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# FEMA delays leave your co-op waiting on \$18M



**Andy Chaff**  
GENERAL MANAGER & CEO

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**On the cover:** Josie Ryals, a now retired crossing guard for the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, on the first day back to school.

When a hurricane strikes the service area, we don't wait to begin restoring power. Crews are deployed, damaged poles and lines are replaced, and outside assistance is brought in as quickly as conditions allow. The work begins immediately because you depend on us.

Unfortunately, reimbursement for that work follows a much slower timetable.

Last September, we told you that your cooperative was waiting for \$23 million in eligible reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). During the past year, FEMA paid your cooperative an additional \$5.7 million. Yet right now, more than \$18 million remains outstanding.

That means Clay Electric is still waiting for nearly 68% of its eligible hurricane recovery costs. More than \$12 million remains from Hurricane Helene alone. Nearly two years after Hurricane Milton, Clay Electric has received none of the approximately \$3.2 million in eligible reimbursements associated with that storm. Funds also remain outstanding from Hurricane Ian in 2022 and Hurricane Nicole in 2023.

These delays matter to every Clay Electric member. The cooperative must pay crews, contractors and suppliers when the work is performed, not years later when federal reimbursements arrive. When we must borrow money to cover those costs, we also incur interest expenses. As a member-owned cooperative, those financial pressures ultimately affect the people we serve.

Clay Electric is not alone. Electric cooperatives across the country face the same prolonged reimbursement process after

hurricanes, floods, wildfires, tornadoes and other disasters. On July 15, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association CEO Jim Matheson urged Congress to act quickly on bipartisan FEMA reform legislation.

The Fixing Emergency Management for Americans (FEMA) Act would establish a 120-day reimbursement timeline for emergency work, including power restoration and debris removal. It also would create a more streamlined approval process for permanent repairs, address interest costs incurred while cooperatives await payment and allow damaged systems to be rebuilt with stronger, more resilient infrastructure.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved the FEMA Act by a 57-3 vote last September. Nearly a year later, however, the bill still has not received a vote by the full House. The Senate also must act before these reforms can become law.

We appreciate U.S. Reps. Aaron Bean, Kat Cammack and Randy Fine for supporting this legislation and recognizing what delayed reimbursements mean for Clay Electric and its members. Now Congress must finish the work. Communities recovering from disasters should not have to wait years for assistance that has already been determined to be eligible.

Clay Electric will continue preparing for storms, restoring power safely and managing members' resources responsibly. We aren't asking for special treatment. We are asking for a federal disaster recovery system that keeps its commitments within a reasonable time.



## FEMA REIMBURSEMENTS

*Data as of July 2026*

| HURRICANE     | SHARE PAID             | OUTSTANDING            | PAID TO DATE   | STILL OUTSTANDING |
|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Ian (2022)    | <div><div></div></div> | <div><div></div></div> | \$1.87M        | \$818K            |
| Idalia (2023) | <div><div></div></div> | <div><div></div></div> | \$1.68M        | \$697K            |
| Nicole (2023) | <div><div></div></div> | <div><div></div></div> | \$818K         | \$760K            |
| Debby (2024)  | <div><div></div></div> | <div><div></div></div> | \$2.46M        | \$435K            |
| Helene (2024) | <div><div></div></div> | <div><div></div></div> | \$1.90M        | \$12.22M          |
| Milton (2024) | <div><div></div></div> | <div><div></div></div> | \$0            | \$3.23M           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <div><div></div></div> | <div><div></div></div> | <b>\$8.72M</b> | <b>\$18.16M</b>   |

## Final crossing on school's first day

Above: Josie Ryals, who for 24 years served as a crossing guard for the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, halts traffic alongside Sheriff Gator DeLoach as a group of children cross her intersection on the first day of school. Right: DeLoach and Clay Electric Member Relations Reps. Matt Young and Mike Meredith take a photo with Ryals.

For 24 years, Josie Ryals was a familiar sight at the corner of Crill and Husson avenues in Palatka.

With a piercing blast of her whistle, a confident march into the street and her stop sign raised high, the longtime Clay Electric member helped generations of students travel safely to and from Moseley Elementary School.

