

# Kilowatt

December 2024

A  
trilogy  
of storms



# Much to be grateful for, including you

As the page begins to turn on 2024, my heart is filled with pride after witnessing the display of tenacity demonstrated by Clay Electric’s employees — and I hope your hearts are full as well — following what proved to be an eventful storm season that dealt Florida a three-fer of hurricanes, but also a year marked by great accomplishments and success.

We received countless, likely hundreds, of well-wishes and thank-yous before, during and after the storms from you, our members. If you haven’t heard me say it before, I’ll happily repeat it again and again: Clay Electric members are truly the best. There’s no time like the present to remind each of you how grateful I am for your membership and, of course, the privilege of leading this elite team.

We remain focused on enhancing reliability across the co-op’s service area, and we highlighted a few of those efforts this year, including a voltage conversion project in the Salt Springs community. Large-scale projects like these take weeks even months to plan, followed by days of work on the ground — in this case, approximately 60 of our employees — all accomplished to lower our members’ chances of experiencing an outage. Cutovers double the output from distribution lines, and they’re more efficient. That in turn means a reduction in power costs, and as a co-op, that savings is passed to our members.

Looking ahead, we’re transitioning away from wood crossarms in favor of fiberglass. Why? Drastically lower maintenance numbers and fewer power outages, combined with explosive rising costs in lumber. It makes this decision an easy one, and in typical co-op fashion, everyone reaps the benefits.

In case you missed our announcement over the summer, we’re proud to be partnering with the University of Florida on its first-ever “smart garden,” and we’re looking forward to seeing the results of these agricultural pods that are designed to grow vegetables hydroponically. So much of the community we serve is based on agriculture and forestry, and we’re excited by this opportunity that sheds light on a new way for farmers to potentially grow crops.

## Operation Round Up **FACTS**



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**101 grants**  
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**\$958K** donated  
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The generosity of our members is seen year-round, and this year those contributing to Operation Round Up — 83 percent of Clay Electric members — helped raise \$958,000 for local nonprofits and organizations focused on giving back. It’s helped us approve 101 grants since January at an average of \$9,587. There’s more information about Operation Round Up at the bottom of the next page.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and myself, thank you from the bottom of my heart for being a Clay Electric member. You help guide every decision that the co-op makes. I hope you have a bright, blessed holiday season and a merry Christmas.

Here’s to a new year of continued success.



Ricky Davis  
General Manager

## Kilowatt

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# Youth Tour winner addresses Board, hosts hygiene drive



Cayden Parker, Florida's YLC representative, addresses the Clay Electric Board of Trustees.

Cayden Parker, one of our recipients of the Youth Tour to Washington trip this past summer, will next year travel to Atlanta, Georgia for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Annual Meeting, where he'll serve as Florida's representative of the organization's Youth Leadership Council (YLC).

Before then, the student of Santa Fe High School in Alachua County visited Clay Electric headquarters and delivered a speech focused on the importance of the power industry to the co-op's Board of Trustees — the same speech that helped him secure a trip to the nation's capital and his position as YLC representative. He'll recite it again during his trip to Georgia.

"We're happy for you. We're glad you received the award," said Board President Kelley Smith. "We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta."

During the meeting, Parker revealed he's received college acceptance letters



Parker stands with the Rev. Sharon Surrency of the Hawthorne Area Resource Center.

from Penn State and the University of Central Florida. He's considering studying biomedical engineering or neuroscience, something he's become very passionate about.

Over the holidays, Parker successfully put together a toiletry drive that benefits homeless shelters and foster homes in the Alachua County area. He chose that as his community project, a requirement for being on the YLC. He had school resources and friends who all came together to make the drive successful. It wasn't an easy task as back-to-back hurricanes (Helene and Milton) delayed things, and it was his first time orchestrating such an event.

"Seeing the smiles, like, wow, this is a lot of stuff, you know, knowing that it was such a big impact on that community, it really made everything worth it," Parker said.

The high school senior was accompanied to the co-op by his grandfather, the Rev. George Trotman, who proudly watched and



Parker and his classmates stand with an SUV full of toiletries to be distributed.

recorded with his phone as his grandson delivered his speech to the Board. It was immediately clear his grandfather is one of his biggest inspirations, but also one of Parker's greatest advocates.

"For him to be so adamant about me, so passionate about my future, my career and just to see how proud he is, how encouraged he is, like, whenever he has a chance to come with me on one of these opportunities, just to see his dedication, it just makes me want to be even more determined," he said.

