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**Andy Chaff
takes helm**



Humbled to serve, committed to the future



Andy Chaff
GENERAL MANAGER & CEO

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I want to take a moment to share how grateful I am for the opportunity to serve as your general manager and CEO. Clay Electric has been part of my life for as long as I can remember, and it's an honor to now lead it into the future.

My roots in the community run deep. I grew up in Starke, and even before I joined the co-op, my father worked as an engineer here. He passed away when I was young, but his connection left a mark on me, and it means a great deal to continue that legacy.

When I started more than three decades ago, I didn't know where this career would take me. What I did know was that I wanted to work hard, do the job right and serve people well. Those values haven't changed, and they continue to guide me today.

Looking ahead, my goal is simple: to make sure our employees have the tools and direction they need to deliver the reliable, affordable service you expect. I believe in being straightforward and honest, and I want you to know you can count on me to approach decisions with a clear head, guided by listening to our members and serving your needs.

It pays to vote

Voting kicks off Jan. 26 in our annual Board of Trustees election, and this year members will be choosing representatives for Districts 2, 4 and 6.

Every member who casts a vote — whether online or by absentee ballot — will be entered into a prize drawing for bill credits. The grand prize is a \$4,800 bill credit, with other prizes including: one \$2,500 credit, one \$2,000 credit, one \$1,800 credit, one \$700 credit, one \$400 credit and 37 credits of \$50 each.

If you've got the **MyClayElectric** app, which is free for you to download, voting couldn't be simpler. Just log in, tap "Vote Now," and follow the quick instructions. You can also vote by logging into your account at ClayElectric.com. The last day to request an absentee ballot is Feb. 27 and voting wraps up on March 9.

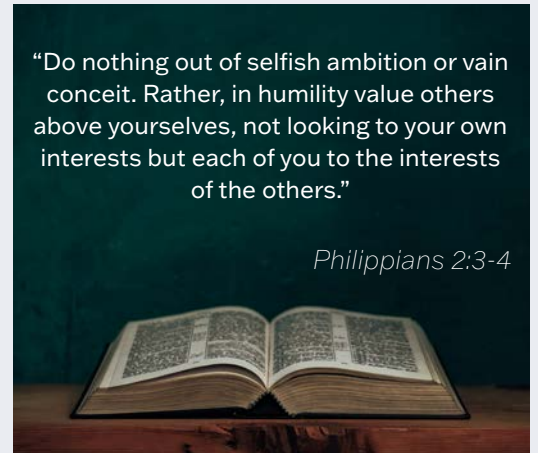
We'll share the election results on March 20 and then get together at our Annual Meeting on March 28 at Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High School. The Annual Meeting is always more than just business — it's a chance to visit with neighbors and understand what it means to be a co-op. I hope to see you there.

This is an exciting time for our co-op. Growth in our area brings challenges, but also opportunities to strengthen our systems and improve the way we serve you. With the experience I've gained over the years — and the lessons I've learned from great mentors and coworkers — I feel prepared to guide us forward.

Thank you for the trust you place in Clay Electric. I'm proud to continue being part of the co-op, and I look forward to working together in the years ahead.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Philippians 2:3-4



Meet the candidates

Cassie Nettles, District 2

Cassie Nettles of Palatka is the owner and operator of the East Palatka Fruit Market. A longtime local business leader, she spent more than 20 years in real estate, including eight years as broker and owner of Century 21 Triton Realty, before retiring from the industry. Earlier in her career, Cassie taught middle school for 10 years.



Carl Malphurs, District 4

Carl Malphurs of Alachua has represented District 4 since 2010. He has served in all officer positions on the Board and holds the NRECA Director Gold credential. A lifelong farmer in Alachua County, Carl has been a member of Clay Electric since 1990.



Jimmy Wilson, District 6

Jimmy Wilson of Middleburg currently serves as treasurer of the Board and has represented District 6 since 2014. He has held all officer positions on the Board and holds the NRECA Director Gold credential. A lifelong Clay County resident, Jimmy retired from the Clay County Sheriff's Office as major of operations after 31 years of service. He has been a member of Clay Electric since 1986.