On Aug. 10, Ryals, 87, worked both the morning arrival and afternoon dismissal as the 2026-27 school year began.

Health concerns had brought her career as a crossing guard for the Putnam County Sheriff's Office to an end, but Ryals had one request before retiring. She wanted to work the first day of school one final time.

Year after year, she said, she kept returning to the same corner for the children.

"If I can touch one of their lives and make a difference in their lives, that's all I wanted," Ryals said.

That confidence was built over decades. Ryals remembers feeling much differently the first time she put on a reflective vest.

"Scared to death," she said. "I just wasn't sure I could meet up to the standards."

Ryals hadn't planned on becoming a crossing guard. She worked for Lockheed Martin for 20 years before a plant closure sent her looking for work closer to her Salt Springs home. She took a job at Publix before a conversation with a sheriff's office lieutenant led her to the crossing-guard position.

"I've been here ever since," she said.

With time, fear gave way to instinct. Ryals recalled shoving a child out of the roadway to keep the child from being struck by a vehicle. It was one of two times during her career that she intervened to protect a child.

"That's what I do," Ryals said. "I get them to and from school. Try to get them home safe to their family. That's my biggest concern."

Over the years, Ryals formed relationships with students that lasted long after they left Moseley Elementary.

One boy would ask her every few months when they'd finally get a milkshake. After his mother transferred him to another school, Ryals didn't see him. Later, when he graduated, he sent her an invitation. She was sick and couldn't attend, but she gave him a card.

When she finally saw him again, he ran over and hugged her. Then he picked up right where they'd left off, reminding her they still needed to get that milkshake.

"The children that graduate come back and bring their children," Ryals said. "It's just rewarding."

A lifelong Clay Electric member, Ryals has also formed lasting relationships with cooperative employees.

Member Services Representative Ashley Reed, who works at the Palatka District Office, first met Ryals in 2008 while working at what's now Colee's Restaurant, just steps from the intersection. The two

stayed in touch as Reed moved to another employer and eventually Clay Electric.

Their conversations range from family to the bears that roam near Ryals' Salt Springs home. On one recent visit to the co-op, Ryals brought a plate of fruit for employees to share.

"She's just the kindest," Reed said. "She's always thinking of us."

Ryals' Member Relations Representative Matt Young, who serves the Salt Springs District, first met Ryals during a service call following Hurricane Milton in 2024. What began as a conversation about storm debris soon revealed their shared interest in local history.

Since then, Ryals has brought Young historical books, documents and other pieces of the area's past, including citrus crates like the ones she used as a child.

"She is fiercely independent," Young said. "She's got a can-do attitude. She'll do it herself."

Clay Electric employees joined the Putnam County Sheriff's Office at the crosswalk on Ryals' final day, bringing hard hats and goodie bags for students. With the same confidence she had shown for decades, Ryals raised her stop sign, sounded her whistle and walked students across Crill Avenue one final time.

Asked what made her proudest after 24 years, Ryals kept her answer simple.

"That I was able to do it," she said. "I was able to do this job and maintain it and help some kids along the way."

## Partnership helps Clay Electric recycle over 500,000 pounds of material



Left: A crane lifts a bundle of retired utility poles before they're hauled away for recycling. Right: A Blackwood Solutions employee handles empty utility reels before they're moved into the recycling stream. (Photos: Blackwood Solutions.)

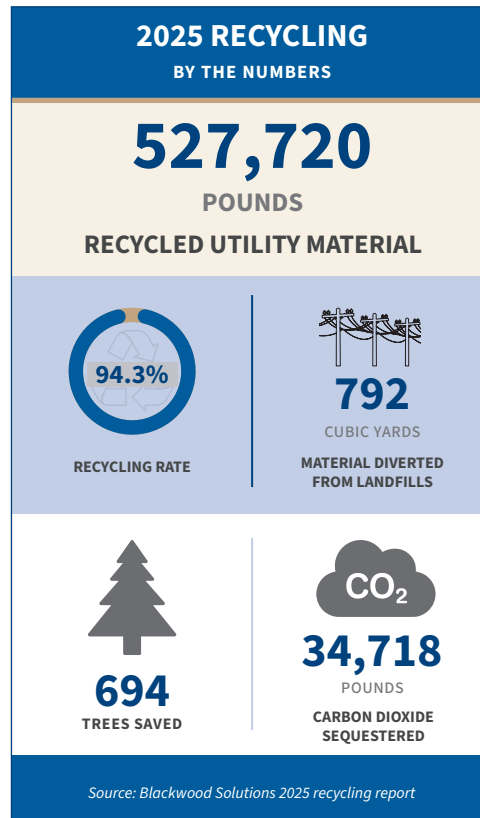
When Clay Electric replaces a utility pole, removes an old reel or clears material from a job site, the work doesn't end when the crew leaves. That material still has to be hauled and processed responsibly.

