

Don't post signs on our poles

Power line poles may seem like an inviting place to post your garage sale sign or a campaign sign promoting your favorite candidate. **Please don't.** It is not only illegal to do so, but such attachments also create dangerous conditions for utility line workers.

The National Electric Safety Code states that no items shall be attached to utility poles without approval from the owner/operator.

You may be thinking, "What's the harm of putting up one sign?" What you may not realize is that the nails, tacks and screws that remain in the pole after the sign has been discarded present a dangerous climbing hazard for utility linemen. These sharp objects can tear the rubber gear that protects linemen from electrical shocks and burns. When working around lethal voltages, it only takes a pinhole in a protective rubber glove or sleeve to let in enough electricity to kill or seriously injure someone working on an energized power line.

Part of Clay Electric's mission is to provide safe electricity for our members and our employees. You can help us by not placing signs or any other item on our poles. Clay Electric appreciates your cooperation.

News Note

Clay sets new demand record

Hot weather caused Clay Electric to set a new summer peak demand record of approximately 782 megawatts on July 8. Clay's previous demand mark was 765 megawatts set in August of 2007.

This record indicates that members have been using lots of electricity due to the hot, dry weather, and higher electricity bills are likely.

Notification of program for those dependent on electric-powered support equipment

Members participating in the co-op's Medically Essential Service Program are granted two important benefits: (1) The co-op will provide the participant a written or verbal notification of a planned power outage; and (2) If a participant's account becomes delinquent, the co-op will attempt to notify the customer by phone or in the field, by personal contact or with written notification at the residence 24 hours prior to disconnecting service.

Participants must be aware that Clay Electric does not provide preferential treatment in restoring power for those participating in the program and cannot guarantee uninterrupted service. Participants of the program are responsible for any backup equipment or power supply and a planned course of action during power outages. Also, participants are not exempt from paying their electric bills as established by other policies and procedures.

Requirements for participating in the program include the completion of a physician's certification by a Florida licensed physician. The certification must be renewed annually.

Members interested in this program should contact their district office.

To opt out of Operation Round Up, visit
optout.clayelectric.com or
call 1-888-595-2655

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Operation Round Up: small change to make a big impact

As a cooperative, Clay Electric is bound by the original seven cooperative principles. Concern for Community is the seventh Cooperative Principle.

In an effort to improve the lives of members, the co-op is implementing Operation Round Up, a program to generate and collect charitable donations used to benefit organizations in the community. The program "rounds up" a member's bill to the nearest dollar, and that tax-deductible amount is donated to local charities in the co-op's service area. All funds stay in the community to benefit Clay Electric members.

Beginning in October, the electric bills of all participating members will be rounded up – increased to the next dollar amount. The money collected is deposited in a separate bank account to be used at the discretion of the Clay Electric Foundation. The Foundation's board members will accept applications for donations and determine how funds are allocated. Applications are available on the co-op's website.

The co-op sees this program as part of our cooperative heritage and values – people coming together to help their neighbors.



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A Touchstone Energy Cooperative 

25 students awarded scholarships

Clay Electric Cooperative has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 25 high school seniors (Class of 2016) whose primary residences are served by the co-op.

The recipients of the scholarships were determined by academic achievements, an essay, community and school activities, and letters of recommendation. More than 250 scholarship applications were received.

"We're glad we can help these fine young men and women with their college expenses," said Member & Public Relations Department Director Derick Thomas.

The scholarship recipients (pictured if photo was provided) are: Brandon Kim of Eastside High School; William Donaghy of Oakleaf High School; Madison Cook of Santa Fe High School; Aishwarya Rajendran of Ridgeview High School; Hannah Wacha of Keystone Heights High School; John Chiovaro of Middleburg High School;

Jacob Reed of Fleming Island High School; Auriel Haack of St. Johns Country Day School; Molly Parrish of Palatka High School; Darinelle Merced-Calderon of PK Yonge Developmental Research School; Taylor Fabiani of Clay High School; Sara Humphreys of Branford High School; Jake Koburger of Baker County High School; Patrick Miller of Union County High School; Zachary Eason of Interlachen High School; Austen Hentschel of Paxon School for Advanced Studies; Brianna Brand of Orange Park High School; Austin Morris of Columbia High School; Vanessa Joseph of Stanton College Preparatory School; Molly Brennan of Buchholz High School; Samantha Tusing of Fort White High School; Olivia Thompson of Lake Weir High School; Conner Coleman of Bradford High School; Gabrielle Bautista of Douglas Anderson School of the Arts; and Jedidiah Haglund of Newberry High School.



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