

# Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc.



## Celebrating 10 years of *Operation Round Up*



Glenn W. Miller  
President/CEO

IT STARTED AS A SIMPLE IDEA at one co-op in South Carolina. Just round up the co-op member's electric bill to the next dollar, and then use the extra change to do good work in your community. Hundreds of electric co-ops throughout the country use this

idea to help members and organizations close to home.

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative is excited to be celebrating 10 years of the Operation Round Up program. It's the perfect embodiment of one of the seven cooperative principles, "Concern for Community."

The average co-op member donates \$6 a year, with a maximum possible contribution of \$11.88 per year. This may not seem like a large amount, but when combined with 7, 200 HWEC members who participate in Operation Round Up, it adds up to make a big difference to our friends and neighbors in need.

HWEC's Operation Round Up Foundation is governed by a five-member board of volunteers. These five board members are committed to making decisions that are in the best interest of the community.

The program is always voluntary, and at any time, members can change their minds about participat-

ing. Members receive a summary of the past year's activities in this publication as well as our annual report. Members also have a summary listed on their December bill, notifying them of their total contribution to Operation Round Up for the calendar year.

Over the past 10 years, HWEC members have contributed over \$480,000 that's gone back into our community for a wide range of activities: helping many families in need after a house fire, assisting local food pantries with food purchases, helping local fire departments get needed equipment.

We have a long list of other humanitarian efforts that allowed the cooperative members to serve those in need in our community.

If you are not participating in Operation Round Up and would like to join this community effort, please contact our office toll free at 866-674-1055 or e-mail us at [newmember@hwecoop.com](mailto:newmember@hwecoop.com).

Operation Round Up is a perfect example of that cooperative spirit as well as the spirit that is embedded in this community. This community is known for its generosity and willingness to help neighbors. We are honored to be an avenue to assist those in need. We look forward to this program continuing for many more years and making a large impact in the community we all call home.



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



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# CAUTION

## Be prepared for WINTER STORMS

When winter temperatures drop and storms hit, it can be challenging to stay safe and warm. Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative cares about your safety, and we want you to be prepared. Heavy snow and ice can lead to downed power lines, leaving co-op members without power. During a power outage, our crews will continue to work as quickly and safely as possible to restore power, but there are a few things you can do to prepare yourself.

### Stay warm:

Plan to use a safe alternate heating source, such as a fireplace or wood-burning stove, during a power outage. These are great options to keep you warm, but exercise caution when using them, and never leave the heating source unattended. If you are using gasoline-, propane- or natural gas-burning devices to stay warm, never use them indoors. Remember that fuel- and wood-burning sources of heat should always be properly ventilated. Always read the manufacturer's directions before using.



### Stay safe:

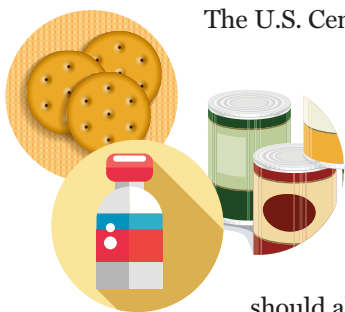
When an outage occurs, it usually means power lines are down. It is not a good idea to travel during winter storms, but if you must, bring a survival kit along, and do not travel alone. If you encounter downed lines, always assume they are live. Stay as far away from the downed lines as possible, and report the situation to our dispatchers by calling toll-free at 866-674-1055 if possible.



If using a portable generator, make sure to follow all the manufacturer's instructions and operate it in a dry, open space. Generators can cause serious harm or even electrocution of a home's occupants or the linemen working to restore power, if they're used improperly.

Winter weather can be unpredictable and dangerous, and planning ahead can often be the difference between life and death. Holmes-Wayne Electric is ready for what Mother Nature has in store, and we want you to be ready, too. For more winter safety tips, visit the home page of our website for "electric outage planning" at [hwecoop.com](http://hwecoop.com).

### Stay fed:



The U.S. Centers for Disease Control recommends keeping on hand a supply of food that does not need to be cooked and would last for several days. Crackers, cereal, canned goods and bread are good options. Five gallons of water per person should also be available in the event of an extended power outage.

## Holmes-Wayne Electric **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***E-bill offers members 2015 summary of expenses***

If your business needs its total 2015 electric expenses for tax purposes, it's as easy as a few clicks away. Go to our SmartHub electronic payment website at [hwecoop.smarthub.coop](http://hwecoop.smarthub.coop) and view bills under "payment history."

