

Now's time to schedule HVAC maintenance



September is the time to schedule annual maintenance for your home's heating system.

During fall months, HVAC technicians are typically less busy, making this an excellent time for maintenance and any necessary repairs before the winter months.

A qualified technician can clean filters, check for leaks and ensure all system components are working efficiently to keep your home warm when the temperatures drop.

Storm evacuation help for those with special needs

The Atlantic hurricane season runs through mid-October, and it's vital for members to have a plan.

If you or someone you know has special needs and requires assistance in case of evacuation, your local government can help. Contact your county emergency management office to learn about shelters in your area.

For members with special needs, visit floridadisaster.org/shelters or call 1-800-342-3557 to register with the county emergency operations center.

REGISTER TO VOTE

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Florida has absentee and mail-in voting procedures if you can't make it to the ballot box. Some things to note:

- No reason is needed to request an absentee ballot.
- Applications can be submitted via mail, in-person, email, fax, online, and phone.

Early voting ends on **Nov. 2**, but some counties will have an extended period. Head to your county's Supervisor of Elections website for more information.

Nov. 5 is Election Day.

Remember that at the voting booth, Florida requires a photo ID to vote in person. Your photo ID must have your signature on it. If it doesn't have your signature, bring an extra ID that does. This extra ID does not need a photo. Most people show (must be unexpired):

- Fla. driver's license
- Fla. state ID card
- U.S. passport
- Military ID
- Student ID

This time of year serves as a reminder that democratic member control is one of the seven core principles of a cooperative, to which you belong as a member of Clay Electric.

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Are you registered to vote? Make sure.

The month of September marks National Voter Registration Day (**Sept. 17**), but don't worry if you're reading this after that date as you have until **Oct. 7** to register to vote in this year's General Election.

Still, there's no time like the present to go ahead and get that taken care of if you haven't. Just head over to **vote**.

coop and select "**find your voter info**" on the homepage. The whole process shouldn't take more than a few minutes.

Voting is one of the most powerful ways to make your voice heard in our democracy, but in 2020, only 66.8 percent of the voting-age population in the United States reported voting. Modern technology has improved access to information on candidates and made it easier to register to vote in many areas, and it is vital to be aware of how you can participate in the 2024 election.



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28 students awarded scholarships

Clay Electric has awarded \$2,000 scholarships to 28 high school seniors (Class of 2024) whose primary residences are served by the co-op.

The recipients of the scholarships were determined by an outside panel of judges based on academic achievements, an essay, community and school activities, and letters of recommendation. More than 200 scholarship applications were received.

The scholarship recipients (pictured if photo was provided) are: **Tara Bailey** (Columbia High School); **Jennifer Bryant** (North Marion High School); **Seyhan Bulut** (Clay High School); **Jaylyn Burnside** (Forest High School); **Avery Crawford** (Ridgeview High School); **Tyler Davies** (Orange Park High School); **Carter Davis** (Santa Fe High School); **Emelia Delaney** (Crescent City Junior/Senior High School); **Joris Djikounou** (Stanton College Preparatory School); **Lance Dollar**

(Q.I. Roberts Junior/Senior High School); **Tyler Howell** (Fleming Island High School); **Nkiruka Ibe Danielle** (Oakleaf High School); **Preston Kelly** (T. Dewitt Taylor Middle/High School); **Morgyn Kirby** (Union County High School); **Joseph Lavdas** (Vanguard High School); **Cheongmin Lee** (Eastside High School); **Alison Lind** (F.W. Buchholz High School); **Robert McIntyre** (Belmont Academy Charter School); **Marek Middaugh** (Gainesville High School); **Jalia Miles** (Palatka Junior/Senior High School); **Whitley Mobley** (Baker County High School); **John Moody** (St. Johns Classical Academy); **Jaden Park** (Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High School); **Autumn Pelfrey** (Middleburg High School); **Emelia Pennington** (homeschooled); **Taylor Thigpen** (St. Johns Country Day School); **Alyssa Turner** (Interlachen Junior/Senior High School); **Katherine Wilkerson** (Fort White High School).



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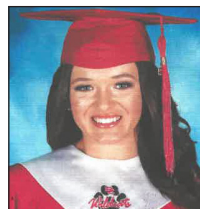
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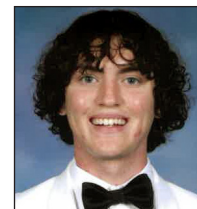
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