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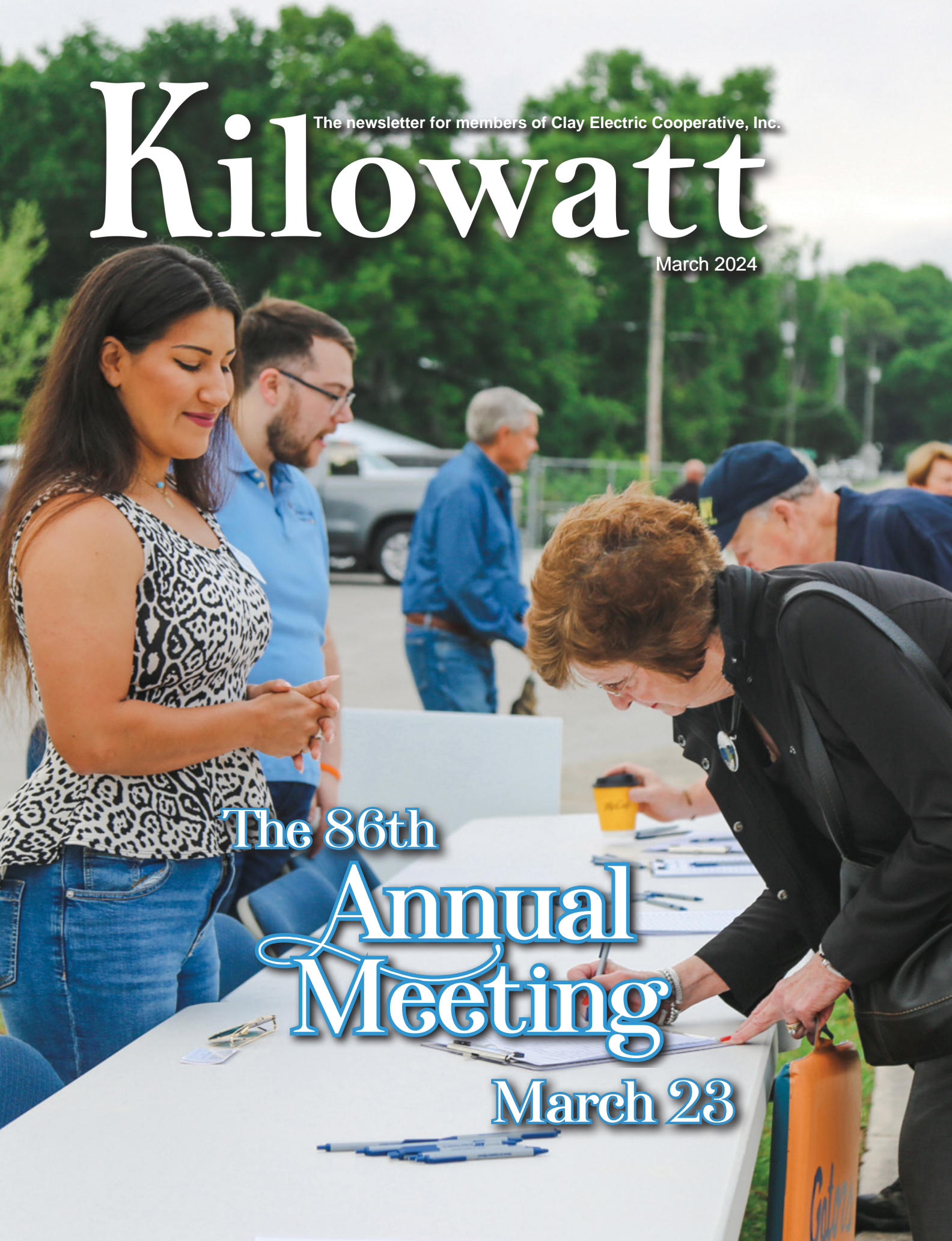
The newsletter for members of Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc.

March 2024

The 86th

Annual Meeting

March 23



Join us March 23 for our Annual Meeting

As Clay Electric's 86th Annual Meeting approaches, I'm excited to extend a heartfelt invitation to each of our members. Your presence at this event is vital in steering the course of our cooperative, and your input is crucial in shaping the energy future of the communities your co-op serves.

At the Annual Meeting, we dive into the core of Clay Electric's operations and what makes your cooperative thrive. We share insights into ongoing initiatives, discuss our financial standing and outline priorities for the coming year. It provides a look into the workings of Clay Electric, highlighting our dedication to accountability, and what we're doing to continue providing you with safe, reliable and affordable electricity.

Remember, as members, you wield the power to shape the energy future of our communities. In the democratic structure of co-ops, your voice carries weight. The Board of Trustees election, happening right now, gives you the opportunity to choose leaders who will make decisions impacting your cooperative and local energy needs.

Your vote is a pivotal part of this process.

Our nine trustees, all community residents, bring diverse skills and perspectives to the table. They serve as the eyes and ears of our community, making informed decisions on long-term priorities and investments. Their dedication mirrors our collective vision for a resilient and sustainable energy future.

I strongly encourage your participation in the Annual Meeting. Your input serves as a compass, guiding Clay Electric's direction.

Recently, I was reminded of a conversation I had with member at a previous Annual Meeting — someone who provided a valuable, unique perspective on a community initiative Clay Electric was exploring at the time.

Conversations like this are one of the many reasons I look forward to the annual meeting, as sometimes, that's all it takes to spark transformative change. Join us at the Annual Meeting, and let's continue shaping the future of our cooperative together.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Check statement for Capital Credits

Clay Electric's Board of Trustees has declared a \$12 million Capital Credits refund for members who received service from 1994 through 2022. (Note: This is a correction from the years printed in the March Power Line.)