We're pushing to advance the FEMA Act and protect affordable power



Allison Carter
Chief Operating
Officer, FECA

As Florida's legislative session gets underway in Tallahassee, here's a snapshot of what your electric cooperatives are fighting for at the State and Federal level. The job is simple at its core: protect your wallet, protect your reliable

power and make sure lawmakers understand exactly what it takes to keep electricity affordable for rural communities.

It's been said many times before, and it bears repeating because it matters: Policy decisions made in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C. have a direct effect on what you pay for power. That's why the Florida Electric Cooperatives Association (FECA) is on the ground meeting with State and Federal leaders and making sure your voice carries weight.

One of the top priorities at the Federal level is securing continued support for H.R. 4669, the Fixing Emergency Management for Americans (FEMA) Act. Here's what it means for you: When a hurricane hits, electric cooperatives send crews to help each other restore power quickly. FEMA traditionally reimburses these costs, which keeps storm recovery from becoming a financial burden on co-op consumer-members. The problem? That reimbursement process takes years, not months, for even the best actors seeking

recovery. The FEMA Act would fix that by ensuring cooperatives, like Clay Electric, get timely, predictable repayment after storms. Faster reimbursement means stronger system resilience and less pressure on future electric rates. Also, the bill clarifies any interest cost incurred on electric co-op loans can be reimbursed. It's one of the most important pro-consumer-member, pro-Florida policies on the table this year.

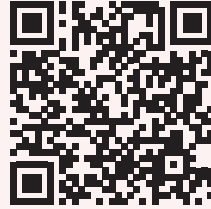
We welcome your support in ensuring this key piece of legislation is passed. By scanning the attached QR code, you can send a letter voicing your support for this bill.

At the state level, FECA is supporting SB 288 / HB 379, Rural Electric Cooperatives, our top priority. The legislation protects electric co-ops' ability to make decisions about electricity generation based on minimizing costs to consumer-members and maximizing reliability.

We're also working to protect Clay Electric, your co-op, from unfunded mandates and costly regulatory overreach. We're committed to pushing back against costs that don't translate into better service for our consumer-members.

As elected officials meet this year, know this: Your co-op family is at the table, every day, making sure policymakers understand keeping rates affordable isn't just good politics, but a promise we make to the communities we serve.

Support the FEMA Act of 2025



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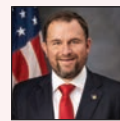
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The legislators listed serve constituents who reside within Clay Electric's service area. Only counties served by the co-op are listed.

Meet Andy Chaff, your co-op's new GM/CEO

Dedication is a word that comes to mind when describing someone who devotes their entire career to a single organization. For your cooperative's new general manager/CEO, Andy Chaff, that dedication spans more than three decades — and even ties back to the generation before him.

Chaff's connection to the co-op goes back to his father, who passed away when he was just 10, worked as an engineer for the co-op and was involved in underground work during the construction of the Orange Park Mall — a detail that helps date the family's legacy.

Years later, after graduating from the University of North Florida with a degree in industrial technology, Chaff began working at the co-op in September 1991 as an engineering technician.

"Basically, this was the first opportunity I had at a career-type job," Chaff said.

From that first role, his career steadily advanced: a few years as a field engineer, then 10 years as a district engineer, followed by a stint as a district line supervisor. Since 2009, he had served as district manager in Orange Park.

Major developments like Eagle Harbor, Fleming Island and Oakleaf were formative in shaping Chaff's leadership. These large-scale projects taught him critical lessons about infrastructure planning,



Chaff points to a home builder's master plan in Fleming Island Plantation in this file photo from the late 90s.

especially how unexpected growth beyond the borders of a development can strain systems. Each development got smoother with experience, and now, more big communities are planned — reinforcing the importance of forward-thinking design.

Chaff learned a lot along the way, crediting his first supervisor here at Clay Electric with helping perfect his craft, as well as former general managers — including recently-retired CEO Ricky

Davis — as those who have influenced his leadership style.

"Ricky has the ability to handle a situation with a level head," Chaff said. "He really looks at all aspects of a problem and comes in with a clear answer — one you can understand and use to guide your team through a solution."