In 2025, your cooperative recycled 527,720 pounds of utility material through its partnership with Blackwood Solutions, according to the company's recycling report. The total included utility poles, untreated wood and reels.

Blackwood reported a 94.3% recycling rate. The company also tracked the amount of material diverted from landfills and estimated the number of trees saved and the amount of carbon dioxide sequestered.

"This is one of those behind-the-scenes parts of utility work members might not think about," said Clay Electric General Manager and CEO Andy Chaff. "When poles, reels and other materials come out of the field, we still have a responsibility to handle them the right way. Blackwood helps us do that."

That's where Blackwood Solutions



comes in. The company works with electric utilities to recycle and store retired materials, helping move poles, reels and other materials out of storage yards and job sites and into a recycling stream.

The process doesn't just support environmental responsibility. It also benefits day-to-day operations. Retired poles and reels can take up valuable space if they aren't moved efficiently. Recycling helps keep facilities cleaner and better organized while reducing the amount of material sent to landfills.

Those materials don't arrive all at once. They accumulate throughout the year as poles are replaced because of age or damage and as part of system improvements and storm restoration. Reels are emptied as wire and other materials are installed throughout Clay Electric's service area.

Over time, that routine work adds up. Blackwood's report shows how regular maintenance and construction can support responsible material management across the cooperative's 15-county service area.

## Record number of dying trees



It was a dry summer in many parts of the service area, and those conditions have weakened trees, particularly pines, making them more vulnerable to native bark beetles, including Ips engraver beetles. These insects typically attack trees that are already stressed and can hasten their decline.

When a dead or damaged tree along the edge of Clay Electric's right of way threatens a power line, it is considered a danger tree. Our priority is to remove the threat before the tree can cause an outage or create a safety hazard. Depending on the tree and its surroundings, crews may top it or take it down — whichever

can be done most safely.

In maintained areas such as yards, crews cut the tree into manageable lengths and leave the wood and debris on site. In wooded or other unimproved areas, the tree may be topped or taken down and left in place once it no longer threatens the lines. Clay Electric does not haul away or dispose of material left from danger-tree work.

If you are concerned about a dead or dying tree near a power line, do not attempt to cut it yourself. Contact Vegetation Management at **1-800-511-5998** or email [vegmgt@ClayElectric.com](mailto:vegmgt@ClayElectric.com).

## Local students awarded college scholarships

Clay Electric awarded \$2,000 scholarships to 28 high school seniors whose primary residences are served by the cooperative. Recipients were selected by an outside panel of judges based on academic achievement, community and school involvement, an essay and letters of recommendation.

The annual scholarship program is limited to any public, private or home schooled high school senior whose home (primary residence) is served by Clay Electric and who will be graduating from high school at the end of the applicable school year.

Recipients who provided a photo are listed below.