Current co-op members who are entitled to a refund will receive a credit on their March bills. For those entitled to a refund but who no longer receive service from Clay, a check will be mailed in late March.

This will be the co-op's 50th consecutive refund of Capital Credits.



CEO Ricky Davis addresses members during a previous annual gathering at Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High School.

Karen Hastings
Board President

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On the cover: Energy Services Program Representative Denise Wasdin and Member Services Representative Jared Velazquez welcome members to last year's Annual Meeting.

Nearly 40 years on: Keeping energy reliable on waterlocked islands



Clay Electric crews on Drayton Island keep lines deenergized while another crew on board a barge uses a jet plow under water to lay new cable, ensuring reliable energy for the island's residents..

Drayton Island in Putnam County is unique in many ways. Perhaps most notably, it's privately owned — and no, you're not getting there by bridge. The only way across is by boat.

So, you might be thinking: That's no easy feat bringing electricity to a place like that. And you'd be right.

"There's a lot of challenges," said Engineer Josh Sevarance. "The ferry runs on Mondays and Fridays, so if we can catch the ferry, we can get equipment back and forth, but we also needed some pontoon boats in order to get the guys and the material back and forth."

Because the power to Drayton Island is only fed by an underground cable, doing preventive maintenance is of the utmost importance. The last time the project was performed, Ronald Reagan had just been sworn-in for his second term as president.

"This cable has reached its life expectancy," Sevarance said. "Because of that, we're installing new cable in order to continue providing these members with reliable power."

Crews from Clay Electric districts worked on the island, helping with the process of deenergizing the cable. And with assistance from contractors, approximately 10 personnel were used to work with a jet plow and a barge to lay the new cable.

"As they pull that plow across, the cable will actually go down to four feet underneath the riverbed," Sevarance said.

A similar project was carried out on the neighboring Hog Island, which to is inaccessible by cars, trucks or SUVs. Many of the members served by Clay Electric on Drayton Island only live there parttime, but others — like Martha and her husband — live there year-round.

"It's like a little bubble of old Florida," Martha said of the island. "We have mailboxes, we have some county roads, but there's no commercial entity on the island at all."

Years of planning went into the operation, and approximately five days were spent installing the new infrastructure

on Drayton Island alone, with planned outages along the way. To communicate those outages, Clay Electric used mail and email, and Sevarance would follow up with members daily should they have any concerns.



Martha is a Clay Electric member who lives on Drayton Island year-round.

"I think the communication has been awesome," Martha said. "Overall, my experience with Clay over the years, you guys are awesome. When there's a power outage during a storm, or any other situation, you're here and it's back up and running faster than I could imagine. I think everybody on the island loves Clay Electric."

High School juniors are Washington-bound this summer

Each year, Clay Electric proudly supports four high school students with an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., during Youth Tour.

In February, a group of students traveled to Tallahassee to compete for a spot in the trip to Washington. After a written quiz and a speech that is scored by a panel of nonpartisan judges, Clay Electric' four recipients (pictured right) were identified.

The trip, which happens during the nation's Youth Week in June, includes tours of monuments, museums, legislative buildings and historic landmarks, and often offers the opportunity to meet with their elected representatives to learn firsthand about the legislative process.



Left to right: Anais Maldonado (Fort White High School), Nathan Arnold (Ridgeview High School), Cayden Parker (Santa Fe High School), Gavin Miles (Q.I. Roberts Junior/Senior High School).



Chief of Staff Allison Carter speaks to students inside the Florida State Capitol in Tallahassee.



Chief of Staff Allison Carter high-fives Cayden Parker.



Sen. Keith Perry has a conversation with the Youth Tour finalists.

Previous Youth Tour recipient gets full ride to Yale

Not long ago, Esperance Han — a Marion County High School student — ventured to Tallahassee for three days, where she competed for one of the four spots to Washington, and was selected.

For personal reasons, Han couldn't make the trip to the nation's capital, but just recently, she got some big news — news that she'd received a full-ride scholarship, thanks to QuestBridge, to Yale University.

"It was so exciting, oh my gosh, it filled me with so much hope and energy, and like, 'Wow, they really thought I was good enough for this really exclusive scholarship,'" said Han, who was one of 72 people chosen in the U.S. for the four-year scholarship.

Han said it's a bittersweet moment for her father, who has always supported his daughter journeying out of state for higher education. She said he's very proud.

Participating in Youth Tour, Han said, gave her confidence she didn't know she had, enough to apply for the scholarship to Yale.

"I think the biggest issue for a lot of students is that they don't feel that they're worth something and so they end up not applying," Han said. "I think people should just take the leap,



Esperance Han was a Youth Tour winner in 2023.

you know? If you have the opportunity to go to Youth Tour — take every opportunity because it's all possible as long as you really work for it."

The Youth Tour program at Clay Electric was implemented in the summer of 1966. For more information about the Youth Tour to Washington contest, head to:

ClayElectric.com/youth-tour-washington-contest.

EVs eligible for rebate plummet, but no more waiting for tax season



Electric vehicles like Clay Electric's Chevy Bolt and Ford F-150 Lightning still meet the criteria for a tax rebate, which now occurs at the point of sale.

New rules were introduced this year for new electric vehicle (EV) tax credits, and while fewer models now qualify, the ones that do are now discounted at the point of sale rather than the buyer's income tax refund as was previously the case.

The guidelines released by the U.S. Treasury detail sourcing requirements aimed at moving the U.S. EV supply chain away from China. The list of EVs that qualify was sharply reduced, though some could regain the credit before year's end.

Some notable changes to the list of EV credits (either \$3,750 or \$7,500) include:

- Tesla Model 3 Rear Wheel Drive and Long Range were removed from the list (Performance model remains).
- Nissan's Leaf was removed.

