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as they walk &  
bike to school

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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 6:30 p.m.

Notice of any changes will be listed on the website.

## What Will Be Your Legacy?

Legacy is something that is handed down from the past, as from an ancestor or predecessor. This could be in the form of what you have amassed as well as more intangible gifts, such as what you have learned, your values, and giving of yourself to better the world around you.

August is "What Will Be Your Legacy" month, a time to ask yourself what mark you are making in your community. Electric cooperatives have a long, distinguished legacy that goes back to the 1930s when President Franklin D. Roosevelt assisted rural communities across the nation. Citizens were able to band together and finally bring electricity to their rural areas. Our mission has not changed: our purpose is still to power communities and empower our Members to improve the quality of their lives.



Carrie Durden  
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One of the ways Talquin helps empower our Members is by supporting local organizations that assist those in need in our community. Since 2012, CoBank (one of Talquin's lenders) has been partnering with cooperatives around the nation in their Sharing Success program to provide needed funds to charitable organizations in rural areas. Talquin applied for three of their grants again this year, and again all three were awarded!

The recipients of this year's grants were the American Red Cross Capital Area Chapter, Wakulla Senior Citizens Council, and the Hang Tough Foundation. Each of these organizations received \$1,000 from CoBank as part of their Sharing Success program. Here is some information about all three organizations and how this grant money will help our community:

The **American Red Cross** comes to the aid of our community when we are at our most vulnerable, during a disaster. However, they are also here for us when there is not a disaster. Their main objective is to help our communities be prepared, so when those disasters do strike, we know what to do. The American Red Cross offers training in first aid, CPR, water safety, child care, and much more. To find out more about the Red Cross, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or call our local chapter at 866-943-9010.

The mission of **Wakulla Senior Citizens Council** is to enable seniors to age in a friendly and secure environment to prevent premature admission to nursing homes or other institutions. They are able to fulfill this mission through services such as Meals-on-Wheels, caregiving respite, emergency response systems, and education courses. If you have not checked out their Senior Center, you really should! They have classes in a variety of subjects like yoga, art, beading, and more. To learn more about their classes, services, or how you can volunteer, visit [www.wakullaseniorecitizens.com](http://www.wakullaseniorecitizens.com) or call 850-926-7145.

The locally run and operated foundation **Hang Tough** was established to provide an encompassing approach to taking care of entire families that have children affected by a chronic or life-altering illness and special needs in the Big Bend area. They provide resources and a reprieve to families who are financially, emotionally, and physically exhausted. From school work assistance, therapists, support groups, counselors, fun activities, and parent's night out – they cover

it all. They provide support, hope, and encouragement to help foster healthy families. To get involved or just learn more, visit [www.hangtoughfoundation.org](http://www.hangtoughfoundation.org) or call 850-702-5583.

Help us in saying thank you to these organizations for their support of our community. Talquin Electric Cooperative is proud to be able to help support them in building their LEGACY!





## Did You Know?

### Returning the Patronage Capital of Deceased Members

Capital Credits belong to Talquin's Members and are on loan to Talquin Electric Cooperative for investing in operations, power restoration after outages, and construction. These funds are normally returned in later years on a regular and sound business basis. However, in the event of a Member's passing, Talquin Electric Cooperative pays out the remainder of capital credits allocated to that Member in accordance with the cooperative's By-laws and procedures. In order for those capital credits to be disbursed, a deceased Member claim needs to be filed with Talquin. To start the process, a person can visit any of our Member Services Offices to fill out an application or call and have an application mailed to them. Along with the application, a certified copy of the death certificate is required. If available, a copy of the last will and testament will help speed up the process. Each situation is different depending on the number of survivors, the estate, and if the estate has gone through probate. If the estate has not gone through probate, Talquin follows Florida State Inheritance Laws. For more information about deceased Member claims or capital credits in general, please contact Talquin's Capital Credit Clerk at 850-627-7651 or email [Member-Feedback@talquinelectric.com](mailto:Member-Feedback@talquinelectric.com).

## Water Tip

When you give your pets fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain. Use it to water your trees or plants.

\*[wateruseitwisely.com](http://wateruseitwisely.com)



## Member of the Month

For each person, their legacy can be defined by a multitude of things. For Talquin Member JB Toole, his legacy is his commitment to his community of Greensboro and its children. Mr. Toole adopted Greensboro as his home in 1955 when he moved to the area for his wife's job at a local school. After serving three years as an Army mechanic, he also joined the Greensboro school system where he became an elementary teacher. Eventually, he moved to guidance and counseling and retired after 32 years. On top of that, he was a volunteer firefighter, volunteer for the American Red Cross, and is currently the Mayor of Greensboro. However, Mr. Toole's chief commitment to the children in his community has been through the Greensboro Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis' mission is to empower communities to improve the world by

making lasting differences in the lives of children. Mr. Toole has upheld this mission since joining the club in 1955 – 62 years ago!! His commitment to the club was recognized this year when he was voted their "Citizen of the Year"



## Citizen of the Year

for his tireless efforts in serving the people in and around Greensboro. His greatest legacy, however, is his family! With five grandchildren, and a bunch of great and great-great grandchildren, Mr. Toole is surrounded by loved ones. Between them and jigsaw puzzles, he is a very content and happy man. What more could any of us really ask for? Thank you, Mr. JB Toole, for being a leading example to others and for inspiring all of us within the community.

