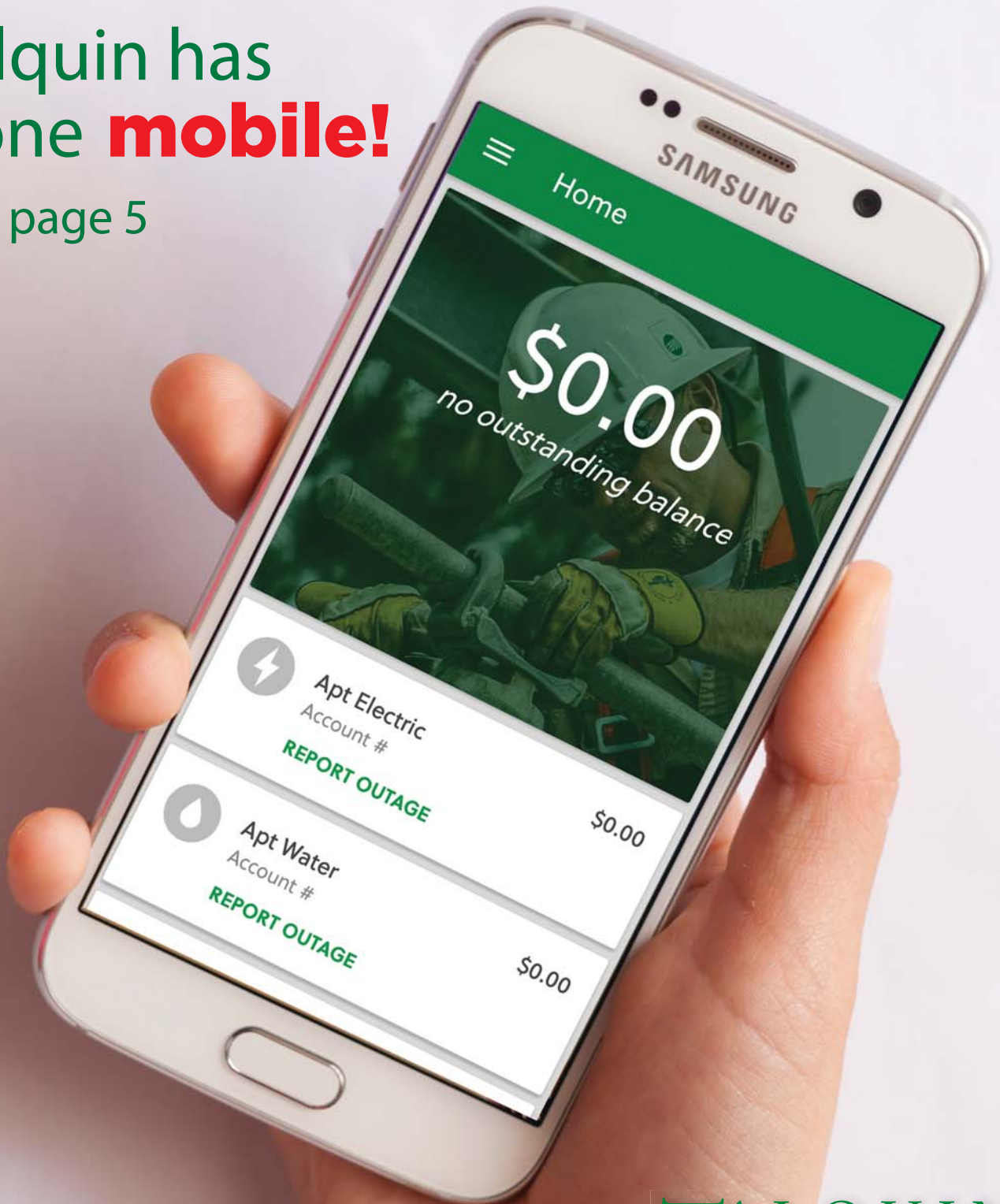


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Trustee bios and pictures are located on website.

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.

Supporting 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 grants again this year, and again all were awarded!



Carrie Durden
Board President



Tracy Bensley
General Manager

The recipients of this year's grants were the Boy Scouts Suwannee River Area Council and the Lighthouse of the Big Bend. Both of these organizations received \$1,000 from CoBank as part of their Sharing Success program. Here is some information about the two organizations and how this grant money will be put to work in our community:

The **Boy Scouts Suwannee River Area Council** has been proudly serving our community since 1924. In that time they have been teaching our youth the principles of integrity, character, responsibility, and leadership – preparing them to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes. One of the ways they instill these principles is through outdoor programs at Wallwood Scout Reservation on Lake Talquin. The camp was built in 1966 and is a Talquin Member! To find out more about the Suwannee River Area Council, visit www.suwanneeriver.net or contact the council office at 850-576-4146.

The mission of **Lighthouse of the Big Bend** is to enhance the lives of individuals who live with vision loss in the Big Bend through direct services, community engagement, and education. They offer services to individuals with vision loss in Franklin, Gadsden,



Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Wakulla counties. Services include Orientation and Mobility, Vocation Rehabilitation, Assistive Technology, Services for Children and Teens, iPhone training, and support groups. They can also transcribe a Talquin Member's utility bill to Braille! To learn more about their services or how you can assist, visit www.lighthousebigbend.org or call 850-942-3658.