### Quick Facts

**28 students chosen**

**\$56,000 awarded**

**\$2,000 to each student**



**McKinzy Alexander**  
Middleburg High School



**Alexander Blom**  
Fleming Island High School



**Derriah Bolden**  
Oakleaf High School



**Holly Carroll**  
Hawthorne Middle/High School



**Caren Drew**  
Palatka Jr./Sr. High School



**Pranay Gadikota**  
Buchholz High School



**Annabelle Glenn**  
Columbia High School



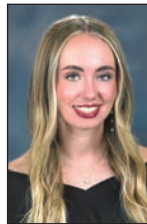
**Noah Grubbs**  
Creekside High School



**Amelia Hart**  
Orange Park High School



**Turner Hersey**  
Putnam Virtual School



**Georgia Hough**  
T. Dewitt Taylor Middle/High School



**Robert Hu**  
Santa Fe High School



**Sebastian Jeong**  
Eastside High School



**Elizabeth Jones**  
Forest High School



**Grace Kireta**  
P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School



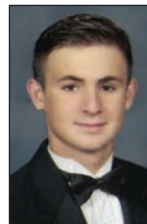
**Hannah Loadholtz**  
Homeschool



**Bayley Mobley**  
Gainesville High School



**Sarah Moody**  
St. Johns Classical Academy



**Connor Murphy**  
Ridgeview High School



**Alyssa Townsend**  
Keystone Heights Jr./Sr. High School



**Gabrielle Vincent**  
Clay High School



**Michael Wei**  
The Frazier School

Clay Electric's youth scholarship program is funded through unclaimed money that would otherwise be turned over to the state. A 2003 bylaw amendment allows the cooperative to place those funds in an educational trust, where they are used to support scholarships for local students.

The Clay Electric Foundation Board of Directors approved

**\$193,300 IN GRANTS**

during its July and August meetings.

## **Council on Aging (Baker County) \$2,500**

Grant funds support the Meals on Wheels program.

## **Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention (Alachua County) \$5,000**

Funding helps transport elementary school students to the museum and cover field trip costs.

## **Foundation for Florida Gateway College (Columbia County) \$10,000**

Funding provides tuition scholarships for Florida Gateway College students.

## **Service Dogs for Patriots (Alachua County) \$10,000**

Grant funds support service dog training for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and their dogs.

## **River City Players (Putnam County) \$12,500**

Grant funds help replace the theater's audio system.

## **AMVETS Post 86 (Clay County) \$7,500**

Funding supports renovations to the post's buildings.

## **Friends of the Bradford Library (Bradford County) \$15,000**

Funding supports the Bradford Creative Studio, a graphic and material arts makerspace at the Bradford County Public Library.

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

Grant funds provide financial assistance for clients' essential utility costs.



AMVETS Post 86 this year received a \$7,500 grant check from Operation Round Up.

## **Friends of Cuscowilla (Alachua County) \$1,300**

Funding supports the Urban Forestry Camp program at Cuscowilla Nature and Retreat Center in Micanopy.

## **Art League of North Florida (Columbia County) \$10,000**

Funding supports youth programs at Gateway Art Gallery in Lake City.

## **Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches (All counties) \$20,000**

Grant funds help renovate a youth cottage for girls.

## **Peaceful Paths (Alachua County) \$2,500**

Grant funds help purchase a new sign for the Outreach Campus.

## **Sleep in Heavenly Peace (Columbia County) \$5,000**

Funding purchases supplies and materials to provide twin beds for local children.

## **Hope 4 Veterans (Clay County) \$2,000**

Grant funds provide emergency financial assistance to military women.

## **Alachua County 4-H (Alachua County) \$5,000**

Grant funds help purchase a 4-H Maker Cart with more than 40 STEM projects.



The Baker County Council on Aging received \$2,500 in grant funds this year from Operation Round Up.

## **Child Advocacy Center (Alachua County) \$20,000**

Funding replaces equipment used for parent-child interaction therapy.

## **Santa Fe College Foundation (Alachua County) \$10,000**

Grant funds support the Veterans Bridge Scholarship, which helps veterans transition from military service to college.

## **Catholic Charities Bureau Lake City (Columbia County) \$10,000**

Funding supports the Expanding Access Pantry Enhancement Project.

## **Ascension St. Vincent's Foundation (Clay County) \$10,000**

Grant funds purchase equipment for neonatal intensive care units.

## **Fort Clarke Middle School Band Boosters (Alachua County) \$5,000**

Funding replaces mouthpieces for band instruments.

## **Police Athletic League (Clay County) \$20,000**

Grant funds help repair and improve the baseball infield at Walter Odum Park.

## **Melrose Volunteer Fire Department (Alachua and Putnam counties) \$5,000**

Funding purchases battery-operated ventilation fans for emergency response.

**AN EXTRA LAYER OF SECURITY**

Turn on two-factor authentication in MyClayElectric.