- Ford's Mustang Mach-E was removed, but its F-150 Lightning remains.
 - Apart from the Chevy Bolt, all of GM's remaining EVs were removed, but GM expects that to change after a "sourcing change."
 - Volkswagen's ID4 is back on the list after being removed.
- The final amount of the tax credit, whether it be \$3,750 or \$7,500, depends on where the EV is made, but also where the battery components and minerals come from. It also depends on the buyer's annual income.

The tax credits are nonrefundable. Dealers must be registered on the new platform known as IRS Energy Credits Online to perform the point-of-sale EV credit.

Vehicle auction starts March 20



File photo from previous auction.

Clay Electric will once again offer used co-op vehicles that are available for public purchase during an auction in March.

As vehicles from Clay Electric are added to the JJ Kane Auctions inventory, they will be shown online at jjkane.com. Just search "Clay Electric Cooperative" in the website's upper search box.

This year, two small trucks will be auctioned. Additionally, bids can be made on bucket, cab and chassis trucks.

The auction is live March 20-26. Once the trucks have been prepped for auction, photos of the trucks will be taken and shared on the JJ Kane Auctions website.

When you call, the clock starts ticking

When Clay Electric first established its Call Center, it did so with a goal of answering your call within 30 seconds flat.

That goal hasn't changed, and recently, our Call Center squashed that goal and then some, averaging a response time of just **22 seconds** in the month of January.

"This is a great job by the Call Center representatives," said Chief Public Relations Officer Derick Thomas. "It also speaks to the complimentary suite of services that now allow our members to self-serve with NISC and MyClayElectric."

Clay Electric strives to provide members with safe, reliable and affordable electricity — and all the while, our Call Center representatives remain dedicated to providing outstanding customer service.



Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the gathering portion of Annual Meeting of Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. members will be held at the Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High School cafeteria, Keystone Heights, Clay County, Florida 32656 at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, March 23, 2024.

This gathering will feature snacks and beverages for those attending. Each adult attending will receive ONE welcome bag and ONE door prize ticket. Members must be signed in at the beginning of the meeting to be eligible for a door prize.

The bill credit prizes will NOT be part of the gathering. The winners of those prizes will be announced during the Annual Meeting video report on March 15. The March 15 video report will be available on Clay Electric's website and social media. From January 29 - March 11, eligible Members of the cooperative are asked to take action upon the following matters.

(a) The election of a trustee from District No. 3, a trustee from District No. 5, a trustee from District No. 7, via online voting or absentee ballot only, to serve three-year terms. You are hereby notified that at the meetings of Districts No. 3, No. 5, and No. 7, the following were nominated for membership on the Board of Trustees.

District No. 3

Nominee: Susan Reeves

District No. 5

Nominee: Dewitt Hersey

District No. 7

Nominee: John Henry Whitehead

Prior to January 29, the Secretary placed in nomination the above-named official candidates from each district.

Clay Electric members who vote by online or by absentee ballot will elect one trustee for each of the districts. The bylaws provide that the two nominees of each district receiving the highest vote shall be the official nominees in the district and shall be listed in the order of preference indicated by the respective vote.

(b) The report of officers.

(c) The restated Articles of Incorporation

ARTICLE I

The name of the Cooperative is Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc.

ARTICLE II

The purpose for which the Cooperative is formed is:

- (a) to generate, manufacture, purchase, acquire and accumulate electric energy for its members, and for non-members to the extent permitted by law and all laws amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, and to transmit, distribute, furnish, sell and dispose of such electric energy to its members, and to non-members to the extent permitted by law and all laws amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, and to construct, erect, purchase, lease as lessee and in any manner acquire, own, hold, maintain, operate, sell dispose of, lease as lessor, exchange and mortgage, plants, buildings, works, machinery, supplies, apparatus, equipment and electric transmission and distribution lines or systems necessary, convenient or useful for carrying out and accomplishing any or all of the foregoing purposes;
- (b) to acquire, own, hold, use, exercise and, to the extent permitted by law, to sell, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate and in any manner dispose of franchises, rights, privileges, licenses, rights of way and easements necessary, useful or appropriate to accomplish any or all of the purposes of the Cooperative;
- (c) to purchase, receive, lease as lessee, or in any other manner acquire, own, hold, maintain, use, convey, sell, lease as lessor, exchange, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of any and all real and personal property or any interest therein necessary, useful or appropriate to enable the Cooperative to accomplish any or all of its purposes;
- (d) to borrow money, to make and issue bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness, secured or unsecured, for moneys borrowed or in payment for property acquired, or for any of the other objects or purposes of the Cooperative and to secure the payment of such bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness by mortgage or mortgages, or deed or deeds of trust upon, or by the pledge of or other lien upon, all or any of the property, rights, privileges or permits of the Cooperative, wheresoever situated, acquired or to be acquired;
- (e) to engage in any other activity, venture or business allowed by law.
- (f) to do and perform any and all acts and things, and to have and exercise any and all powers which may be necessary or convenient to accomplish any or all of the foregoing purposes or which may be permitted by law and all laws amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto.
- (g) to purchase, construct, own, and operate other utility services, including, but not limited to, energy related services, communication services, telecommunication, video, data transmission and related service systems, and to supply each service to its members, to governmental agencies and political subdivisions, and to other persons;

(h) to cooperate with other utility providers in the providing of utility services to its members, including, but not limited to, joint use of poles, lines, trenches, easements, rights-of-way, permits and licenses, promotion of cost effective, efficient, and environmentally sound uses of the Cooperative's property, both real and personal, through leases, licenses, contracts, easements, and joint ventures with other utility providers.

ARTICLE III

The principal office of the Cooperative within the State of Florida shall be located in the town of Keystone Heights, in the County of Clay, State of Florida or any other location in the Cooperative's service area as determined by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE IV

The term existence of Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall be perpetual unless earlier terminated in accordance with state laws.