**Ingredients**

- 3 large zucchini, sliced into ½" rounds**
- 1 tsp. cumin**
- ¼ tsp. chili powder**
- ¼ tsp. smoked paprika**
- Kosher salt**
- Freshly ground black pepper**
- 1 ½ c. shredded cooked chicken**
- 1 c. Shredded Monterey Jack**
- ½ red onion, chopped**
- 1 avocado, cubed**
- Pico de Gallo**
- Pickled jalapeños**

**Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 400°. Place sliced zucchini on a large baking sheet in a single layer. Toss with olive oil, cumin, chili powder, and paprika then season with salt and pepper. Bake until slightly tender, 5 minutes.
2. Keep zucchini rounds on the baking sheet and top with shredded chicken, Monterey Jack, and red onion. Bake until the cheese is melted and the chicken is warm throughout, about 10 more minutes.
3. Top zucchini nachos with avocado, pico de gallo, and pickled jalapeños.



## Zucchini Nachos

## Talquin Members Receive Scam Calls

Some Members have experienced scam calls where the caller pretends to be from Talquin Electric Cooperative, and threatens to cut off their utilities or demands payment over the phone. They have also at times demanded green dot payments, or stated that Talquin and other utilities are demanding immediate payment. Also, be aware that scammers can “spoof” Talquin’s phone number so that a Member’s caller ID displays Talquin’s phone number. Unfortunately, we cannot prevent this from happening, but we want all of our Members to



be informed. Several Members have received these types of phone calls. They were told that they had a balance on their account and needed to pay it immediately or their service would be disconnected.

**Talquin Electric Cooperative will not call our Members and demand immediate payment on a utility bill.** If you receive a call like this, please report it to Talquin and the proper authorities. *Never give your credit card or bank information to a party that has called you.*



# trading post

## Miscellaneous

**Twin Mattress & Box Springs with frame:** Serta Firm Supreme in very good condition, \$50. Tallahassee. 352-239-2572

**Browning Bar Shorttrac:** 308 Mossy Oak Infinity Camo. New Leupold 3x9x40 VariXII Matte Scope. 2 box magazines 2 boxes of Hunting ammo, \$1400. 447-1951

**Inversion table \$150; Dance Shoes:** all \$50 - Black Jazz (8), Pink Ballet (10), Beige 2" Heel Tap (8 1/2). 566-0407

**MOTORIZED WHEEL CHAIR:** (Jazzy 614 - Heavy Duty), new batteries, cover, and POWER VEHICLE LIFT (Pride Outlander). \$2,500 (\$5,900 new). 508-0882 - Leave message please

**Room full of craft products and accessories:** scrap booking, stamping, paints, shells, ribbons, jewelry making, quilting fabrics, odds & ends. Any interest to purchase part or all, 875-2726

**Banjo for Sale:** Slightly used, 5 string Tyler Mountain banjo. Nice dark wood on closed back. Strap, Bluegrass. Banjo book and hard case included. \$249. 878-8436 and can leave a message

**Bird Cages:** Like New, Prevue Hendryx Triple Roof; 26" W x 14"D x 22.5" H, \$30 or 2 for \$50. Call or Text 510-3918

**Smooth Fitness CE 3.2 Elliptical Trainer:** Excellent Shape. Very sturdy and well built machine. Must partially disassemble to remove from room. \$500 OBO. 545-4629

**Experienced personal in home caregiver:** 24 hours a day 7 days a week, certifications in patient care, references available. 241-3875

**Several Movers blankets:** 72x80 \$5 ea; 40x72 \$4 ea - only used once; **Hoyer pool lift,** new \$500. 786-972-5871 calls screened

**Electric Lift Recliner:** for sale, like new, brown leather look. \$400. 643-6007

**Annual recipe series:** Taste of Home 2000-2007; Pillsbury 2006-2012; Better Homes & Gardens 2003-2011. \$20 each series. Cookbooks galore, numerous Paula Dean. 875-2726

**Homeowners Needed:** homeowners that would like their **Windows, Screens & Sills,** cleaned inside and out. I also clean **Roofs, Gutters,** and **Pressure Wash** most Homes without chemicals. 345-6570/562-1399

**Square Dance clothes:** slightly used, men's and ladies; also crinolines, size med and large, all colors. 519-6507

**401A Singer Sewing Machine:** w/ the Singer mgf co trade mark on it. To see call 562-9720/510-4507

**Loving, Caring, Female Caregiver:** glowing references, seeking full or part time position, have reliable transportation and is dependable. Non-smoker. Pet lover too!! 878-2870