Youth Tour, Parker said, will be a core memory, not just because of the places he visited, but the connections and new friends he met along the way, many of whom share similar passions.

"It's just a new side of life. Not one that many people living in rural communities get to experience, so, it's just an opportunity to expose yourself to something new, something different," he said. "It's an awesome opportunity."

## operation roundup

The Clay Electric Foundation Board of Directors approved

**\$273,250 IN GRANTS**

during its Sept., Oct. & Nov. meetings.

Clay Electric's Board of Trustees and General Manager/CEO Ricky Davis appreciates the members who voluntarily round up their electric bills each month to help improve the quality of life for residents in the counties we serve.

Through Operation Round Up, members are coming together to create change in their communities through a foundation — something they couldn't do individually on this scale.

Scan the QR code For more information about the Clay Electric Foundation and to apply for a grant.



Thirty organizations received grants during the most recent Clay Electric Foundation Board meetings, including Putnam First Cancer Fund, which received \$20,000. We've posted additional photos to the Clay Electric Facebook page.



## Hurricane Season pummels Florida with trilogy of storms



Clay Electric crews work to restore power following Hurricane Helene, which snapped more than 600 utility poles and left over 100,000 members without electricity.

Not one, not two, but three — three times this year, Florida bore the brunt of a hurricane, and each of them impacted Clay Electric members.

In August, the deluge from Hurricane Debby brought intense rainfall that made power restoration especially difficult. In late September, Hurricane Helene’s winds destroyed hundreds of our utility poles and transformers, leading to a weeklong restoration effort. While Hurricane Milton in October largely spared our service area, perhaps its most deplorable trait was punctuality, making landfall just a week after our crews finished restoring power in wake of Helene.

Frankly, the term storm-weary just doesn’t quite cut it for a state that had enough of what unfortunately was predicted to be an active season for tropical weather. You can hope for the best — and we certainly did. But the forecasters saw this one coming.

### Hurricane Helene

We spoke about Debby in the last issue of the Kilowatt, which left approximately 50,000 members in the dark after making landfall along the Big Bend as a Category 1 storm. Approximately 100 poles across the service region needed replacing after that storm, which left much of our northern areas with intense flooding.

By comparison, Helene was worse. Much worse. Approximately 470 transformers were replaced, as were about 630 utility



A broken pole in the Lake City District, one of the areas most impacted by Helene.

poles — more than six times the number in Debby. Member outages due to the storm doubled to about 105,000.

Vonda and her husband are members. They have a home in Three Rivers Estates, one of the areas hardest hit by Helene, and she finally got her power back after a week. But all things considered, that was among the least of her worries as the storm, which made landfall along the panhandle as a Category 4, rolled through.

She wasn’t at the house, but her husband was, and he made a split-second decision to get out.

“The winds were getting too rough and he knew the trees were going to give way, he just didn’t know which ones,” Vonda said. “Thank God he left.”

Where her husband would have been in bed is the exact spot where a limb came crashing through the roof.

“He wouldn’t be here,” she said. “And

it came through the living room, so he would’ve been on the couch. So, either way.”

Holding her grandchild close, Vonda recalled two other times she’s been impacted by hurricanes, including Hurricane Michael in 2018, which flooded their property in Panama City, and Hurricane Irma in 2016 at the family’s property along Black Creek in Middleburg, which Vonda said was about 10 feet above the 100-year floodplain. Never had the house been flooded before the storm.



Vonda stands with her grandchild in her yard next to what remains of the tree’s trunk outside her home.

“When I left there that night, water was over my kitchen countertops,” she said.

After Helene, the family’s home in Three Rivers Estates needed a lot of work. Vonda said she’s grateful things weren’t worse, and that, fortunately, the home was spared when just a week later Milton came ashore.

“We’re very fortunate for the linemen



Communities in the town of Astor dealt with intense flooding up to the doorsteps of their homes in the days after Hurricane Milton.

from Clay Electric and everyone else who came and helped you,” Vonda said.

A total of 750 combined workers including Clay Electric lineworkers, vegetation management and mutual aid crews both within and out of the state helped to restore power to members.

**A one-two punch**

We had just finished turning all our members’ lights back on when eyes turned to Milton. Of the three storms to hit Florida this year, Milton had the smallest impact on Clay Electric’s service area, where members experienced about 35,000 outages at the height of the storm.