ARTICLE V

The number of Trustees of Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall be not less than seven (7) or more than eleven (11), the number to be determined from time to time by the Board of Trustees. The names and addresses of the original seven trustees are listed in the original Articles of Incorporation filed December 7, 1937. The current nine (9) Trustees are as follows:

Name	Address
C. Loose	Keystone Heights, Florida
K. Smith	Palatka, Florida
S. Reeves	Hawthorne, Florida
C. Malphurs	Alachua, Florida
D. Hersey	Starke, Florida
J. Wilson	Middleburg, Florida
J.H. Whitehead	Lake Butler, Florida
J.A. Smith	Wacahoota, Florida
K. Hastings	Citra, Florida

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The Cooperative shall have no capital stock.

Section 2. Any person, firm, partnership, association or corporation may become a member of the Cooperative upon receipt of service from the Cooperative, provided that he/she or it has first:

(a) made a written application for membership therein and paid in full the membership fee, hereinafter specified in Section 3 of this Article VI;

(b) agreed to purchase from the Cooperative service as hereinafter specified in Section 4 of this Article; and

(c) agreed to comply with and be bound by these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Cooperative and any amendments thereto and by such rules, policies, and regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Cooperative. No person, firm, partnership, association or corporation shall own more than one (1) membership in the Cooperative, and no membership in the Cooperative shall be transferable, except as provided by the bylaws.

Section 3. The membership fee shall be five dollars, upon the payment of which a member shall be eligible for one or more service connections. The Board of Trustees may change the amount of the membership fee from time to time and may eliminate the fee, in its discretion.

Section 4. Each member shall, as soon as service shall be available, purchase from the Cooperative all service used on the premises specified in his or her application for membership, unless and except such energy is generated from the member's own assets and the Board of Trustees has waived in writing such requirement, and shall pay therefore at rates which shall from time to time be fixed by the Board of Trustees. The Cooperative cannot and therefore does not guarantee an uninterrupted and continuous supply of service. Amounts paid for service in excess of the cost of services are furnished by members as capital, and each member shall be credited with the capital so furnished as provided in the bylaws. Each member shall pay to the Cooperative such minimum amount regardless of the amount of electric energy consumed, as shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees from time to time. Each member shall also pay all amounts owed by him or her to the Cooperative as and when the same shall become due and payable. The Cooperative shall have the right, but not the obligation, to set-off the capital of a member against any amounts due and owing from the members to the Cooperative.

Section 5. The voting power and property rights and interests of each member shall be equal, and each member shall be entitled to one vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote. Except as otherwise provided by law, these Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the Cooperative, at all meetings of the members at which a quorum is present, all questions and election of trustees shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members. Votes shall be cast by a member present in person or vote, absentee ballot or by electronic delivery to the cooperative as specified in the Bylaws of the Cooperative.

Section 6. Except as otherwise provided in these Articles of Incorporation and bylaws, a membership is terminated upon:

(a) Cooperative learning of the member's death, legal dissolution, or legal cessation of existence;

(b) Member requesting termination; or

(c) Cooperative learning that the member has stopped purchasing service from the Cooperative.

Termination of a member does not: (1) release the member from debts, liabilities, or obligations owed to the Cooperative; or (2) release the Cooperative from the obligation to retire and pay Capital Credits to the former member or obligations to the former member regarding the Cooperative's dissolution. After termination of a membership, such person may not again become a member except upon a new application as provided in Article VI.

Section 7. The Bylaws of the Cooperative may define and fix other duties and responsibilities of the members and prescribe other terms and conditions upon which members shall be admitted to and retain membership in the Cooperative not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation or state law.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. Subject to the provisions of any mortgage or deed of trust given or assumed by the Cooperative, the Board of Trustees shall, within a reasonable time after the expiration of each fiscal year, apply all unexpected revenues and receipts of the Cooperative for such fiscal year for the following purposes and in the following order or priority:

(d) payment or provision for the payment of all obligations and expenses of the Cooperative which shall be properly chargeable against such revenues and receipts;

(e) establishment and maintenance of a general reserve fund for working capital, to provide, among other things, for: current interest on and current payments on account of the principal of obligations of the Cooperative, insurance, taxes, improvements, new construction, depreciation, obsolescence and contingencies in an amount which the Board of Trustees shall deem reasonable; and

(f) establishment and maintenance of a reserve for the payment of interest on and principal of all outstanding notes, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued by, or the payment of which shall have been assumed by, the Cooperative in an amount which shall not be less than the amount of principal and interest required to be paid in respect of such notes, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness during the current fiscal year; after the reserves hereinabove provided for shall have been established and provisions made for their maintenance, any balance may be applied to the payment to the members of the Cooperative

of refunds in proportion to the amount of their respective purchases of electric energy and goods from the Cooperative during the fiscal year just ended. Capital credits will be administered in a manner which the details are provided in the Cooperative's bylaws and Florida Statute section 425.21. No member of the Cooperative shall be entitled to receive any retirement of capital credits if such member is indebted to the Cooperative in any manner. Any indebtedness due the Cooperative by any member, at the option of the Board of Trustees, may be set off against the capital credits of such member at any time, together with interest thereon at the legal rate accruing on judgments in effect when such amount became overdue, whether the Statute of Limitations has run against such indebtedness or not.

Section 2. The private property of the members shall be exempt from execution or other liability for the debts of the Cooperative and no member shall be liable or responsible for any debts or liabilities of the Cooperative.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to make and adopt such policies, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, these Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws, as it may deem advisable for the management, administration and regulation of the business and affairs of the Cooperative.

