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Pay Attention
Our Kids Matter**

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The TECI and TWWI Board regularly schedule their workshops on the 1st Monday of each month and meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Headquarters' Office in Quincy, FL at 7:00 p.m. For specific dates, times and locations, please refer to our website at www.talquinelectric.com. Notice of any changes will be listed on the website.

We LOVE our community!

Concern for community – one of the seven cooperative core principles – is the easiest one for the employees of Talquin Electric Cooperative to remember. Why? Because we are local people that absolutely love living, working, and playing in our community!

Talquin is dedicated to hiring, training, and providing life-long employment for people in our local community. Because most of our employees grew up right here, we are all dedicated to our community in ways that most other companies would



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 General Manager

not even consider. In addition to providing quality utility services, our employees provide a lot of support, such as charitable contributions and volunteer time, to our community to help improve the quality of life right here where we live. This is all a part of our cooperative DNA.

So, you can imagine our excitement when we learned that CoBank, a financial institution that provides services to agriculture and rural infrastructure businesses for the benefit of rural America, was opening up its Sharing Success charitable contribution program again in 2016. Talquin has successfully been awarded funds from this program in the past. However, this year we were able to triple the awards.

This year, CoBank allowed its members to apply for up to three grants instead of just the one annual grant they provided in the past. Well, we at Talquin know our community is as deserving as any, so we went after three grants instead of just one. And guess what ... we received all three!

Talquin Electric was happy to nominate the Gadsden Arts Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend, and Boys Town North Florida. We helped each of these organizations collect \$1,000 from CoBank as part of their Sharing

Success program. Here is some information about all three programs and how this grant money will help in our community:

The **Gadsden Arts Center** is currently raising funds for their Gadsden Art Community Connections project. Upon completion, this project will:

- Add a dedicated children's studio/gallery with no cost walk-in art activity stations for visitors of all ages.
- Provide opportunities for child development - art experiences support development of self-esteem, motor skills, language, decision-making, visual learning, inventiveness, cultural awareness, and improved academic performance.



- Increase the center’s capacity to introduce new audiences, including children and senior adults, to the “magic of art”.

The mission of **Big Brothers Big Sisters** is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported, 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.



The Big Brothers Big Sisters Vision is that all children achieve success in life. For more than 100 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. As the nation’s largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters

makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers (“Bigs”) and children (“Littles”), ages 6 through 18, in communities across the country. They develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people.

Since 1917, the mission of **Boys Town North Florida** (which serves both girls and boys) has been to give at-risk children and families the love, support and education they need to succeed. They firmly believe that, regardless of background and circumstances, every child and every family has the potential to thrive. Boys Town will use their grant money for a project they call ART Town. The most unique feature of ART Town is that it can provide individualized or group assistance, resources and encouragement to children and families that are facing a wide variety of challenges or situations. This includes:

- Families in crisis
- Foster families that need more support
- Parents with adopted children who have special needs
- Children who are struggling in school
- Children who have never had opportunities to express themselves creatively
- Children who are leaving foster care and support and independent- living skills



Congratulations to these fine organizations that do so much to support our community. Talquin Electric Cooperative is proud to be able to help support you in your missions!

Cost Savings

Talquin’s **Facilities and Fleet Department** continuously seeks ways in which to cut expenses and streamline procedures, while at the same time upholding the highest of industry standards.

- Our plan includes performing quarterly service/inspections on all Cooperative heating and air conditioning systems, ensuring they operate at peak performance for the highest efficiency, minimizing power usage and keeping those bills to a minimum.
- We recently coordinated with our fleet service providers to revise certain maintenance and service scheduling on Cooperative vehicles and were able to make significant savings on our annual operating costs.

The goal of Talquin’s Facilities and Fleet Department is to ensure our members receive top quality service, consistent with the Cooperative’s policies, procedures, and safety practices.



Energy Efficient Tip

Is your room air conditioner working overtime? Reduce air leaks by installing rigid foam panels (instead of the commonly used accordion panels) in between the window frame and unit, and secure with duct tape.

*energy.gov

Water Savings Tip

One drip every second can add up to five gallons per day! So check your faucets and showerheads for leaks and stop those annoying drips.

*wateruseitwisely.com



Watts Happening

Leon County Senior Outreach:

Explore "Lunch and Learn" to stay connected

No reservations needed to join the fun. 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Featuring a delicious catered lunch for \$6 per plate. Call 891-4065 for more information.

