source of any air leaks or drafts. The advisor will also conduct thermal imaging of the home to detect heat loss that is invisible to the naked eye. Thermal imaging can reveal inadequate insulation levels, radiant heat malfunction, and additional key factors.

Finally, the advisor will provide you with a detailed evaluation.

This is a written report with a description of your home, an analysis of your energy use, recommendations regarding energy consumption, and steps you can take to improve efficiency and save money.

One of the greatest values of an energy assessment is helping you understand how you use electricity and, more importantly, identifying ways to use it more efficiently. Additionally, making improvements and upgrades based on the evaluation can increase your property value — all the more reason to schedule an assessment for your home.

Energy assessments are just one of the many perks of your co-op membership, so we hope you’ll take advantage of this valuable service. If you’re looking for more ways to save, check out our additional efficiency offerings, such as our energy efficiency page on our website (hwecoop.com) and our Facebook tips every Tuesday. These programs and services are designed with you, the HWEC members, in mind, putting the power to save in your hands.





Pennies adding up to more than \$944,000

The Operation Round-Up Foundation plays a pivotal role in fostering positive social change, building community resilience, and enhancing the quality of life for residents in Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative's service territory.

In 2023, more than \$43,500 was distributed in grants to individuals and organizations within our community. Since the establishment of ORU in 2006, the foundation has given close to \$950,000 in collective efforts for those in need.

So how do you get involved? You can join the more than 7,200 HWEC members who have their electric bills rounded up to the nearest dollar. That's right: The most it would cost you is 99 cents a month or, on average, \$6 a



The Operation Round Up board: Jonathan Berger, Michelle Wood, Matt Johnson, Glenn Miller, and Dan Mathie.

year. You can be part of our team that is supporting and enhancing the well-being of our friends and neighbors.

A five-member board evaluates applications and distributes funds based on the foundation's mission and community needs. Through your collaborative efforts, we are making a difference right here at home!

2023 Operation Round Up grants

Assist family – beds for children – Wooster	\$370.00
Adaptive Sports Program – sled hockey – Wooster	\$1,000.00
Assist individual – medical condition – Millersburg	\$250.00
National Alliance for Mental Illness – Wayne & Holmes counties	\$500.00
Assist elderly couple with home repair needs – Glenmont	\$510.38
Assist family – beds for children – Wooster	\$370.00
Assist elderly individual with home repair needs – Glenmont	\$663.47
Millersburg Food Run – support local food pantry	\$350.00
OneEighty – Assist with addiction treatment programs	\$500.00
Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry – processing for donated deer – Coshocton	\$750.00
United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties – Imagination Library	\$500.00
Pomerene Hospital – Lifting Hearts Bereavement	\$1,000.00
Adaptive Sports – 5K Fundraiser	\$500.00
Assist family fostering – beds for children – Millersburg	\$690.00

Pomerene Hospital Auxiliary	\$500.00
Development Disabilities Camp	\$1,000.00
Habitat for Humanity – children’s beds	\$690.00
Wayne County First Responders – appreciation gifts	\$800.00
Nashville Elementary – weekend food bags	\$500.00
Wayne County Agencies – processing of donated fair animals	\$2,495.98
Christ’s Cupboard – personal care pantry – Killbuck	\$1,000.00
Women’s abuse center – Holmes County	\$500.00
Assist individual – home need – Millersburg	\$106.99
Food Fellowship Pantry – Wayne County	\$1,000.00
Wayne County Farm Bureau – toy Drive	\$500.00
West Holmes Middle School – Shop with a Teacher	\$250.00
Night to Shine – special needs event	\$500.00
Wayne & Holmes counties – bereavement items for loss of child	\$1,000.00
Share-A-Christmas – Holmes County	\$1,000.00
West Salem Outreach & Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
Love Center Food Pantry – Holmes County	\$1,000.00
Salvation Army – Wayne County	\$1,000.00
Salvation Army – Holmes County	\$1,000.00
Town & Country Fire & Rescue – West Salem Toy Drive	\$1,000.00
Christian Children’s Home	\$1,000.00
Meals and More – West Salem	\$1,000.00
Holmes County Council on Aging – Darb Snyder Community Center	\$1,000.00
OneEighty – Holmes County	\$1,000.00
OneEighty – Wayne County	\$1,000.00
American Red Cross – Wayne County	\$1,000.00
Lifecare Hospice of Wayne and Holmes counties	\$1,000.00
Viola Startzman Health Clinic – Wooster	\$1,000.00
Church of God – Food Pantry – Millersburg	\$1,000.00
Meals Together – Wooster Methodist Church	\$1,000.00
Glenmont Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
Shreve Community Church – Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
Mohican Area Community Fund	\$250.00
Goodwill Industries of Wayne & Holmes Counties, Inc.	\$1,000.00
The Lord’s Pantry – West Salem	\$1,000.00
New Leaf Center – Mount Eaton	\$1,000.00
ACUMC Food Pantry	\$500.00
Community Christmas Outreach – ACUMC Church	\$500.00
Nick Amster Workshop – Wayne County	\$1,000.00
Hillsdale CARES	\$500.00
People to People Ministries	\$1,000.00

Total **\$43,546.82**



Welcome to the team!

Apprentice Lineman Logan Huffman

Logan will be working in our Millersburg location. Logan brings the strong work ethic, dedication, and passion to serve our community that our organization requires. Here's to a bright future for Logan as we power onward!



The HMEC member services team includes (from left): Lisa Suttle, Judy Badger, Sue Holcomb, Terri Adams, and Lisa Figley.

Your caring team

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative's member services team processed 36,639 phone calls in 2023! When you call us during business hours, you talk to someone located in Millersburg who is ready to help answer your questions and provide member service excellence. Your cooperative is proud to be local!



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