Section 4. A trustee, manager, or officer of the Cooperative shall not be liable to the Cooperative or its members for damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a trustee, manager or officer, except to the extent such exemption from liability or limitation thereof is not permitted under the Florida Statutes as the same exist or may hereafter be amended.

The Board of Trustees of the Cooperative shall have the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party to any proceeding, action or claim by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a trustee, manager, officer, employee or agent of the Cooperative or is or was serving at the request of the Cooperative as a trustee, manager, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, and who acted in good faith, against liability or expenses incurred in connection with any such proceeding, action or claim including any appeal thereof.

(d) To amend Article 4 Section 1 from the Bylaws

ARTICLE IV - TRUSTEES

• SECTION 1. General Powers.

The business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a board of trustees of not less than seven (7) trustees. The board of trustees may exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative except such as are conferred upon the members by law, or by its articles of incorporation or bylaws.

(e) To conduct such other business as may properly come before this meeting.

CLAY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

By: Karen Hastings, President

Attest: Dewitt Hersey, Secretary

Where to park, what else to know about Annual Meeting

Members and guests to Annual Meeting should park in the areas outside the Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High School cafeteria that are indicated by "P" on the map pictured right.

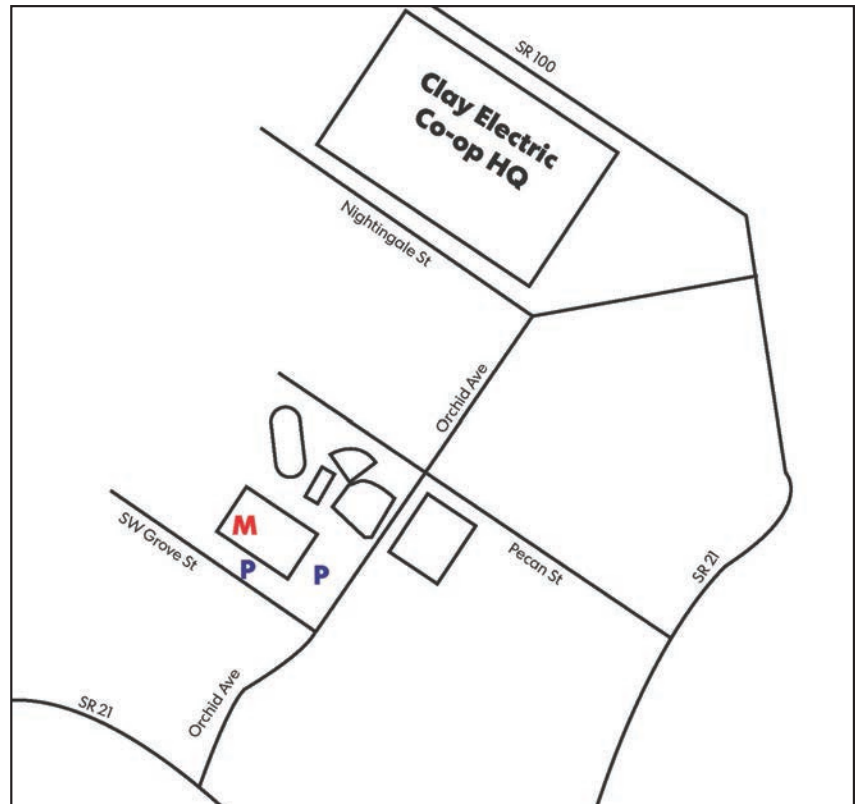
Please note: The event has been moved indoors and is no longer at the football stadium as it was previously.

The meeting location, which will take place inside the cafeteria, is indicated with "M" on the map pictured right.

A light breakfast will be provided to members who attend, and all adults will receive a welcome bag and prize ticket. Members must be signed in at the beginning of the meeting to be eligible for a door prize.

An announcement of the results from the Board of Trustees election will be made, and remarks will be made by General Manager and CEO Ricky Davis as well as Board of Trustees President Karen Hastings. The drawing of door prizes will conclude the gathering.

The meeting should last no more than 2.5 hours.



The Clay Electric Foundation Board of Directors approved

\$63,000 IN GRANTS

during its Feb. meeting.

Habitat for Humanity \$20,000 (Putnam County)

Founded in 1991, Putnam Habitat for Humanity serves residents of Putnam County based on need. Funds from the grant will be used to support the Putnam Service Project and the Veterans Village of Palatka.

Seeds of Love Ministry \$10,000 (Clay County)

Seeds of Love, based in Orange Park, meets the needs of low income and homeless families in Clay County. Grant funding will help purchase children's shoes for the ministry's Back to School Bash event.



The Fellowship of Christian Athletes received a \$12,110 grant from Operation Round up.



A \$15,000 grant was approved for Project Hope of Marion County.

Hope Therapy, Inc. \$5,000 (Clay County)

Hope Therapy, Inc. is a nonprofit equine-assisted activities and therapy program in Middleburg. Its mission is to improve the quality of life of children and adults with various diagnoses with the help of horses. Grant funding will be used to support the scholarship fund to allow clients of all ages to participate.

Catholic Charities Bureau \$5,000 (Clay County)

Catholic Charities is a nonprofit organization that provides services to the most vulnerable in our community, advocating for justice, human dignity and quality of life. Funds from the grant will provide financial assistance to clients for essential utilities.

Bradford Union Swine & Cattle Sale \$5,000 (Bradford, Union counties)

The Bradford Union Swine & Cattle Sale organization provides 4-H and FFA kids ages 8-18 the opportunity to learn the basics of raising farm animals for the local Bradford-Union County Agricultural Fair. Grant funds will help provide pens.



The Lee Conlee House received \$10,000 in ORU grant funds.

Fellowship Baptist Food Pantry \$3,000 (Union County)

Fellowship Baptist Church of Raiford offers a food pantry for those in need in surrounding counties. Grant funds will be applied to the purchase of food and additional shelves.

Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs \$10,000 (Clay County)

The Food Pantry is an all-volunteer organization that provides Clay County with emergency food for families and individuals in need. Funds from the grant will be used to purchase nonperishable food items.

Ferst Readers, Inc. \$5,000 (Bradford, Baker, Volusia counties)

Ferst Readers is a community-based organization founded to address the problem of children entering kindergarten without basic early literacy skills and school readiness. Grant funds will be used to support the early childhood literacy development program.



The Keystone Heights Sports Association received \$5,000 from ORU.

About Operation Round Up

In an effort to improve the lives of members, Clay Electric implemented Operation Round Up in October 2016, a program that generates and collects charitable donations to benefit organizations in the co-op's service area. The program "rounds up" a member's bill to the nearest dollar, and that tax-deductible amount goes directly to the Clay Electric Foundation.

Setting Usage Alerts in MyClayElectric

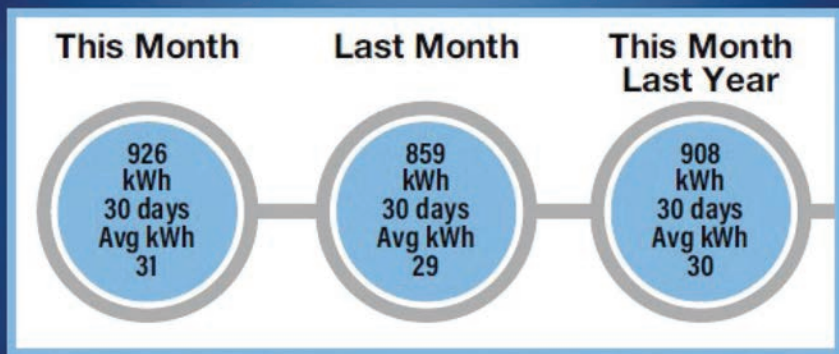
Did your bill spike unexpectedly last month? Curious how you can save on the next cycle?

Pro tip: Watch your usage.

You can set Usage Alerts for daily or hourly high usage, which will be sent via email or text — you decide.

Check your most recent statement to determine your average daily kWh consumption. Setting your target just above that means you'll only be alerted if you go over that number.

Just open your MyClayElectric app, tap "more," then "settings" and then "usage" to get started.



You can determine where to set your usage thresholds by looking at the average daily usage in these circles on your electric bill.



Butter Pecan Pound Cake

Ingredients

For the cake:

- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sour cream

For the filling:

- 1 cup chopped pecans
 - 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
 - 1/2 cup brown sugar
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- For the glaze:
- 1 cup powdered sugar
 - 2 tablespoons milk
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Instructions:

Preheat your oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour a bundt pan.

In a large mixing bowl, mix the softened butter and granulated sugar until light and fluffy.

Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in the vanilla extract.

In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

Gradually add the dry ingredients to the butter mixture, alternating with the sour cream. Begin and end with the dry ingredients. Mix until just combined.

In a small bowl, mix together the chopped pecans, melted butter, brown sugar and ground cinnamon to create the filling.

Spoon half of the batter into the prepared bundt pan. Sprinkle the pecan filling evenly over the batter. Top with the remaining batter.

Use a knife to swirl the batter and pecan filling together to create a marbled effect.

Bake in the preheated oven for 60-70 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Allow the cake to cool in the pan for 15 minutes before transferring it to a wire rack to cool completely.

For the glaze, whisk together the powdered sugar, milk, and vanilla extract until smooth. Drizzle the glaze over the cooled cake.

The Trading Post

Submit your Trading Post ad by sending it to Clay Electric, PO Box 308, Keystone Heights, FL 32656. For more Trading Post ads or to submit your ad online, visit ClayElectric.com.

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DAY BED beige metal frame w/mattress (like new), \$200. 786-251-0530 Williams

BARNETT QUAD 400 Camo Crossbow w/scope in camo case, 4 arrows, crank cocking device. 3 Torrid SS arrowheads, 3 lightning broadhead arrow heads, \$300. Canon Power Shot A550 digital camera, NIB, \$50. Gander MT Fishing Vest Adult XL new w/flotation device type III PFD. US Coast Guard approved. Triple layer storage pockets, \$50. Haul Master triple ball trailer hitch, ball sizes 1 7/8 & 2 5/16. 3 ball solid shank, 18.90 lbs hauling force, \$60. 904-303-0134 Koslo

2-DRAWER METAL file cabinet. Great shape. \$20. 904-424-9199 Urff

TRUCK TOPPER 2003 Dodge Ram 1500 short bed, \$650. New Peak 1 S/S cook'n'eat set, \$20. NIB 2-person smiley face float tube, \$20. 3 geometrical pics, teal/blue, \$15/set. NIB Uncle Mikes inside pant holster, \$15. New Wilson Ultra golf balls, \$20. Binoculars Selsi 10x50 wide angle, \$50. Sony subwoofer- SA-W 2500, \$50. Igloo water jugs, 2 gal, 4/\$10 ea or \$30/all. New Yamaha boat oil filter for 150hp outboard motor, \$15. Minn Kota Endura Pro trolling motor, \$120. New Outers shotgun cleaning kit, \$10. 904-763-0478 Sweat

1995 VECTRA WINNEBAGO diesel pusher w/230 HP cummings turbo diesel w/MD allison transmission. Good cond, \$11,000. 386-983-0310 Davis

AR-15 UPPER & lower receiver + parts never installed, \$175. Email only: wlowe59@yahoo.com Lowe

EXCALIBUR CROSSBOW model G340 Matrix series, 2 yo, never hunted, w/6 pk new bolts. Pics avail, \$375. 40 caliber ammo, 1 box 20 Winchester self defense ammo, 1 box 86 rds target ammo, \$35/both. Call/text 904-655-5742 Knight