August 18	Lake Jackson Community Center
August 23	Chaires/Dorothy C. Spence Community Center
September 1	Miccosukee - Miccosukee Community Center

September 8 0Woodville - Woodville Community Center

September 14 Bradfordville – Wildwood Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

September 14 Lake Jackson Community Center

University of Florida/IFAS presents Art & Garden Fall Family Festival

Discover creative ways to explore visual art and the art of gardening through demonstrations and fun activities for

the whole family. Take a trolley tour of the beautiful NFREC gardens. Speak with experts about all your gardening questions or concerns or purchase unusual, hard-to-find, top-performing plants developed for our area. Children's arts and crafts activities will take place in a "Kid Zone" located in a shaded, garden area. Locally grown produce and garden plants as well as arts and crafts will also be for sale. Food and beverages will be available. The event is FREE and open to the public.

Saturday, October 1st, 9AM – 2 PM

North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC)
155 Research Rd, Quincy FL

ELECTRIC RATE CHANGE

Talquin recognizes that our Members want their cooperative to have competitive rates while remaining financially stable so that we can provide safe, reliable service. Our present rate structure continues to make our revenue dependent upon weather conditions and the amount of energy sold. Therefore, effective September 1, 2016, Talquin Electric Cooperative will adjust electric rates. Our wholesale power cost adjustment (WPCA), water, and wastewater rates will not be affected by this change.

This will be our first adjustment since September 2013 and will only affect Residential Service (RS) and General Service (GS) rates. This rate change will result in an increase to facilities charges and a decrease to energy charges that will help stabilize our revenue. We will also have a slight increase needed to cover increased cost in right of way maintenance, poles, wire and other supplies. Members that use 1,000 kilowatt hours a month will see their bill increase \$3.40, or 2.77%, which is less than a 1% increase per year over the last three years.

The table below shows the current and revised rates:

ELECTRIC RATES AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

Facility Charge	Current Rate	New Rate
RS – Single Phase	\$20.00	\$30.00
RS – Three Phase	\$35.00	\$45.00
GS – Single Phase	\$20.00	\$30.00
GS – Three Phase	\$35.00	\$45.00

Energy Charge	Current Rate	New Rate
RS & GS		
First 1,000 kWh	\$0.10610 per kWh	\$0.09950 per kWh
Over 1,000 kWh	\$0.12110 per kWh	\$0.12110 per kWh

Back 2 School Supply Drive

drop off at any Talquin Member Service Office during the month of August!



Wakulla Springs State Park – A Swift Night Out

During Swift Night Out, people all over the country stand beneath chimneys to watch and count chimney swifts enter their roost. The Lodge at Wakulla Springs has a large flock that roosts in one of its inactive chimneys. Come to witness the "flying cigar" shaped birds, perform their swirling aerial dance, prior to their descent into the chimney. Be part of a nationwide program to estimate their numbers. Enjoy this unusual ranger-led program, to see firsthand one of nature's amazing spectacles. RSVP required – call 850-561-7286

FREE w/ paid park admission

Saturday, September 10th, 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

550 Wakulla Park Dr – Crawfordville FL

Employee Spotlight

"Teamwork, coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." – Henry Ford



Recently, a Member wrote Talquin to thank two employees that assisted them in their time of need. Due to Roscoe Holley's fast response time and Billy Whitfield's quick follow-up, they were able to help the Member get their services reconnected. Thank you Roscoe and Billy for your teamwork and continued efforts in making sure our Members remember that they Matter. Way to go!!!

Member of the month

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela

Talquin Electric Cooperative serves nearly 20 different schools in Leon, Liberty, Gadsden, and Wakulla counties. That is thousands of children ranging from Pre-K to 12th grade. The educators at these schools welcome our children into their class rooms each day and expand their worlds with knowledge. These teachers are educating our

future leaders – managers, government officials, presidents! We do not need to take this for granted. So the next time you meet an educator, make sure to tell them thank you. And remember... learning is something that we never stop doing as life is always teaching us something new.



LIFE TENDS TO GET UNBALANCED, LET TALQUIN HELP YOU BUDGET YOUR ELECTRIC BILL BY SIGNING UP FOR LEVELIZED BILLING.

Summer



Fall



Winter



Spring



VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR CONTACT ANY MEMBER SERVICE OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS.