Though the co-op has changed and grown considerably over three decades, Chaff wants members to know that he hopes to be viewed as an honest, straightforward leader who provides clear directions to his employees and the tools to succeed.

Originally from Starke, Chaff is proud of being a "local guy," and he's honored to have been chosen as the co-op's next leader.

"When I was hired 35 years ago, I had no idea I'd ever be sitting in this chair, having this conversation," he said. "But it

just goes to show you — with hard work, persistence and really trying to do a good job, you can get anywhere you want to go. I know it's kind of cliché, I guess, but it's the truth."

As Chaff steps into his new role, members can expect the same commitment to reliable service and community focus that has guided his career from the very beginning.



GM/CEO Andy Chaff (far left) with former employees, including former GM/CEO Ricky Davis (seated) in this file photo from 1999.



Chaff (far right) and employees present and past serve barbecue during a cookout in this file photo from 2014.



Chaff is Clay Electric's sixth GM/CEO.



Flying forward: How drones are helping keep you powered

A drone is used to spray herbicides as part of a pilot program in the Orange Park District. We're able to cover the area faster, more accurately and at a fraction of the cost of using climbers.

Technology is changing the way your co-op works — and that's good news for reliability. Drones are now part of our field operations, helping us manage vegetation, inspect lines, and keep your power on with greater precision and speed.

Recently, your co-op began a pilot program using drones to apply herbicide in areas that are difficult or dangerous for crews to reach by foot. These drones can cover miles in just minutes and treat vegetation at a fraction of the cost compared to manual clearing with climbing crews.



Drone technology is rapidly evolving, and when it comes to uses other than vegetation management, the sky's the limit.

The pilot program recently brought crews to the Orange Park District for a chemical side-trimming job that typically requires climbers. Using the drone, in this case piloted by a third party, we were able to get the area sprayed much faster,

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more accurately and at a fraction — about 25% — of the estimated cost with climbers.

Remember, that means something to all of us as Clay Electric is not for profit and savings in turn benefit you, our members.

To ensure safety and accuracy, herbicide applications using drones are only made when wind speeds are low, and drift-reduction agents are added to protect surrounding vegetation. While the drone's battery lasts just 15 to 30 minutes per flight, the technology is evolving rapidly — and vegetation management is only part of the puzzle.

Safer storm response

Since purchasing its first drone several years ago for hurricane damage assessment, the co-op has expanded its program. Today, drones are helping inspect lines in hard-to-reach places, monitor equipment and identify areas needing maintenance before issues arise — often helping prevent outages before they happen.

We've identified nine co-op employees, who each studied aviation rules and airspace requirements for several weeks before passing an FAA exam. Now they're putting their training to work in the field — starting with simple tasks like photographing equipment labels to update the co-op's mapping system, and then moving on to pole top inspections and storm response.



One of our nine co-op pilots flies a drone alongside a representative from Gresco, our supplier.



Employees studied aviation regulations and rules for about four weeks before passing an FAA exam to fly the drones.

One of the biggest advantages of drones will be during storm restoration. By sending a drone ahead to scout damage, line crews will already know what to expect and the best way to reach problem areas. That means faster, safer power restoration for members.

Whether it's after a storm or during routine inspections, drones are helping the co-op work more efficiently — keeping crews safer and the power flowing.

The Clay Electric Foundation Board of Directors approved

\$66,765 IN GRANTS

during its December meeting.

Garden Club of Palatka (Putnam County) \$2,500

The Garden Club of Palatka is an organization that seeks to educate members and the public about gardening and related activities. Grant funds will be applied to the construction of a new handicap ramp at the 90-year-old cypress cabin in The Ravine Gardens State Park.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes \$15,827 (Alachua County)

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes focuses on serving local communities around the globe by engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to unite, inspire and change the world through the gospel. Grant funds will provide materials for FCA Campus and Community Huddle group sessions.

Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise (Clay County) \$4,688

The Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise brings together community leaders, professionals, and volunteers who share a passion for community service, ethical leadership, and global goodwill. Funding from the grant will be used to furnish a tiny home within Villages of Hope, an organization that supports women affected by human trafficking, sexual exploitation, addiction, and homelessness.