**In the app:**  
More > Settings > Security > Two-Factor Authentication

There is no fear in love.  
But perfect love drives out fear.

1 John 4:18

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[ClayElectric.com/trading-post](http://ClayElectric.com/trading-post)

**TRACTOR EQUIPMENT**, box blade w/ root rakes, landscape rake. Both \$250. 2 Model A front fenders. \$100. Model A wheels and new tires. \$500. 904-773-3403 Elam

**WEATHERTECH** floor mats, 2024 Toyota Highlander custom fit, black. Like new. Front, weather tech, rear mats are Toyota brand. \$50. 904-625-7863 Coleman

**MOBILITY SCOOTER**, 2023 Golden Avenger, Model No. GA541 w/lift, 500-lb. capacity, 18-mi. range, speeds up to 7 mph, safety lights, 4-way flashers & horn, oversized tires & seat, indoor/outdoor use, exc. cond., new batteries, \$2,900 cash only. Email [gatorbait45@gmail.com](mailto:gatorbait45@gmail.com) Camplin

**BABY CRIB/DAYBED**, white, w/mattress, \$100. 352-554-0197 Pleake

**SIEGLER HEATER** w/140-gal. kerosene tank, you haul, free. 904-796-7106 Glisson

**.308 FEDERAL FUSION** ammunition, 150- & 180-grain, multiple boxes, \$20/box. .30-06 Remington Core-Lokt, 165-grain, 4 boxes, \$20/box. .40-cal. FMJ, 180-grain, 3 boxes, \$12.50/box; 100 rds. .40-cal. 165-grain HP, \$30. Browning Hog Stalker ShortTrac .308, rare, new cond., \$3,000. Caldwell Lead Sled shooting rest w/25-lb. wt., \$50. Yoga Chromebook, 17", lightly used, \$100. 65" Vizio TV, 18 mos. old, great picture, \$100. 9mm reloading bullets, 500 Winchester 115-grain Silvertip HP, \$80 obo. 352-267-1145 Ponteaux

**VULCAN ANVIL**, about 100 yrs. old, very heavy. Silver jewelry. Stevens 12-gauge pump shotgun, made by Savage. Mid-19th-century logging tongs for barn display. Meet at Putnam County Sheriff's Office parking lot on Hwy. 19. 386-530-0286 Turner

**JOHN DEERE** zero-turn mower, Model Z375R, 25-hp, 54" cut, fewer than 50 hrs., like new, garage kept, \$2,250. Wicked Ridge crossbow, exc. cond., new limbs installed by TenPoint, many new extras, \$400. 856-305-5019 Gubbine

**2006 GEORGIE BOY 27'** motorhome, 27,079 mi., \$20,000. 2 1996 Dodge 1-ton vans, 1 running & 1 for parts, \$2,500/both. Red bricks, 400-500, \$0.35 ea. Black mortar & sand, free. 904-352-9676 Lefebvre

**CLASS C RV**, 2023 Entegra Odyssey 26M, premium upgrade pkg., 7,263 mi., like new, no issues, accessories incl., pics avail., \$89,000. Parkit360 12V HD trailer dolly, 5,000-lb. towing capacity, 900-lb. tongue wt., rechargeable battery, climbs 6% grade, 6"-wide tires, 1 hr. use, \$1,000 firm. 904-673-6955 England

**TAURUS .357** Model 605 stainless 2 1/4" barrel, \$300. 904-272-1306 Williams

**2016 JAYCO PRECEPT RV**, 31', Ford V-10 gas engine, 16,000 mi., sleeps 8, full kitchen, 2 A/C units, 3 TVs, queen bed, \$60,000. 904-449-2370 Hildebrand

**2001 PONTIAC GRAND AM GT**, red coupe, sunroof, A/C & heat, newer tires & battery, no issues, 1 owner, \$3,000 obo. 386-546-2457 Brick

**5TH-WHEEL HITCH**, complete PullRite ISR kit, great cond., \$300. 404-483-9153 Olsen

**KITCHENAID CLASSIC MIXER**, tilt-head stand model w/grain mill attachment, like new, \$310. 386-454-3428 Bickel

**1948 DODGE B-SERIES TRUCK**, 3-window, S-10 frame w/Chevy 350 engine & Turbo 400 trans., runs/drives, many new parts, solid body, fair paint; needs interior finished, bed floor, fender & misc. work; no trades, \$15,000. Txt 352-512-3550 Muzzy