Join us in saying thank you to these organizations for the fantastic work they do in our community. Talquin Electric Cooperative is proud to be able to help support them in continuing their missions!



Talquin Board of Trustees



Pictured left to right – Back Row: Carla Pararo, Sam Fenn, David Wright, Cliff Bristol, Doug Bruce, and David Miller. Front Row: Billy VanLandingham, Carrie Durden, and Joseph Alexander.

Florida Vegetable and Chicken Pasta



Ingredients:

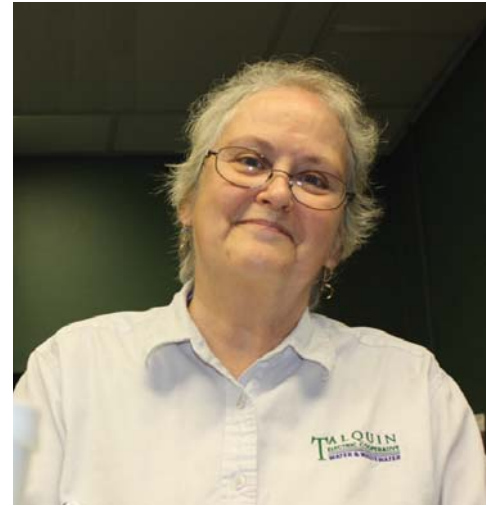
2 cups Florida chicken, cooked and chopped
 2 Florida tomatoes, diced
 2 Florida zucchini, diced
 2 cups Florida spinach
 4-5 garlic cloves, minced
 1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped
 12 ounces whole wheat penne (or your favorite pasta), cooked
 1/2 cup vegetable broth
 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
 1 lemon, juiced
 olive oil, for cooking
 Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
 sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste

Preparation:

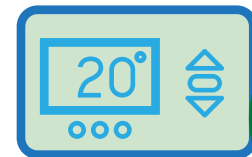
Fill a medium stockpot with water and bring to a boil, add 1 tablespoon of salt. Cook pasta according to package directions, drain and let cool. Heat a large sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add 1 tablespoon of olive oil to preheated pan. Add diced zucchini and garlic and sauté for two minutes. Next add the tomatoes, lemon juice, cooked chicken, and the vegetable broth. Bring to a boil and then add in the fresh spinach and cooked chicken. Stir to combine, and simmer for an additional two to three minutes. Stir in the butter, and add salt and pepper to taste. Remove from heat, and add the fresh parsley. Garnish with Parmesan cheese and serve warm.

*freshfromflorida.com

Elsie McCrary Retirement



We would like to congratulate Elsie McCrary on 19 years of service as a Talquin Member Service Representative and wish her well as she enjoys her retirement. She is excited to spend more time with her husband Wayne, their grandchildren, their two dogs Joey and Britney, and their church family at Northwoods Baptist Church. Enjoy this new journey and cherish every moment, Elsie!



smart
thermostats
can help

Electric Tip

Monitor your usage with your air conditioner. This is where most homes use the most energy. Remember, smart thermostats can help you keep a schedule on using the air conditioner when no one is home. Also, turning down your thermostat when the air conditioner is already running will not cool down your house faster. Air conditioners put out the same amount of cool air, and it just makes them work longer along with increasing your electric bill.

*energy.gov

Congratulations to the

Ft. Braden Little League 9 – 11 year old
All Star team for being the
2018 District Champions!!



Water Tip

Drip Irrigation:

This system is good for a small yard or for watering individual plants.

Drip irrigation is highly effective at supplying one to four gallons of water per hour directly to the soil.

The advantage of drip irrigation over sprinklers is that there is little water loss due to evaporation or runoff.

It's particularly good for mulched areas because it can directly soak the soil without washing away the mulch.

*wateruseitwisely.com

Talquin's mobile app is now available for download on iOS and Android devices. Make a payment with the click of a button, report outages and receive updates on restoration, monitor usage, and much more!!



trading post

Miscellaneous

Bridal Shop Closing – Everything Going: cake stands, cake toppers, lighted rose garlands, wedding sets and much more. Too much to list. Selling all for \$3,000. 442-4159

Rally Electric Scooter for sale, really good shape, 2 brand new batteries ready to roll. \$550. 576-8782/556-6304

Loving, Experienced Female Caregiver: Seeking full or part time position, reliable transportation, dependable, with glowing references. Great with pets and am a non-smoker. 878-2870

Graco's Pack & Play travel crib and playpen. Hardly used. Good condition \$50; **crib quilt**, hand-made \$4.50; **potted plants**, large and small, cheap. 539-5641

Experienced Christian care giver, personal care, light housekeeping, prepare meals & pet friendly with reasonable rates. 627-1981

Bridal Gown: size 6 (never used), white (Michael Angelo – David's Bridal); includes bra (34B) and full slip (size 8). Call to see and make offer. 562-9720/510-4507