The VERB Kind (Alachua County) \$1,500

The VERB Kind exists to ignite purpose, hope, and healing in incarcerated youth through consistent mentorship, meaningful relationships, and the power of second chances. Grant funds will help purchase hygiene supplies for participants in Alachua County.

Find, Feed & Restore (Lake County) \$3,000

Find, Feed & Restore, based in Clermont, seeks to eliminate homelessness for families with children through housing, financial literacy, and mental health counseling. Funding from the grant will support the Rapid Rehousing Program.

Operation Round Up is made possible by the generosity of Clay Electric members, who voluntarily elect to round up their monthly bill to the nearest dollar. The tax-deductible amount is then donated to the Clay Electric Foundation to support local charities and nonprofits.

More information:

ClayElectric.com/operation-round



Baker County Friends of Instrumental Arts received \$3,000 in funds from Operation Round Up.



Round Up provided CARC Advocate for Citizens with Disabilities with a \$17,000 grant.



A \$10,000 Round Up check went to the Ronald McDonald House of North Central Florida.



Marion County Children's Advocacy Center received \$20,000 in Round Up funds.

IGB Education (Alachua County) \$2,000

IGB Education provides mentoring and academic support to children ages 5-18 across Alachua County. Grant funds will support the program curriculum.

Christian Service Center (Columbia County) \$15,000

The Christian Service Center of Columbia County is a nonprofit serving the residents of Columbia County since 1984. The scope of assistance provided includes food, clothing, utility bills, gas assistance, bus tickets, emergency lodging and prescription assistance. The grant funds will be used for the Christian Service Center's Client Assistance Program to help residents with utility bills and food assistance.

First Coast Women's Services (Clay County) \$1,000

First Coast Women's Services, Inc. provides pregnancy support services to the First Coast region and surrounding counties. Funding from the grant will support the expansion of the Call Center.

Wounded Veterans Relief Fund (Clay County) \$2,500

The Wounded Veterans Relief Fund is a veteran-led nonprofit organization that supports wounded and disabled military veterans throughout Florida. Grant funds will support the Urgent Financial Assistance Program.

The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry (Clay County) \$8,750

The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry, located in Orange Park, helps Clay County residents through times of crisis by helping them meet basic needs. Grant funds will help purchase new commercial freezers for the food pantry.

Knights of Columbus Holiday Helpers (Clay County) \$10,000

The Knights of Columbus Council of Keystone Heights provides support in the community by providing services or products to individuals, families or organizations in need. Grant funds will support the Holiday Helpers program, which will supply toys for children and meet needs of families and seniors during the holidays.

Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the gathering portion of Annual Meeting of Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. members will be held at the Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High School cafeteria, Keystone Heights, Clay County, Florida 32656 at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, March 28, 2026.

This gathering will feature snacks and beverages for those attending. Each adult attending will receive one welcome bag and one door prize ticket.

The bill credit prizes will not be part of the gathering. The winners of those prizes will be announced during the Annual Meeting video report by March 13. The video report will be available on Clay Electric's website (ClayElectric.com) and Facebook page (Clay Electric Co-op).

From Jan. 26 - March 9, eligible Members of the cooperative are asked to take action upon the following matters.

(a) The election of a trustee from District No. 2, a trustee from District No. 4, a trustee from District No. 6, via online voting or absentee ballot only, to serve three-year terms. You are hereby notified that at the meetings of districts No. 2, No. 4 and No. 6, the following were nominated for membership on the Board of Trustees.

District No. 2

Nominee: Cassie Nettles

District No. 4

Nominee: Carl Malphurs

District No. 6

Nominee: Jimmy Wilson

Prior to Jan. 27, the Secretary placed in nomination the above-named official candidates from each district. Clay Electric members who vote online or by absentee ballot will elect one trustee for each of the districts. The bylaws provide that the two nominees of each district receiving the highest vote shall be the official nominees in the district and shall be listed in the order of preference indicated by the respective vote.