### ***Budget bills — January adjustment***

If you participate in HWE's budget billing program, you will notice the mid-year recalculation change on your January bill. Your monthly payment will be adjusted based on your electric consumption over the last 12 months, which prevents you from accumulating a large credit or debit on your balance. As always, on the top left of your bill you can find your current balance based on actual electricity consumption.

# High School **Seniors**

## Are your parents members of Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative?

**You could win a college,  
vocational or technical  
school scholarship up to:**

# \$5,900

### **HWEC Local Scholarship**

First Place - \$2,500

Second Place - \$2,000

Third Place - \$1,500

### **Statewide Scholarship**

First Place - \$3,400

Second Place - \$2,400

Third Place - \$1,900

Fourth Place - \$1,800

Fifth Place - \$1,700

Sixth Place - \$1,600

Seventh Place - \$1,500

Eighth Place - \$1,400

Ninth Place - \$1,300

- Available in both boys' and girls' divisions
- First-place Holmes-Wayne Electric scholarship: **\$2,500**
- First-place statewide scholarship from Ohio's Electric Cooperatives: **\$3,400**
- Applications due **Friday, Jan. 29**, to the HWEC office in Millersburg
- All applications must be submitted in a typed format

1. Applicant must be the child or legal ward of an Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative permanent residential member receiving service for the duration of the 2015-2016 academic year (August 2015-June 2016).
2. Application must be received or post marked no later than Friday, Jan. 29, 2016.
3. Applicants must be graduating seniors who have all basic credits for college or proper vocational or technical school entrance. (A "proper vocational or technical school" is defined as a post-secondary institution where credits can be transferred to an accredited four-year college.)
4. Applicants must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.6 or above on a 4.0 scale or an equivalent standing on a nontraditional scale.
5. Winners, in order to receive an award, must be accepted and then enrolled in an accredited college or proper vocational or technical school of the student's choice. Winners who are accepted and then enrolled in an accredited school of nursing, working toward a degree, are also eligible.
6. Applicants who have received "full-ride" scholarships (i.e., scholarships that cover the cost of tuition, room, board and books) to the schools of their choice are not eligible for scholarships from (co-op name) or statewide scholarships from Ohio's Electric Cooperatives. Applicants who win scholarships and subsequently receive a full-ride scholarship following the scholarship competition must contact HWEC and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives immediately to forfeit the scholarships.
7. The finalists in the HWEC scholarship competition will be interviewed by local judges in late February.
8. The two first-place winners will be eligible to earn up to \$3,400 in additional scholarship money from Ohio's Electric Cooperatives. They will travel to Columbus on April 14, 2016, for the statewide scholarship competition.

### **To get an application:**

- Find it online at [www.hwecoop.com](http://www.hwecoop.com)
- Stop by the HWEC Millersburg office
- Pick one up from your high school guidance

## OHIO'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

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# >> What's on that pole?

This illustration shows basic equipment found on electric power distribution poles. Not all poles have all this equipment on them. They vary according to location and the service they provide.

>> **Primary wires** run on top. Each usually carries 7,200 volts of electricity from a substation.

>> A **crossarm** holds power lines, allowing required clearances between lines.

>> **Surge arrestors** protect the transformer from lightning strikes.

>> A **secondary service drop** carries 120/240-volts of electricity to the end user. It has two "hot" wires from the transformer, and a bare neutral wire connected to the ground wire on the pole.

>> **Telephone and cable TV lines** are typically the lowest wires.

>> A head-high "**birth-mark**" shows the size of the pole, as well as where and when it was made.

>> 40-foot **poles** are sunk six feet into the ground.

>> **Insulators** (made of porcelain or a composite) prevent energized wires from contacting each other or the pole.

>> The **neutral wire** acts as a line back to the substation and is tied to ground, balancing the electricity on the system.

>> **Transformers** convert higher voltage electricity from primary wires to lower voltage for use by consumers.

>> **Guy wires** help stabilize poles. They also are connected to the pole's ground wire.

>> **Pole ground wire**—running the length of the pole—connects to the neutral wire to complete the circuit inside the transformer. It also directs electricity from lightning safely into the earth.

>> Co-ops are responsible for **keeping vegetation around poles trimmed** to avoid interference with the electric system.

Illustration by Erin Binkley