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Miscellaneous

Sears Craftsman 12" table saw. Cast iron top. Very heavy duty. Runs on 220 volts. Kept inside. A steal for \$300. 545-8748

Two Cemetery Plots: side-by-side plots; Culley's Meadowood Memorial Park; Prime plots in the Peace Garden, Section 1: 5 and 6; \$7,200 for both; 556-1697

Mother Daughter cleaning team-we clean your home the way you want it done. 20+ yrs experience. Local. References. 443-8414

Heavy duty sewing machine. Ultrafeed zigzag. Great for canvas, sail and heavy fabric sewing. Excellent condition. \$375 OBO 212-0719

Baby Grand Player Piano 5 foot, white, Sojin, sing-a-long books and CD's. Perfect for learning and Christmas time gatherings. \$3500.00. In Tallahassee. 284-7076

Lift chair /heat n massage \$300; Large **bird cage** \$200; **Gas grill** \$100; **RV add-a room** 15 to 17 Ft \$100. 320-3042

Housecleaning: free quotes/ reasonable rate, excellent references. 16 years of experience, move ins and move outs. 321-4181

Honey Due List Guy: I have over 20 years of experience doing home improvement work. Simply make a list of all the work needed and I can do 99% of the work myself. 933-1105

Loving, Experienced Female Caregiver seeking full or part time position; reliable transportation, dependable with glowing references, also great with pets. 878-2870

Brothers Knitting Machine, used once, with patterns, books and step by step instructions. Original price \$500, asking \$150. 556-0878

Sterling Silver Saltshakers. Four individual antique salts. \$10 ea. 212-0719

Quilting frame w/ stand, stock no 5560B Frank A. Edmunds Co, Inc Chicago, ?IL. Tag reads 6 0403 Ben Franklin. Will quilt any work up to 82" wide. Still in box - never opened. \$70. 562-9720/510-4507

Antique solid wood swivel rocking office chair \$75. **Sharp XL-DV60 DVD player** subwoofer & 2 speaker (new) \$125. 294-4528

Assorted sizes of 3/8 & 1/4" sockets, standard & metric \$30; **Klein 1/2 EMT Bender** \$25; 9 brass w/ white **door handles** \$9. 668-7252 11 am - 6 pm

Two twin beds including mattresses, box springs & bed frames. Excellent condition, great buy for student apartments. Get them now for the upcoming school year while available. Tallahassee. \$150 for both. 668-2708

Automotive

1994 Z28 Camaro 171,000 miles 6 speed manual, 1000 miles on tires, cold air, runs and shifts good, asking \$5500. 562-6575 after 5

1987 or 1988 Buick Lesabre car body in good condition. 264-4523

1995 Patherfinder "Bad Engine" runs, V6-LE, P-WRW, AUTO \$600-OBO; **1998 TWNCOUNTRY**

Trading Post Guidelines

In order to continue to provide The Trading Post in every issue of *The Current*, we ask Members to adhere to the guidelines listed below when submitting an ad. If an ad does not meet the criteria, it will not be published. There is no cost to place an ad in The Trading Post.

- Members may submit one ad every three months (four times a year)
- Ads must be twenty-five words or less
- Must be typed or printed legibly in ink
- No registered businesses may run an ad
- No changes after ad submission
- Deadlines are the first day of the month preceding the month of publication (For example, December 1st is the deadline for the January edition.)
- Members must provide name, phone number, and account number.

Mail ads to: "The Current", Talquin Electric Cooperative P.O. Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353-1679 or e-mail to: tradingpost@talquinelectric.com

LXI, starts when it wants to \$1800-OBO, '60 **APACHE S-SIDE 3-TREE.** 591-5429

Airsteam Trailer, 27' classic limited, one owner, no kids or pets. Excellent condition. 544-2288 for appointment

1979 classic Buick Park Ave coupe 110k mi not driven in years \$3500; **1995 Ford Escort LX** Wagon, auto, 170k mi clean \$2500; **utility trailer** 4x8 15" tires w/ 3 wheeler/motorcycle holding bracket \$450; **New 3200 PSI pressure washer** Honda engine \$300. 567-1387

Real Estate

FIVE BEAUTIFUL WOODED ACRES on Steeplechase Lane in the beautiful Steeplechase Subdivision. Excellent location to build near Crawfordville and the Gulf. \$39,750. 926-7901