**4 GOODYEAR TIRES** - Truck had 862 mi. 6/16/26 when tires were changed. All 4/\$400 cash. Txt/lv msg. 386-983-6821 Heinrich

**RATTAN DAYBED**, white, w/trundle, 1 mattress, daybed cover & bolster covers, \$250. Viburnum for privacy fence, 1-gal., \$5; 3-gal., \$15. Florida Sunshine anise, 1-gal., \$5. 352-591-1374 Shaffer

**PHILODENDRONS** - White knight, pink princess, painted lady, other varieties avail. \$5 ea. 352-219-1224 Hubbard

**BOSTON WHALER**, 2009 Dauntless 180, Verado Mercury 150, very low hrs, recently serviced, ready for fishing, skiing, cruising; all seat cushions, 3 new batteries, trolling motor, new tires, new trailer axle, tongue, brakes. \$28,500. 352-281-1905 Dickson

**RUGER REVOLVER**, New Model Single-Six convertible, .22 LR/.22 WMR, NIB, papers, lock & keys, 5 1/2" barrel, factory proof-fired only, empty brass case, Ruger hard case & gun wrap incl., blued, not stainless, \$575. Springfield U.S. M1A .308-cal. SA rifle, S/N 084389, 10/94,

new receiver, H&R barrel, muzzle brake, walnut stock, leather sling, matte black finish 98%, probably assembled in early 1990s, \$1,750 obo. Ruger Bearcat .22 LR revolver, made in 1969, 4" barrel, wood grips, mint cond., collector quality, \$750. 386-984-7100 Bonebrake

## ELECTRIC GATE

**OPENER**, Jujiang Model PKMC026400, controls & motor w/solar panel, remotes & wireless keypad entry, like new, \$400. 770-380-7475 Smith

**FIREARMS**: rifles, pistols, shotguns & muzzleloaders. Also: floor safe, \$300; 3 guitars; trombone; saxophone; grand piano; organ; 2 Humminbird fish finders; 17' Aquasport boat; 17' Magic Tilt trailer, \$150; recurve bow. Call/txt 813-245-4946

Frezza

**2008 MERCEDES-BENZ SLK280** roadster, hard-top convertible, silver w/black int., very good cond., 28,200 mi., Michelin tires w/fewer than 4,000 mi., \$13,900. Txt 904-318-6305 Butler

**2012 ISUZU NPR** box truck, white, diesel, 272,310 mi., hydraulic liftgate, a few known issues, sold as is, cash/cashier's check, \$10,000 obo. 561-568-3087 Joye

**GENERATOR**, never used. Purchased last summer, still has attachments in plastic bag. Dusty from sitting under carport. \$800 obo. 904-401-2637 Izor

**PILATES REFORMER**, studio-style w/jump board, photo avail., \$200. Txt 904-710-7652 Jankowski

**NORDICTRACK E7 SV** elliptical, exc. cond., multiple exercise & weight-loss programs, \$250. Full-size wood futon frame w/cushion, good cond., \$300. Inversion table, good working cond., \$50. 352-284-4802 Yanchisin

**PATRIOT VIEWPOINT** assistive device for visually impaired, reads written material & articles aloud, high-contrast CCTV mode, 1 yr. old, orig. \$3,500, asking \$1,500. 352-591-2986 Rittman

**LOG SPLITTER**, 25-ton CountyLine, like new, used twice, always stored indoors, Providence, \$900. 386-965-5008 Townsend

**1941 CHEVROLET 3100** pickup, custom paint, GM 224-355 Hot Cam, 1971 Camaro front clip, TH350 trans., serious inquiries only, \$30,000. 386-931-3750 or 386-237-3460 Long

**2024 BMW C400 GT SCOOTER**, 1,115 mi., more than 2 yrs. warranty remaining, dealer-installed SAE 12V plug wired directly to battery, Innovv driving system w/front & rear 2K cameras, Xitomer throttle lock, \$9,999. 386-365-4528 Smallwood