But millions of other Floridians were left in the dark, and parts of the southeast had to deal with tornadoes, 46 in total, according to the National Weather Service. Three of them were EF-3 tornadoes, including one that traveled 21 miles and reached winds of 155 mph. Data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, commonly known as NOAA, found it’s one of the more prolific tornado-producing storms on record in modern times.

The October storm made landfall just south of Tampa as a Category-3 storm. For our area, it was a major rainmaker, causing intense flooding for many members, especially to the south.

Fortunately, the co-op reached essentially restored status (greater than 98 percent with power) by noontime on our second full day of restoration. By day three, everyone had their power back, including members on Drayton and Hogg islands, which were washed out by floodwaters.

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This family of deer was spotted by a crew during storm restoration in Lake City.



A mutual aid crew from MPD Electric Cooperative joins Clay Electric employees for a photo.



Crews had to navigate parts of Drayton and Hogg islands by boat during restoration.



McHenry’s Pub On The Water had water up to its windows after Hurricane Milton blew through the community of Astor.



An employee took this photo of a rainbow outside the Lake City District office.

## Notice of District Trustee Meetings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that three Trustee District Meetings of the Members of Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held in the following respective districts:

**DISTRICT NO. 1** Cindy Loose — Trustee — Jan. 9, 2025, at the First Baptist Church Keystone Heights, 550 E. Walker Dr., Keystone Heights, FL 32656. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 6 p.m.

**DISTRICT NO. 8** Jo Ann R. Smith — Trustee — Jan. 6, 2025, at the Wacahoota Methodist Church, 10111 NE SR 121, Williston, FL, 32696. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 6 p.m.

**DISTRICT NO. 9** Karen Hastings — Trustee — Jan. 7, 2025, at the Marston Lodge at 11351 E. Highway 316 Fort McCoy, FL, 32134. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 6 p.m.



Said District Meetings to be held for the purpose of (a) selecting one or two members who reside in such District as Candidates for Trustee to represent the members of such District, and (b) to transact such further business as may properly come before such meetings. The candidates who are selected shall then be voted upon by the members by a process determined by the Board of Trustees, and the results of the election shall be announced on Clay Electric’s website on Friday, Mar. 21, 2025, and at the Annual Meeting gathering of the members on Saturday, Mar. 29, 2025.

For a District Meeting to be legal, at least 15 members of the Cooperative within the respective district must be present. This is one of the few duties requested of you by your membership in the Cooperative. Many members should be present to ensure the selection of qualified candidates for the important position of Trustee. A door prize will be given to a member who has registered for the meeting.

A description of each Trustee District Boundary Line can be found in your Member Handbook. A copy of the handbook can be found on Clay Electric’s website at [clayelectric.com/communications](http://clayelectric.com/communications). You also may contact your district office for a copy.

If you are uncertain which Trustee District you reside in, contact your nearest Clay Electric district office.

**CLAY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

By: Kelley Smith, President

Attest: Jo Ann Smith, Secretary

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**LG BOOK**, "Hindenburg," 229 pg, w/58" foldout, \$260. Lg catalog Zeppelin flight covers, 259 pg, German, \$300. 23"x32" wood frame poster A Lone Hunter, Remington Arms Rifle, \$800. Coca-Cola ice chest, triple unit w/radio & cassette player, orig box, \$325. Old round Coca-Cola wall clock, 22" cir, good for restoration, \$450. 904-272-1854 Simpson

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## Banana Cream Cheesecake

### Ingredients

#### Crust:

- 20 vanilla wafers
- 4 tablespoons margarine, melted

#### Topping:

- 2 cups of heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon of RumChata
- 1 1/2 cups of powdered sugar

#### Filling:

- 3 8-ounce packages of cream cheese, softened
- 2/3 cup of sugar
- 2 tablespoons of cornstarch
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup mashed bananas
- 1/2 cup of heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon of Baileys Irish Cream
- 1/4 teaspoon of RumChata
- 2 ripe bananas, slices