(3) BURIAL PLOTS: 1 double depth, 1 single at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens in Middleburg. Lot 261 #3 & #4 in Garden of Love section. Valued \$3,795 ea, asking \$2,500 ea. Lv msg 904-662-1702 Snow

FANS 1/2HP 230VAC next fan 220 voltage both from AC, both work, all wires attached, \$40/large \$20/small. 904-210-6828 Saunders

5TH WHEEL CAMPER 2015 Forest River Surveyor Model 293RLTS. 32'L, 3 slides w/awnings. Sleeps 4, Queen bed, New fabric fold out couch & double recliners. 2 A/Cs, 50 AMP power, fp, TV, stereo, refrigerator, mw, stove/oven, walk-thru bath, center kitchen island, double sinks. \$19,500. Keystone Heights. 904-403-5872 Rowe

RENTAL: 1 BR furnished in Fleming Island w/kitchen & laundry privileges. \$800. Christian ladies only. 904-353-1561 Kager

2007 CHRYSLER CROSSFIRE 2-door coupe, 72,000 miles, Mercedes engine V6, manual, lots of new parts, not running now, sitting a yr, clean title. \$6,500. Dennisf904@yahoo.com Text only 904-303-2653 Frushone

BUSH HOG Post Hole Digger 12x36" auger, 3-pt hitch, PTO driven, hardly used, \$250 OBO. Must haul. 352-281-1905 Dickson

LARGE PINE log storm felled 45'L 20"W, you cut/haul, best offer. 2000 Murry mower 16.5 hp w/bagging EQ. FREE U Pick up, motor still runs. Troybilt limb grinder & leaf vacuum 8 hp, \$100. 352-316-1315 Franklin

WILLYS JEEP + Army Trailer 1952 Willys CJAs all orig runs, drives. 1967 M416 ¼-ton trailer. Seriously interested, make appt, \$5,500. 912-552-2663 Kiernan

FRAME UP, fully restored 1967 Jeep CJ5. 225 Dauntless V-6, 2bbl Carb (160 HP) 3-spd manual w/ High/Low range 4-wheel drive. Fiberglass body & hood. \$14,500 obo. Serious inquiries only. David 352-895-1100 Klinger

32" JOHN DEERE riding mower D-110 w/124 hrs garage kept, serviced every 25 hrs, \$900. 215-460-1057 Fabian

2000 F-350 7.3 diesel engine, 96,075 miles, cyclone hoist, ready to work, 6-spd manual transmission, new tires, \$25,000. 352-538-9546 Powell

2012 WINNEBAGO ITASCA Navion, very clean motor home, 24', Mercedes diesel, 54,000 miles. Twin beds, 1 slide, Onan generator, new awning, new mw/convection oven, new front tires in June. \$85,000. Laura 352-228-1071 Gillette

CLASSY CAREER clothes: Ladies size 10 pantsuits & skirt suits, like new. Tahari, Kasper & Le Suit orig. cost \$175-\$250. Many still w/tags. \$35 ea. 904-318-6305 Butler

RENTAL: Pvt furn room w/sm bath, mw, mo-2-mo agrmt. \$450 mthly & security deposit. 954-812-4832 McPherson

LAKEFRONT LITTLE Santa Fe 2/2 - 1200 sq ft brick w/lg screened 12X40 porch view of Big Santa Fe pass & boat ramp. Lg new extended concrete deck w/rails, new AC & ducts, new drain friend w/lift, Square D panel box, rain softener. Metal shed near water, 2-car carport w/lts, guest cabin. \$499,000. Lori 904-625-4450 Brown

PAINT: UNOPENED Behr flat stain blocking & primer in one. Native Peach. Purchased \$300, sell \$100. Leather jacket worn once, dk brown w/cream fluffy pile lining. Super warm. Men (med.)/women (lg), \$125. Bicycle 26" Huffy w/cupholder & helmet, used once, perfect cond,

lavender, \$125. 100% wool black long coat, worn once, size L-XL women/men. Preston & York, \$75. 904-505-6951 Caldwell

ACOUSTIC GUITAR, like new, \$90. Fleming Island. 248-421-1422 Karaguleff

TABLE SAW 10" never used, \$200. Air compressors, vtg Craftsman drill press, router w/table & bits, Sand Blaster, 7.25" metal circular saw, other misc power & hand tools. Jim 386-336-0074 Wolfe

HUSKY AIR compressor on wheels 155 psi w/2 impact wrenches & hose, McCullough chain saw, 3 bikes, trolling motor w/battery, 3 drills, trailer towing locks & Falcon towing pkg (RV), Snapper riding mower (Kohler engine), weed eater, rooftop cargo carrier, ladders, treadmill, more. 386-546-6552

JENNY LIND antique twin bed, springs & mattress incl. \$100. 904-213-9712 Pierson

TANDY LEATHER craft tools. Exc cond. Mahogany tool chest. Pattern/design books. Stamps, mallets, carving knives, much more. Serious interest only pls. \$2,000. Email only Swampbass10@bellsouth.net Elliott

13' GHEENOE/WATERBUG. New seat, MinnKota trolling motor, 2 paddles & cart. \$500, w/title. Allen 352-318-6215 Woodruff

SIGNED NFL jerseys, all teams but Jags, var. sizes, \$100. Var. old coins, \$100 ea. 3XL black leather jacket, ¾ length, \$600. 3XL signed Jeff Gordon jacket, new, \$400. Scott 904-315-8189 Braunig

TRUMPY BEAR (orig) Very good-to-exc cond. \$45. VariDesk Pro Plus 36 Desktop Standing Desk, upper tier (36" x 12.25") for 2 monitors & lower deck for keyboard, mouse, etc. Like new, \$75. SW Gainesville pickup. Cash only. 352-665-3821 Stengle