CLAY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

By: Dewitt Hersey, President

Attest: Susan Reeves, Secretary

The Trading Post

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RHEEM PERFORMANCE PLUS 50-gal. electric water heater Model XE50M09EL45U1, never used. \$669 new, sell for \$400 (cash only). You pick up, Orange Park. Lv msg 904-272-7060 Bryner
2017 HD ROAD KING Touring Model, black/chrome, 9,810 actual miles, mint cond, garaged w/cover, cruise control, chrome engine guard, oil cooler, security alarm, hard side bags, windshield, passenger back rest, recent svc w/new battery incl. key fob batteries. \$12,500. 407-616-2176 Lambing

1950 SEEBURG JUKEBOX, DeLuxe, hi fi, ser. #672031, needs repair, \$1,050. Barbie dolls, 21 orig. pkg, \$200. Model Lionel train 9 boxcars w/ tracks, orig. pkg, 100-watt transformer, \$450. Roseville Pottery 13 pcs, \$200. Pandora bracelet, 20 charms, \$225. 904-564-0622 Funk

WW2 PILOT survival knife, issued in case of emergency landing. Good cond., some freckling on blade cover. CASEXX stamped on blade, \$225. Western style belt & holster-Hunter 1100B holster & 158 med. Belt, older but in good cond., \$35. 830-743-2838 Hearn

VTG SPICE jar collection by Lenox, Cats of Distinction (19), \$75. Collectible copper pcs, incl. 1 coal bucket & 2 teapots, \$90. 386-268-0800 McCormick
4 PAIRS size 11 men's shoes: 1 pair black Crocs, never worn; 2 pairs Hey Dude, 1 white, 1 brown; 1 pair blue Nunn Bush, all like new, \$65. 904-625-7863 Coleman

HENREDON MAHOGANY double pedestal table

OFFICIAL RULES

While the Trading Post ads are available for anyone to shop, only Clay Electric members can submit an ad, and members must comply with some basic guidelines.

- The Trading Post is a classified section for items for sale or for rent.
- Only ads of a non-commercial nature are allowed.
- Please limit your ad to 25 words.
- The co-op reserves the right to edit lengthy ads or decline posting.
- When submitting your ad, you must include your phone number with area code, and account number, along with your items for sale or rent. Contact information will not be added to the ad's word count.
- "Want-to-buy" ads will not be published in the magazine.
- If you want your ad to appear in the next issue of the Kilowatt, it should be submitted no later than the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication.
- Ads published in the Kilowatt newsletter aren't automatically carried over to the next issue. Your ad must be resubmitted if you want it to appear in the next issue of the Kilowatt.

Please submit your ad once per Kilowatt issue. Please take care to correct spelling and include all information before submitting your ad. If you have multiple ads, we will consolidate them into one ad for the print publication.

Head to ClayElectric.com/trading-post to submit an ad for the magazine and/or for the Online Trading Post.

w/6 Chippendale side chairs & 2 host chairs. Table is 46"x68" w/2 leaves 24"x46"; incl. table pads & Irish linen tablecloth, 12 napkins, additional fabric for seats. Exc. cond., \$5,000. Dive Gear: 2 dive bags, 2 pair flippers, much more, \$200. 904-704-1894 McCamy
HOME, ALACHUA, Meadowglen-stunning sunsets, pastoral view, lovely 1.3 acres, 3/2, 1,755 sf, 2 car garage w/storage, screened lanai & pool, fp, new HVAC, int. fresh paint, new carpet, convenient to I-75 & shopping, \$395,000. 352-332-5417 Becker
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SMALL HOUSE: Lg 1 BR, newly remodeled, appliances. Water heater, heating & cooling unit. Metal

roof, vinyl floors. \$155,000. 386-643-7377 Perry
DOWELS (20) 2"x8; \$120. 3x5 chainlink gate, 2 posts, \$70. 3-ton Grandaire AC & air handler, works good, \$300. 904-914-1301 Benham
RAVEN 4-12 amp speaker, good cond., wheels on bottom, \$150. Piano seat music bench, solid & HD, \$125. Tires & aluminum rims, 2 - 235/75/15 complete mag wheels good cond., \$175. Boss R/C 20 looper, great cond., A/C plug, \$125. Can meet in Middleburg. 904-616-2944 Phillips
BURIAL PLOTS: Towers section J Lot #46. Side by side. Willing to split up. \$4K ea./\$5K both. 904-718-9221 Duckett
BURIAL PLOTS: 2 full-size burial spaces, Jacksonville Memory Garden in Orange Park, spaces 1&2 227C, \$3,000. 904-509-7651 Makros

CLAY ELECTRIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meets in the boardroom at the headquarters building in Keystone Heights at 11 a.m. (or shortly thereafter) on Jan. 29, Feb. 26 and March 26.