## Slow cooker BBQ chicken sandwiches

### Ingredients

- 2 lb. boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 1 medium yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 1 tsp. smoked paprika
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups barbecue sauce, divided
- 2 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 8 hamburger buns

### Directions

1. Place the onion in the bottom of a 5- to 6-quart slow cooker. Season the chicken with the paprika, garlic powder, salt and pepper, then place it over the onion.
2. Combine 1 cup barbecue sauce, the vinegar and Worcestershire sauce. Pour over the chicken. Cover and cook on low for 4 to 5 hours or on high for 2 to 3 hours, until the chicken reaches an internal temperature of at least 165 F and shreds easily with a fork.
3. Transfer the chicken to a cutting board and shred it with two forks. Return it to the slow cooker and stir in the remaining 1/2 cup barbecue sauce. Cover and cook for 10 minutes, or until heated through. Serve on the buns.

## CLAY ELECTRIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meets in the boardroom at the headquarters building in Keystone Heights at 11 a.m. (or shortly thereafter) on Sept. 22, Oct. 22, Nov. 16 and Dec. 17.

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**1950 SEEBURG** jukebox, Deluxe Hi-Fi, S/N 672031, needs repair, \$500. 19 Barbie dolls, orig. pkg., \$150. Lionel train w/9 boxcars, track & 100W transformer, orig. pkg., \$300. Pandora bracelet w/20 charms, \$150. 352-231-7770 Funk

**FRIGIDAIRE** glass-top range, 30", Model FCRE3052BS, black/stainless steel, brand new, never used, receipt & manual incl., \$350. Txt 352-473-5070 Jay Schroll

**UTILITY GOLF CART**, 4-seat, 2025 Greyson, custom wheels, 4-wheel disc brakes, radio & GPS, lithium battery, onboard charger, full hardtop, fold-down windshield, 900 mi., like new, \$8,900. 352-817-2652 Schumacher

**BURIAL PLOTS**, 2 side-by-side, Jacksonville Memory Gardens, \$850 ea. plus transfer fee. 904-521-0773 Stover

**KENMORE** refrigerator/freezer, Model No. 106.5942\*800, clean, runs great, \$200. Frigidaire electric stove w/convection oven, \$100. Vintage DeWalt radial-arm saw w/table stand, \$200. Vintage Sears Roebuck band saw w/stand, Model No. 103.24280, cast-iron frame, \$100. 954-249-0067 Walters

**NEW METHOD GAS STOVE**, circa 1930, very good cond., \$1,000. 3 vintage doors w/glass knobs & heavy steel hinges. 386-628-2419 Clifford

**LASERLYTE** target system, target & pistol incl., \$100. Email wlowew338@yahoo.com Lowe  
**2/1 HOME**, Hunters Haven, 21360 NE 164th Lane, garage, outbuilding w/washer/dryer hookups & shower, sold as is, \$75,000. 352-598-2279 Wilson

**SINGLE CEMETERY PLOT**, Hardage-Giddens Oaklawn Cemetery, historic Section N, 4801 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, under mature shade trees, \$8,000. 904-635-9180 Taylor

**TWIN BEDROOM SET**, black wood, incl. bed, dresser, nightstand, mattress, linens, comforter, new mattress covers & pillows, \$250 obo. European clear-glass fruit & serving dishes, \$20-\$75. 314-956-1524 Lang

**SWISS 3FFF** black powder, 1-lb. cans, Interlachen, \$45 ea. or all 3/\$120. 904-514-4492 Carlson

**TAURUS .44 MAGNUM**, new, 4" barrel, \$600. 610-972-6223 Greene

**PONTOON BOAT**, \$500; computer desk, \$75; 100'x5' chain-link fence w/posts/rails, \$700; Pansat receiver, \$30; burn barrel, \$30;

men's 12-spd. bike, \$50; queen air mattress, \$40; Yamaha golf cart/charger, \$2,100; 2002 Newmar Mountain Aire RV, new tires/batteries, tuneup, \$32,000. 386-649-5320 Cowles