QDM Hunting lease in Wakulla County bordering the St. Marks river 1.5 miles north of Newport. Big deer. 879-2521

Hunting/Fishing Camp 100x100 lot. Has well and septic. House needs work. Boat landing within two miles and hunting is in Apalachicola Forrest. Make offer 832-2234/265-1265

1998 3400sq ft brick house 4 br 3 bath on 10 acres with workshop. Shady Rest Road, Havana. Completely remodeled. Paved driveway. Horse friendly. must see. 251-2373

Two lots on 2.3 Acres in Leon County that back up to the National Forest. Includes well/septic tank. \$24,000 (Negotiable). 322-1269

Havana 3/2 DMH 2.16 acres, newer roof, flooring, paint, lg sunroom, fireplace, lg metal shed w/ water & elec, 3 lean-to's off shed, fenced. \$87,000. 294-4528

Marine

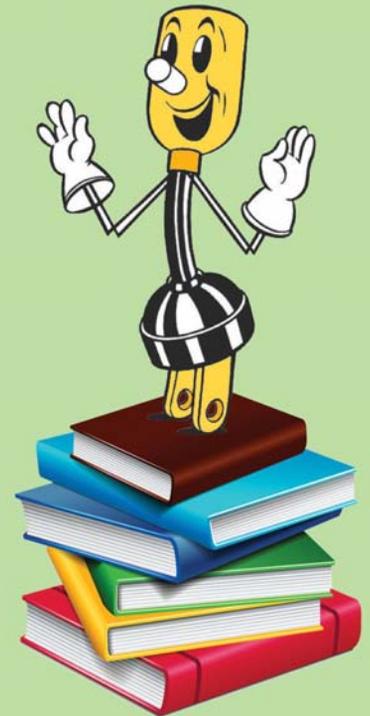
Houseboat North of Lake Seminole Gated community at Trailsend Marina. 2 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, fully furnished, south end slip - \$60,000. 216-4021

Farm/Garden

Red Rhode Island Chickens for sale, hens \$7.00 and roosters \$8.00. 509-1263

FREE

lovely old M. Schulz and Co. Upright piano. Needs tuning and some restoration- you move it. Call 524-0185



Word of the Month

Education: ed·u·ca·tion
(noun)

The act or process of imparting or acquiring general knowledge, developing the powers of reasoning and judgment, and generally of preparing oneself or others intellectually for mature life.

Educating the community about the power of electricity and how to stay safe around it is a top priority at Talquin Electric Cooperative.

Broccoli Salad with Cabot Cheddar & Bacon

This colorful Broccoli Salad with Cabot Cheddar is a wonderful way to “eat the rainbow” and get your veggies. And it requires no cooking – so it adds no heat to the kitchen!

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup Cabot 2% Plain Greek-Style Yogurt
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons brown mustard
- 2 teaspoons cider vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 5 cups chopped raw broccoli
- 1 cup finely chopped fennel bulb
- 4 ounces Cabot Lamberton Cheddar or Cabot Extra Sharp Cheddar, grated (about 1 cup)
- 4 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 1 shallot, minced

Directions

In large bowl, whisk together yogurt, mayonnaise, mustard, vinegar, salt and pepper until smooth.

Add broccoli, fennel, cheddar, bacon and shallot and stir to coat with dressing.

www.cabotcheese.coop



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How?

SIMPLY VISIT BILLING.TALQUINELECTRIC.COM OR VISIT ANY MEMBER SERVICE OFFICE TO SIGN UP TODAY!



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 (850) 926-7422

Hosford Member Services Office

20557 NE Cooperative Way
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Lake Jackson Member Services Office

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 Tallahassee, Florida 32303
 (850) 562-0125

Bradfordville

Member Services Office

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 Tallahassee, Florida 32312
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1-866-899-4832
 (automated systems)

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Member Name: _____

Service Address: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____ Work #: _____

Email: _____

Optional:

Into which of the following ranges does your age fall?

- Under 25 25 to 34 35 to 44 45 to 54
 55 to 64 65 to 74 75 & over

**please consider providing your information as this helps us in planning, etc.*



Fill this out and mail or drop off at any
 Member Services Office.

Thank you!



TAP

Sign up for TAP (Talquin Assistance Program - to help
 Members in crisis that cannot pay their utility bill)
 at any Member Service Office or online at
www.talquinelectric.com



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