### Directions

1. To make the crust, place vanilla wafers in a blender; pulse until finely crushed. Add margarine; process with pulses until combined. Press mixture onto the bottom of a 10-inch springform pan; refrigerate.
2. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
3. To make the filling, beat the cream cheese in a large bowl with an electric mixer at medium speed until creamy. Add sugar and cornstarch; beat until blended. Add the eggs, one at a time, and continue beating. Mix in the bananas, heavy cream, vanilla, Baileys Irish Cream and RumChata until incorporated.
4. Pour the cream cheese mixture into the chilled crust.
5. Place the pan on a cookie sheet and bake for 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 200°F and continue baking for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until the center is almost set.
6. Loosen the edges of the cheesecake; let cool completely on a wire rack before removing the rim of the pan. Refrigerate, uncovered, for 6 hours. Allow the cheesecake to stand at room temperature for 15 minutes before serving.
7. Start mixing on a low speed to incorporate the powdered sugar into the whipping cream, vanilla and RumChata. Then gradually increase the speed to high as the mixture starts to form soft peaks. You may need to pause, scrape down the sides, and continue whipping. Beat the whipping cream on high speed until stiff peaks form.
8. Top the cheesecake with the whipped cream and sliced bananas.

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**HD WEDEATER RACK** not cheap, has security chain, \$75. 17" 1/2" lg saddle in great shape, \$600 incl saddle, stand & bridle, \$600. 904-616-2944 Phillips

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

**OUTSTANDING LIKE-NEW** cond, no scratches/blemishes, works perfect: Winchester Model 1200 12-gauge pump shot gun, 27" barrel, full choke, Winchester w/Flambeau hard gun case, Bandolier w/25 rds 12 gauge 00 buckshot, \$400. 1964 Chevrolet Chevelle Super Sport 2009 Frame Off Restoration, Porsche Red, needs minor engine adjustments. Incl build/restoration photos & documentation, new QFT 750 Carburetor Overhaul Kit. Clear Florida title. In person cash in hand only, \$43,500. 3006 ammunition 48 rds, asstd manufactures brass case "Monarch SPRG 150GR, Remington Core Lokt 180 Gr." (all for \$60, = \$1.25 Each). 904-333-8142 Arthur

**EXTRA PLANTS** from food forest planting, + 2 kinds bromeliads (ornamentals) in 3, 5 & 10 gal pots, \$7-\$10. Radial arm saw, needs TLC, \$10. Lv msg/text 386-301-0819 Naizby

**3" BRASS GATE** valves, very good cond, 6 avail, \$350/all or \$75/ea. Teeter FitSpine LX9 Inversion

Table, used twice, like new, asking \$400, value \$500. 352-316-5079 Burch

**HOSPITAL BED** for home use. Good cond, has remote control to adjust head, legs, height of bed. \$250 obo. Lv msg 904-305-2539 Burgert  
**FREE ANTIQUE** player piano, good shape but needs bellows repaired. Comes w/bench & rolls. Must pick up, cannot deliver. 386-603-1145 Ballengee

**ECHO PB200** gas-powered blower, good cond, 100 PSI compression, runs, \$25. Quality 52" 5-blade Hunter ceiling fan, white, reversible, \$25. Badger 1/2 HP kitchen sink garbage disposal, exc cond, \$15. Orange Park. 904-602-5098 Moran

**LEM BIG BITE** meat grinder, like new, all accessories incl, used once, \$350. 904-294-6693 Bowers  
**ATV-MAX2** 6x6 amphibious vehicle, unstoppable, 2nd wheel dr, water/mud/sand/snow/swamp, 2nd adult owner, garage kept, all orig, brown. All paperwork & orig. bill of sale from factory, 14 HP Vanguard Twin/4 cycle/elec & pull start, BorgWarner skid steer trans, winch mt, \$6,900. 352-215-0314 Johnson

**3 THEATER SEATS** power reclining, leg extension & swivel table. Great cond. Pics avail. Text me. \$750. 386-628-6621 Hall

**TORO RECYCLER** self-propelled lawn mower 22" walk behind, \$100. Animal traps (2), metal, \$20 ea. Bumper Buddy 50", attaches to rear of vehicle for carrying, folds, \$75. Lawn tractor (2) 15"x6" wheels w/rim (front); (2) 20"x8" wheels w/rim (rear), \$100/all. Electric tile saw, \$50. 904-553-0193 Coley

**FREE FERNS**, trees, & plants, you dig. 904-264-3788 Barnes

**RELOADING EQUIPMENT:** 9 & 40 reloading dies, priming tool, deprimer, powder measure, powder scale, powders, Go/no gage, Freud plunge router, try squares, angle finder/gage, hand saw, & more. Send msg for more info. 352-284-6727 Kalmanson