- Dewitt Hersey** - President
Starke - District 5
- John Whitehead** - Vice President
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- Susan Reeves** - Secretary
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- Cindy Loose** - Trustee
Keystone Heights - District 1
- Kelley Smith** - Trustee
Palatka - District 2
- Carl Malphurs** - Trustee
Alachua - District 4
- Terri Kane** - Trustee
Micanopy - District 8
- Karen Hastings** - Trustee
Citra - District 9

Andy Chaff
General Manager & CEO

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- Chris Bryan**
Chief Engineer
- Mark Maxwell**
Chief Financial Officer
- Derick Thomas**
Chief Public Relations Officer
- Justin Williams**
Chief Officer of Corporate Services and Human Resources
- Brent Richardson**
Chief Information Officer
- Cheryl Rogers**
Chief Audit Officer

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Gainesville & Lake City
- Justin Williams**
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- Joey Wilkes**
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ACOUSTIC GUITAR, like-new. I don't hear well so pls txt. 248-421-1422 Karaguleff

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

BRUSH CRUSHER 4200 used, vg cond., used on John Deere 1025R tractor. \$1,800. 386-497-2059 Evans

2024 KEYSTONE SPRINGDALE 1800BH Like-new camper only used twice. Queen bed, 2 bunks plus dinette, sleeps 6. \$10,900. Hawthorne. (352)215-4477 Koehn

MICROSOFT SURFACE BOOK 2, 13", NIB, \$500. Oak/glass display case, \$2,500 obo. WeatherTech cargo liner #40607 fits Nissan Juke 2011-17, \$40 obo. Remington solid bronze sculpture "Rattlesnake," \$6,000 obo. (5) Vtg animated celeb figures, \$400 obo. (2) decorative indoor palms, \$100. Commercial tile saw w/2 blades & knee pads, \$850 obo. Sculpting clay, \$10 ea. HR-650 Red Hot Series Carburetor, \$400 obo. SW Gainesville. 352-318-6215 Woodruff


2006 HYUNDAI TUSCON, gray, 82,000 miles. 1 owner, clean CarFax. \$4,500 obo. 352-872-2567 Cady

ARROW, DWARF, giant crookstem bamboo. U cut, dig. 2"-3" dia. Coonties. Call for prices. Brooker. 352-278-5221 Graham

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CRAFTSMAN air compressor, old but works OK, 20 gal. tank, \$20. Middleburg. 229-886-4939 McCormick

(1) STEP LADDER; (1) extension ladder, \$25. Floor mats, front Weath-



Creamy chicken & wild rice soup

Ingredients

- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp butter
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 carrots, peeled and diced
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 ½ cups cooked chicken, shredded
- 1 C wild rice blend, cooked
- 4 C low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 C half-and-half
- 2 tbsp flour
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- ½ teaspoon dried rosemary
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Fresh parsley, optional for serving

Directions

- 1) In a large pot, heat the olive oil and butter over medium heat.
- 2) Add the onion, carrots and celery. Cook until softened, about 6-8 minutes.
- 3) Stir in the garlic, thyme and rosemary; cook one minute more.
- 4) Sprinkle the flour over the vegetables and stir to coat. Cook for another minute.
- 5) Slowly whisk in the chicken broth until smooth.
- 6) Add the cooked chicken and simmer for 10 minutes.
- 7) Pour in the milk or half-and-half, then stir in the cooked wild rice.
- 8) Simmer another 5-7 minutes, until slightly thickened.
- 9) Season with salt and pepper. Ladle into bowls and top with parsley if you're feeling fancy.

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