1966 CHRIS CRAFT 22' mahogany boat & trailer: orig 185 Chris Craft 283 VR engine rebuilt, barely used, always fresh water. Cuddy cabin sleeps 2. Needs new fuel/water pump. \$12,500 obo. 386-467-3820 Brenner

FIELD GRADE L. C. Smith shotgun. 12 ga. 28" barrels mfg 1911. Hardly used, vg cond. \$1,000 firm. Middleburg. 904-742-9761 Youngblood

2011 HONDA SHADOW 750 RS exc cond, garage kept, red/white/blue (purple). \$2,800. Will txt pics. 904-343-2867 Klees

Scripture



“An unfriendly person pursues selfish ends and against all sound judgment starts quarrels.”

Proverbs 18:1

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1972 MASSEY FERGUSON 135 diesel tractor w/5' Bushhog mower. Tractor has rebuilt engine, new clutches & fuel injection pump, about 9 mos warranty left. Vg cond, \$6,500. 352-215-6358 Warren

2 SIDE-BY-SIDE burial plots Jacksonville Memory Gardens, Everlasting Life section right across from funeral home. Valued \$6,400, asking \$3,900. Pat 804-837-4967 McCauley

ANTIQUA HAND pump, \$100. 2 A-frame antique saws \$40 ea. Cooper barrel tub, \$50. 4-pl setting Hoover glass, \$50. Antique cast iron wood heater, \$200. Antique shelf clock, \$50. 352-591-1019 or 352-816-9257 Wiley

POWER BISSELL Cyclonic, lg cap, \$30. Hoover Floor Mate hard floor cleaner, \$30. Eureka Whirlwind, \$30. Hoover Dual Power carpet cleaner, \$30. Bissell Quick Steamer, \$30. 6 swivel stand fans, \$20 ea. 4 heaters, \$20 ea. HP Photosmart 8049, \$75. 2 brown recliners, \$75 ea. Coolers, \$100 ea. Enviracare upright AC, \$85. XL cap vacuum, \$45. Gray ottoman, \$30. W/D, \$150/both. Fisher-Price power 4-wheel, \$85. 386-747-7166 Perez

RENTAL: Guest suite, short term/few month stay, queen bed pvt bath, wet bar, fridge, micro, private entrance. Lake access to Crystal Lake. 40 min to Gainesville, bw Starke & Keystone Hgts. Max 2 ppl, \$90 nt/\$1,000 mo. Aleshia 352-478-9599 Davidson

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R/V TRAVEL trailer 2021 Hideout 174rk tt, 21', power awning, power slide-out, A/C, T/V, Queen murphy bed, \$12,500. 904-282-1328 Braswell

BURIAL PLOT, Masonic section, Memory Gardens, Orange Park, valued \$3,000, sell \$2,300 obo. Bob/Lou, 386-684-4115 Cox

2 CEMETERY PLOTS Jacksonville Memory Gardens, Orange Park, Everlasting Life section #7, lot 141A, units 3-4. Current value \$6,400/both, asking \$5,000/both. 904-993-1403 Fullwood

2017 WILDCAT 5th wheel RV 37'L w/3 slides, fp, full size fridge, king size bed, w/d hook up, outdoor shower connection, lots of storage & extras, \$33,000. 478-714-4742 Shaffer

HUNTERS SPECIAL: your chance to hunt Texas. 3500 watt Gen B&S new cond 5 cu ft freezer to transport venison, many ranches have hunts, incl multi elec cable for lights & elec app. \$500/all. John 904-210-4629 Godfrey

DELUXE LIONEL electric train: eng, 9 boxcars w/tracks, orig pkg, \$600. 21 Barbie dolls, orig pkg, \$400. 12-pc Roseville pottery, \$350. 1930s Myott Staffordshire England china 56-pc autumn design, \$100. Pandora bracelet, 19 charms, \$300. Cast iron fp insert w/elec blower, \$300. 904-564-0622 Funk

4 BURIAL PLOTS in Memory Gardens Orange Park, Bible section. Valued \$12,800, asking \$10,000/4 plots or \$2,500 ea. 904-910-1016 Doll

NEW-IN-PKG Stearns & Foster Estate 14.5" Hurston Luxury Firm Euro Pillowtop Mattress, full size, pd \$2,200, selling \$1,200. 904-468-0484 Marshall

BEAUTIFUL PINK Roxie Schwinn bike, rarely used, great cond. Some rusting on fenders from beach time. \$130 obo + hanging equipment from garage ceiling. Txt for pic 352-226-8145 Richardson
HONDA GAS generator used less than 200 hrs, EM1600X, 1700 watts, \$275. Bose radio, \$70. Electric hot hair tools, pro Signature blowout/volumizer, NIB, \$80. Ornate battery-op table clock, \$30. New ConAir ion electric hair rollers, \$30. Small toaster Cuisinart conversion oven, \$40. 100+ craft mags, \$30. 100+ cooking mags, \$30. Kodak Easy Share digital camera C310/CD40 & printer dock w/ photo paper, \$25. 352-625-2223 Marra

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PRIDE JAZZY Select Mobility Scooter w/ lift, \$900. 904-964-5695 Browning
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RV: 2020 ROCKWOOD Mini Lite 2511S 25'11" L. Exc. cond. Sleeps 2, leather heated, vibrating theater reclining seats, 3 TVs, elec. AW, elec stabilizers, 2 batts, 2 30-lb prop. tanks, wt dist. Hitch. \$20,000. 904-424-8893 Toney

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JAZZY ELITE ES electric wheelchair & lift, \$1,400. Like new. 904-304-6332 Pledger

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