**GLASSTOP COCKTAIL** & end table & dk brown lamps, rustic color bottom w/glass top. Heavy, good cond. Lamps w/cream shade. \$250. Dining room table w/4 chairs, oval, exc cond. \$300. Burnt orange couch w/dk mahogany colored feet. 2 throw pillows. Exc cond. \$290. 314-910-1408 Swanigan

**FINE CHINA** elegant white china w/silver rim. Exc cond. Svc for 8, incl dinner plates, salad plates, bread plates, salad/ soup bowls, dessert bowls, cups & saucers, creamer & sugar, 1 platter. \$200. 352-591-1374 Personett

**JOHN DEERE** tractor 1974 830, vg cond, runs great, \$6,500. Blue Diamond bushhog HD model 403110, 2021, used 1x-2x, like new, \$2,500. 386-397-0663 Kemp

**BABY GRAND** piano - Kimball, pecan finish. Free to anyone who can gently move it. Alto saxophone, Selmer AS 300 series, needs new pads, \$200. Fleming Island. 850-443-1354 Smith

**2014 FLEETWOOD STORM** motorhome, Class

A, Gas 32', 2 slides, new AC, new awning, 26,000 miles, \$65,000. 352-625-7285 Elliott Fast  
**TIRES - GOODYEAR** Wranglers, (4) 275x65x18 wheels & tires. Tires new cond, wheels are from 2012 F-150 w/o sensors (set of 2023 Ford sensors avail). Wheels could use refinishing but tires are in great shape, \$300. 904-673-3657 Thomas  
**(4) BURIAL PLOTS** in Orange Park in Magnolia Cemetery on Kingsley Ave. Lot # 37, 38, 39 + 40 all in Block #1. Currently valued \$2,800 ea, asking \$2,500 or \$10,000/all 4 plots. Lv msg 904-662-1702 Snow

**SUNNY MAGNETIC** Elliptical Trainer Model SF-E905. Exc cond. Sells on their site for \$250 up. \$200. 386-336-2197 Beauregard

**TULAMMO 7.62x39** steel case, fmj, 20 rd boxes, \$8/box. About (15) 20-rd boxes Golden Tiger same caliber, \$10/box. 828-275-2507 Lamb  
**2009 FORD RANGER** XL 5 spd. 228K miles, 1 owner, no accidents, good cond, pics avail, \$5,900. 904-463-1393 Bush

**LG CAPACITY** Kenmore Elite Refrigerator, 33 cubic ft, French door, bottom freezer refrigerator w/ water & ice dispenser. Clean, exc cond! Retail \$4,199. New compressor. Must be able to pick up in SW Gainesville. \$800. 407-222-6106 Hill

**2018 MERCURY** 115 Lower End Unit elpt 25" shaft command, less than 50 hrs. Thrust 2.4 to 1 Ratio highly recommend skiff or pontoon boat. \$1,750. 904-616-2944 Phillips

**AMERICAN BULLY** puppies: 5 girls, 4 boys left. Born 9/4/24, 9 weeks old as of 11/9/24. Shots up to date. Health guarantee. ABKC registered. Mom & Dad on site Pocket American Bullies. Txt Joy 954-993-5172 or KD 850-544-9320 Daniels  
**BAMBOO, DRIED**, 2"-3" per 7', \$5 ea. Dwarf bamboo, 1 gal \$5, 3 gal \$20. Coonties 1 gal \$5, Keystone Heights giants. Corral bean, 3", \$2. Brooker. 352-316-4529 Graham

**EXERCISE BICYCLE**, multiple spds, upper arms can be placed in loops for exercise w/wo using legs. Rolls easily from one location to another. New, pics avail. 904-449-6057 Weir

**REFRIGERATED TRAILER** 6'x10' ltw, good tires, 2" ball hitch, swing doors, \$7,000. Palatka. 352-235-1927 Coe

**BODY SHOP** tools & eqpt 10-ton power post w/ clamps & chains, 2 roll around carts, porta-power & various other hand tools. Pics avail. \$2,000. 352-267-5033 Neubecker

**2003 CHEVY S-10**, parked, needs some electrical work. New clutch. Metal toolbox incl, \$1,300. Classic 1989 Chevy diesel Blazer, orig paint job, clean plush burgundy interior. Electric windows. Needs glow plugs, \$25,000. 808-987-0036 Sullivan