

## Report from the manager

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## Be aware of impact of EPA's proposed rules

I want to thank our members who participated in our Call to Action in late September concerning H.R. 2401, the Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation (TRAIN) Act.

Electric co-ops asked their members to send a message to their representatives in the U. S. House urging them to support H.R. 2401. On Sept. 23, the House passed the bill 249-169.

The TRAIN Act requires that an economic analysis of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations be performed prior to implementation of their rules. We believe it's absolutely important that federal agencies, especially the EPA, have a full and complete understanding of how their rules and regulations will impact this nation's ability to generate electricity and maintain a stable supply for residential, commercial and industrial use.

According to a study by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), proposed changes by the EPA to further tighten its air-quality laws could result in the shutting down of as much as 8 percent of the U.S. generating capacity. That would mean a reduction of 81 gigawatts of power generation, making this nation's power grid less stable and more vulnerable to power fluctuations and outages.

According to a *Wall Street Journal* article, FERC officials worried in a memo that the EPA's new regulations were far more burdensome than necessary to achieve a further

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lowering of power plant emissions. The memo also noted that due to this nation's difficult economic conditions, it was important for the EPA to balance economic and environmental interests.

We believe it's important that you're aware of federal agency proposals that can adversely affect your cost of power. We believe protection of the environment is important, but forcing the cost of electricity higher and higher during a time of economic difficulty isn't a wise thing to do. When considering new environmental regulations, the burden they impose on consumers should be part of the equation.

We'll keep you updated on these issues as they develop. We certainly encourage you to participate in our "calls to action" in the future should it become necessary.

## Have something to sell? Try our two Trading Post options

Clay Electric's Trading Post offers a variety of items for sale or rent by Clay Electric members. The Trading Post is available online and in the Kilowatt newsletter, which is read by more than 165,000 members in North Florida.

Place an ad in the Kilowatt Trading Post, by mailing your written ads to P. O. Box 308, Keystone Heights, FL 32656 attn: Trading Post, or submit your ad online at [www.clayelectric.com/tradingpost.aspx](http://www.clayelectric.com/tradingpost.aspx).

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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 website (<http://www.clayelectric.com>) offers online services such as payments, and information about the co-op's programs and services.

Clay Electric's Board of Trustees will meet on October 27 and November 17 beginning at 12:30 p.m. in Keystone Heights.

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## Vehicle auction begins Oct. 14

Clay Electric's annual vehicle and equipment auction is an online event from Oct. 14 through Nov. 7.

Members can obtain information about the co-op's auction items (vehicles, tools, office equipment and miscellaneous products) by visiting George Gideon Auctioneers' web site ([www.ggauctions.com](http://www.ggauctions.com)). Their phone number is (407) 889-2211 and their email is [george@ggauctions.com](mailto:george@ggauctions.com).

Photos and information on each vehicle and other auction items will be posted on the George Gideon website on Oct. 14. The inspection day for the vehicles is Nov. 3 in Keystone Heights at the Fleet Service building from noon to 4 p.m.

Successful bidders must pick up their vehicles and equipment items within one week of the auction closing. After Nov. 15, all items that have not been picked up will be disposed of by Clay Electric.

A list of vehicles for auction: 1999 Wells Cargo Trailer, 1999 GM 1 ton diesel utility body, 2001 GM 1 ton cargo van, 2002 GM 1 ton gas utility body, 2002 GM 1 ton gas utility body, 2003 Chevy S-10, 2003 GM 1 ton 4x4 diesel utility body, 2003 Ford F-550 4x2 diesel C&C, 2005 Chevy Impala, 2005 Ford ½ ton cargo van, 2006 Chevy Colorado, 2008 Chevy ½ ton cargo van and a 2007 Ford F-550 4x2 diesel C&C.

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## 24 students awarded scholarships

Clay Electric Cooperative has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 24 high school seniors (Class of 2011) 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 300 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 Henry Barrow.

The scholarship recipients (pictured if photo was provided) are: Courtney Adams of Palatka High School; Stephen Albert Tapia-Ruano of Santa Fe High School; Jared Gainey of Gainesville High School; Madison Larson of St. Johns Country Day School; Jesston M. McCrea of Buchholz High School; Brittany Strickland of Columbia High School; Kara Tydings of Lake Weir High School; Christina Kelso of Middleburg High School; Michael Howell of Union County High School; Alexandra Johnston of Bishop Kenny High School; Sasha Nikolich of Vanguard High School; Patricia Carney of Bradford High School; Jeremy D. Tran of Clay High School; Luke Joseph Michel of Keystone Heights High School; Julia R. Neal of P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School; Katelyn Wellcome Ahern of Fleming Island High School; Katherine Anne Hahn of Eastside High School; Haley McKissack of Orange Park High School; Christopher Louviere of Ridgeview High School; Shane Alan Evans of Newberry High School; Cameron D. Thomas of Baker County High School; Michael Nicholas Nahirny of Matanzas High School; Shelby K. McGuire of Umatilla High School and Jordan Earle of Fort White High School.



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## 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](http://clayelectric.com)) or call your local district office.

**ONLINE ACCOUNT INFORMATION**  
Visit the Clay Electric website ([clayelectric.com](http://clayelectric.com)) and access your account information:

- View your bill statement/ account history
- Sign up for Average Billing Plan
- Make a one-time payment online
- View current charges
- View account balance
- 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, including metal roofing and solar water heaters.

**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.

**PAYMENT STATIONS** - Clay has contracted with Fidelity Express to offer payment stations for paying your electric bill at various businesses in the co-op's service area. Fidelity Express charges \$1.50 for each transaction. A list of payment locations is available online ([clayelectric.com](http://clayelectric.com)) and at your local district office.