**Golden 3 wheel electric scooter:** w/ Bruno chair scooter lift. Both \$1,200. 570-2506

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

## Automotive

**2011 KTM motorcycle:** 250 SXF, excellent condition, very few hours, garage kept. \$4,200 cash, negotiable. 322-2606/894-9222

**1997 Ford CrownVic:** 4D Tan, well maintained, one owner 44,640 miles, A/C, excellent condition. MUST SEE, \$4,000 OBO. 273-0600

**4 Primwell PS860 Sport tires for sell:** The size is 225 70R 14 inch. White lettered, Great for small trucks or cars. Excellent condition with less than 8,000 miles. \$125. 678-314-7539, located in Tallahassee area

**Must See - Vintage Car:** 1979 Ford LTD II, 4 door, A/C, radio, P/S, original motor/interior, low mileage - 26,000. Asking \$4,500. 766-5858

**2007 Saturn Ion:** silver mid-size sedan, manual transmission, 59,080 miles, very nice car with no mechanical problems. 228-0412

**1999 Ford Ranger,** high mileage, recent service, runs good. \$2321. 421-9783

## Real Estate

**Gretna - Fully renovated well maintained house for rent:** \$750 monthly. 3bd/1bth, gas fireplace, washer, sunroom, front deck, AC/heat. 856-5068

**Lakefront Lot on Lake Talquin:** Gilcrease Ln in

Gadsden Co; beautiful view of lake w/ dock. Sale by owner. \$110,000 firm. 212-5645

## Farm/Garden

**Need help with maintaining/cleaning up your property:** on the east side of Tally? Free quotes, reasonable rate, excellent references. 933-5739

**Lawn Mower:** Craftsman L100, 42" cut, 18HP OHV- INTEK, Briggs & Stratton, riding mower in good shape, still using. \$400. 539-5992

## Marine

**14' aluminum boat:** with 15 horsepower Johnson motor and trailer for sale \$2,000. 402-5459

**21 FT. 'cuddy' cabin deep-V boat:** 150 HP outboard, tandem trailer and electronics. \$5,000. 539-5641

## FREE

**Free Plants:** Ferns, Pinecone Lilies, Elephant Ears, Aspidistra, Phlox, Mahonia, etc. You Dig! 562-2770

**National Geographic:** Issues 1985 - 2008. Free to a good home. 656-9556

## Energy Tip



Consider installing a programmable thermostat. With this technology, you can set your air conditioner or heat pump to be turned off at night when it is coolest and you are least active.

\*directenergy.com

## School Presentations

Do you want your children or students to learn more about electricity? We conduct school presentations and tailor the topic to the students' ages. If you have a homeschool group, ask us about visiting our training center. School career day? We can provide a brief overview of all of the equipment that our outdoor crews use and the skills required to keep the power flowing. Career possibilities with Talquin and encouragement to achieve personally and academically are also key components of our program. We can even bring a bucket truck for the elementary age kids!

If you are interested in more details, please contact Alisia Hounshell in our Communications and Outreach Department at 850-627-7651.

Pictured: Fourth grade students from Fort Braden Elementary during a class presentation.



## Safety Tips

- *Be on the lookout for school zones ALWAYS obey the speed limits*
- *Always stop for school busses that are loading and unloading children*
  - *Be aware of and watch out for children near schools, bus stops, etc.*



Cover picture:  
Child Growth & Development group  
visiting our training yard to learn more  
about safety around electricity.

## Watts Happening

**Leon County Senior Outreach:**  
Explore "Lunch and Learn" to stay connected

No reservations needed to join the fun. Each event is from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Featuring a delicious catered lunch for \$6 per plate. Call 891-4065 for more information.

**August 17** Lake Jackson Community Center

**August 22** Chaires/Dorothy C. Spence Community Center

**September 7** Miccosukee Community Center

**September 13** Bradfordville/Wildwood Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

**September 14** Woodville Community Center

**University of Florida/IFAS presents Art, Garden, and Farm 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, speak with experts, participate in arts and crafts, and more! FREE and open to the public.

**Saturday, October 7 (9 am – 2 pm)**

North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC)

155 Research Rd, Quincy FL





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**1-888-802-1832**  
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**1-866-899-4832**  
 (automated systems)

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 outages on the Web at  
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 report your outage quickly and to  
 receive outage information.

## Charlie Tyus Retires

Thirty-six years ago, Charlie Tyus began his career at Talquin Electric Cooperative as an inventory specialist. He numbered poles around the system and then quickly moved into a warehouse clerk position. In 1986, Charlie became a truck operator in Hosford and found his niche at the co-op. After 31 years as an operator, Charlie decided it was time to move to his next position — retiree! He will now get to spend more time with his real boss — his lovely wife Janice — and their son Colby.



*Mr. Tyus: Talquin thanks you for your many years of dedicated service, and we hope you enjoy your new position. Good luck Charlie!*



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