**ELECTRIC SCOOTER**, Companion GC440, standard U1 batteries, 14-mi. range, used less than 1 hr. Harmar AL105R2 swing-away lift, brand new, 450-lb. capacity, \$1,000 ea. or \$1,800/both. 352-281-8311 Simmons

**EXMARK MOWERS**, 2, belt-driven, 36" cut, for repair or parts, \$425/both. Hankook Dynapro tires, set of 4, 265/60R18, 2022 date code, \$175. 904-616-2944 Phillips  
**BURIAL PLOT**, Jacksonville Memory Gardens, Good Shepherd, Lot 98A, Space 3, \$3,500. 904-571-3054 Armistead

**BURIAL PLOT**, Masonic section, Memory Gardens, Orange Park, \$2,300 obo. 386-684-4115 Cox

**CEMETERY PLOT**, Jacksonville Memory Gardens, Last Supper section, Lot 295C-2, double-depth ground space w/Robert's double-depth vault incl., valued at \$8,280, \$4,500. 904-655-5742 Knight

**STUDENT DESK**, metal & laminate, 36"x19.75" top, \$15. Framed Jim Boothe Tara Plantation print, Classic Edition 1994, 24.5"x36.5", \$75. 850-443-1354 Gary Smith

**SCHWINN AIRDYNE** exercise bike, vintage, exc. cond., \$65. 904-315-6213 Coley

**BURIAL PLOTS**, 2 side-by-side, Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville, Section 46, Towers, transfer fee incl., price neg., \$2,200. Txt 904-718-9221 Duckett

**GOLDEN CARNIVAL GLASS**, 10 pcs., \$65. Pink Depression glass, 8 pcs., \$100. Grateful Dead collectible plates, \$50 ea. 386-268-0800 McCormick

**CRAFTSMAN** woodworking tools: belt sander, 20" scroll saw & router, all on commercial stands, exc. cond., \$350/all 3. 352-318-6215 Woodruff

**RYOBI** electric riding lawn mower, exc. cond., needs batteries, \$700.

Txt only 386-965-1174 Parnell  
**DAHON FOLDING BICYCLES**, matched pair, almost new cond., 20" wheels, 5-spd. trans., 2 chargers, \$1,900. 352-817-7871 Schumacher

**CEMETERY PLOTS**: Forest Meadows East, Gainesville, Section C, Lot 199, Spaces 1 & 2, \$3,000/both obo. Sarasota Memorial Park, Garden of Prayer, Section I-1, Lot 93, Spaces 1, 2 & 3, \$4,000 ea. or \$11,000/all 3 obo. 352-359-0642 Sapp

**CAMPING TENT**, 14'x10'x6', sleeps 10, fits 4 queen air mattresses, WeatherTec protection, \$100. Sentry safe, \$25. Cuisinart 6-bottle electric wine cooler, \$75. 386-627-1351 Eubanks

**WINCHESTER MODEL 70**, .270 WSM, Simmons ProHunter 3-9x40 scope, \$425. GI M1 carbine, National Postal Meter, w/sling, \$1,000. IAI Model 888 USA M1 carbine, WWII commemorative, \$650. 8mm Yugo Mauser, \$225. 352-759-3938 Krupa

**4 MAUSOLEUM SPACES** & 1 burial plot, Holly Hill Memorial Park, Middleburg, off Old Jennings Road; Serenity Garden, Slots 32 & 42; Peace Mausoleum, Slots E1 & E2; seller pays transfer fees; mausoleum spaces, \$10,000 ea.; burial plot, \$2,000 neg. 904-806-3465 Hurley

**1966 CHEVY C10 RESTOMOD**, P/S, P/B, A/C, short-wheelbase Stepside, 400 small-block engine, TH400 automatic trans., ¾-ton frame, \$32,500. 352-240-5751 Funk

**OFFICE FURNITURE**, steel desk, 72"x36"; wood desk, 47"x27", w/3-door hutch topper; tall cabinet, 72"x26", w/doors; chair w/each desk, free. Call/txt 904-607-9068 Roberts

**BURIAL PLOTS**, 2 side-by-side, Jacksonville Memory Gardens, Garden of the Apostles, Lot 180B, Spaces 3 & 4, deed transfer free, \$5,000/both obo. Lv msg 904-272-1843 Bryan