

Candidates selected for 3 trustee positions

Members of the co-op gathered at three trustee district meetings on Jan. 24, Jan. 25 and Jan. 27 for the purpose of selecting candidates for the co-op's board of trustees. Districts 2, 4 and 6 were up for election.

Kelley Smith Jr., the incumbent trustee for District 2, was unanimously selected as a candidate to the board. The District 2 meeting was held at the Seminole Pavilion near Palatka the evening of Jan. 24.



Smith

Carl Malphurs, the incumbent trustee for District 4, was unanimously selected as a candidate to the board. The District 4 meeting was held at the New Oak Grove Baptist Church near Alachua the evening of Jan 27.



Malphurs

Floyd Gnann is the incumbent trustee for District 6. He was unanimously selected as a candidate for the board during the district meeting held at the Middleburg Community Center the evening of Jan. 25.



Gnann

Each year, three positions of the co-op's nine-member board of trustees are up for election. Members within the respective districts select one or two candidates for the board of trustees. These candidates are voted

upon by all members who attend and register to vote at the Annual Meeting on March 24.

The notice of the trustee district meetings was included in the January issue of the Kilowatt.

Winning door prizes at the district meetings were Chad Wilkinson (district 2), Thomas Brown (district 6), and Dana Shiskin (district 4). The winners received a \$100 credit toward their electric bill.

MEMBER SERVICES

AUTOMATIC MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN

Allows your monthly electric bill payment to be automatically deducted from your bank account on the due date. Sign up online (clayelectric.com) or call your local district office.

ONLINE ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Visit the Clay Electric web site (clayelectric.com) and access your account information:

- View your bill statement
- Make a one-time payment online
- View current charges
- View account balance
- View billing history
- View estimated meter reading dates
- Request emailed bill statements (Clay eBill)

PROJECT SHARE - Help others by designating a tax-deductible amount to be added to your electric bill or make a one-time donation.

REMOTE METER READING (RMR) - Enables a co-op meter reader to obtain the meter reading without entering the homeowner's property. The monthly charge is \$3.95.

ENERGY SMART REBATE PROGRAM - Offers rebates for members who install additional insulation in their homes, or who install a high efficiency heat pump or solar water heating system.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY LOANS - Available for the purpose of installing certain energy efficiency measures.

SURGEBLASTER - High quality surge protection equipment at a low monthly lease.

LONG DISTANCE PHONE SERVICE - Clay has contracted with TransWorld Network Corp. (TWN) to offer members competitively priced long distance phone service. Call (877) 877-CLAY (2529) for more information.

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Clay Electric also publishes the Kilowatt six times a year (January, March, May, July, September and November). The Kilowatt is the official voice of Clay Electric and has been published continuously since 1948 as an informational and educational service for co-op members.

Clay Electric's web site (<http://www.clayelectric.com>) offers services such as payments and information about the co-op's services. Members can also write their own ads online to be published on the website's Trading Post. To enter your ad on the Trading Post, you must use your Clay Electric customer number which is printed on your electric bill statement.

Clay Electric's Board of Trustees will meet on Feb. 24 and March 22 beginning at 12:30 p.m. in Keystone Heights.

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Trustees declare \$5 million Capital Credits refund

The co-op's board of trustees declared a \$5 million Capital Credits refund on Jan. 20 for those members (former and present members) who received service from 1986 to 2009.

Before the board decides on whether or not a refund can be made, it carefully considers a variety of financial and economic conditions. Following this review, the board decided it was prudent to refund \$5 million. This will be the co-op's 37th consecutive refund of Capital Credits.

Current members of the co-op 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 around mid-March. Capital Credits reflect each member's pro-rata share of any margins left over at the end of the year after all expenses are paid.

Capital Credits are one of the important benefits of receiving service from a non-profit electric cooperative.

If you have questions about Capital Credits, contact your nearest district office.

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition
builds a new home for a Clay member
See inside

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A Touchstone Energy Cooperative 

Cold weather can mean higher utility bills

Winter time electric bills may be higher than normal because heating systems are weather sensitive.

The weather dictates how often your heating system will operate based on your desired level of comfort. The colder the outdoor temperature, the greater the heat loss from inside the home, and the longer your heating system must operate to maintain your level of comfort.

Sherman Phillips, manager of the co-op's Energy Services Division, said, "To maintain a basic comfort level of 68 degrees inside the home when the outside temperature is 60 degrees, a heating system's run time is minimal and probably none."

"As it gets colder outside, the heating system will increase its run time proportionately to the heat loss from the home. The more efficient the home, the slower the heat transfer that will occur and the less run time required to maintain an inside temperature of 68 degrees," Phillips said. "By lowering the thermostat setting, energy savings can be realized. For every degree the thermostat is set below 68, a savings of about 5 percent can be achieved."

News Notes

Gainesville's Brenda Williams retires

Brenda Williams, office services coordinator at the co-op's Gainesville District Office, retired last month with 33 years of service.

Gainesville District employees held a retirement celebration to honor Williams on Jan. 14.

Gainesville/ Lake City District Manager Derick Thomas said he learned a tremendous amount about working with people from Brenda.

"She was an asset to not only Clay Electric and its customers but to her co-workers as well," Thomas said.



Williams

Clay crews on site at Extreme Makeover: Home Edition in Middleburg

Employees from the Orange Park District were on the scene of the Extreme Makeover: Home Edition build site in Middleburg late into the evening on Jan. 26 to ensure that a power supply was ready while the house was being constructed in 106 hours. The crew was back on the site Jan. 31 to run the underground wires, connect the meter and turn on permanent power.

Longtime co-op member Carrie Prewitt and the three girls that she is the permanent legal guardian for were selected to receive the new home by the producers of the television program. The girls are Ashley, Taylor and Gina Brewer.

The Extreme Makeover: Home Edition TV show selects well deserving families across the nation and builds a home for them by working with the local community. The show has built 186 homes so far, including one last month in Brevard County, Florida.

The TV show containing the building of the Prewitt home is expected to air sometime during the spring. The show airs at 8 p.m. on Sundays on ABC stations nationwide.



Robert Keller, a meter reader and Gene Carver, a lineman, work to set a pole on the site of the Extreme Makeover: Home Edition build.



Volunteers workers swarm over the build site during construction of the home on Jan. 31. The Middleburg family is expected to receive the home in very early February.

Report from
the manager

Ricky Davis

General Manager/CEO



Thanks for attending our trustee district meetings

I want to thank our members who attended the three trustee district meetings held last month.

Each year, three trustee district meetings are held to nominate one or two candidates to serve on the cooperative's board of trustees.

One of the advantages of being served by a non-profit, democratically organized electric cooperative is the fact that our member-owners select their fellow members to represent them on the board of trustees. We are fortunate to have trustees who are knowledgeable and dedicated to serving the members. The board meets monthly to discuss important issues, review financial budgets and activity reports and establish overall policies. The trustees ensure your cooperative is operated using sound and established business principles, and that the cooperative's strategic goals of providing excellent service and competitively priced power are met annually.

At this year's trustee district meetings, the audiences learned that we will refund \$5 million in Capital Credits this March to entitled members.

For those of you who are entitled to a Capital Credits refund and who are currently receiving service, the refund will appear as a credit on your March bill. Entitled members who we no longer serve will be mailed a refund check in March. The refund of Capital Credits is a tangible benefit of receiving service from a non-profit electric co-op. As always, we appreciate the opportunity to be your electricity provider!