Downsizing Estate with antiques including 100 year old beautiful glass lamp / shade appraised at 2001 Antique Road Show \$7,000. CASH ONLY Appointment Contact gkkaice@gmail.com

Cherry finish Pub style dining table w/Lazy Susan & 8 chairs. 42x60 collapsed, 60x60 extended with self-storing leaf. Excellent condition. \$750 OBO. 980-0155

Automotive

WeatherTech auto floor mats (f&b): For Honda Accord 2000-2007. Only two years old and in very good condition. Original cost \$200. Asking \$25. 385-3970

HONDA ODYSSEY 05-10 plus one middle jumpseat, olive grey leather. Excellent condi-

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

tion, seldom used. \$150. 668-9281

2003 Ford 13 seat Passenger Van, Mileage 191,489 Color White, Interior Good, Like new tired. \$3,500. 510-2942

2011 Mini Cooper. 37 mpg, perfect for college - easy to park; full back seat for friends, extra storage. Fully loaded, special sound system, low mileage, new tires. 264-4193

ATV Chuck Wagon, 340cc/11hp Honda, Needs tuneup - \$1,500. 510-2263

2015 Thor ACE . \$72,900 Sleeps 6, Queen Bed, sofa sleeper, 3 TV(one outside) 16000 miles. Tow bar included. 668-1642

Real Estate

Mid-town Tallahassee townhouse for sale. 2b/2.5b, Meridian Street, major renovations needed, recently appraised AS IS @\$160,000. 544-1067

4/2 Double-wide for sale by owner. Newly remodeled, on nice lot. 1485 Amherst Rd. Woodville area. TEXT ONLY 528-3935

Farm/Garden

Armadillo traps. Humane, 2 - door. Pressure treated wood construction. Pre-scented. No bait

or funneling required. \$70. 383-6380. Keep, pass along this ad.

Barn Cats FREE, Great rodent control. Cats are healthy, vaccinated, sterile, feral and semi feral. We will set up cage to acclimate to your property. 470-303-1507

MINIATURE MARE: Registered 33 3/4 inch tall paint 3 yo mare. Handled daily. Sweet and tractable. \$1,495. Call/text 459-1094

Armadillo traps. Humane, 2 - door, pressure treated wood construction. Pre-scented. No bait or funneling required. \$70. 668-1368 SAVE THIS AD

150 ft round pen- \$1,000. 510-2263

Marine

12 foot John boat, trolling motor and never used wading boots all for \$500.00. All in very good condition all offers considered. 668-3669

FREE

Free to good home, **400 Watt metal Halide bulbs**, used but in good condition. (also have free **13 watt 2 pin PL bulbs**). 878-4589

2 Pot Belly pigs- males - 150 lbs and 50 lbs Free. 510-2263

Safety Tip

Be cautious when opening email attachments. If unexpected or suspicious for any reason, do not click on it. Double check the address (URL) of the website the link takes you to: bad actors often take advantage of spelling mistakes to direct you to a harmful site.



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WHAT TO DO WHEN A PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER NOTICE IS ISSUED FOR YOUR AREA



When there is a loss in water pressure, either due to a broken water pipe or a scheduled outage for repairs, a Precautionary Boil Water Notice (PBWN) will be issued. If the number of affected Members is small, then each Member will be informed individually using a printed notice hung on the front door.

Otherwise, the notice will be provided for broadcast from the local radio and/or television station.

Water pressure keeps unhealthy pollutants from entering the underground pipes that bring drinking water to your house or business. When the pressure is lost, contaminants could potentially seep into the pipes. This seepage might allow pathogens (disease-causing germs) into the water that can cause illness if consumed through drinking or food preparation. As a precaution, disinfect tap water to kill any bacteria or viruses that may have entered the water.

Consumption includes brushing teeth, washing fruits and vegetables, and making homemade ice. Tap water may be used for showering, bathing, shaving and washing, so long as care is taken not to swallow or allow water in the eyes, nose or mouth. Children and disabled individuals should have their bath supervised to ensure water is not ingested. The time spent bathing should be minimized. Though the risk of illness is minimal, individuals who have recent surgical wounds, are immunosuppressed, or have a chronic illness may want to consider using bottled or boiled water for cleansing until the notice is lifted.

Businesses and non-residential sites should take steps such as posting notices at, or disabling water fountains and ice machines during the PBWN. If you provide water to visitors or em-

Guidelines for water purification

Under a PBWN, water used for consumption can be disinfected by any of the following methods:

- Bringing the water to a rolling boil and holding it there for one (1) minute,
- If you cannot boil water, such as during a power outage, use a disinfecting chemical. You should put eight (8) drops of common household bleach which is about 1/8th teaspoon, into one (1) gallon of tap water, then shake it, and allow it to stand for 30 minutes before drinking. If the water is cloudy, use sixteen (16) drops, about ¼ teaspoon of bleach instead of 8, shake it, and let it stand for 30 minutes. There should be a slight chlorine odor. Use common household bleach that has 5 to 6% active ingredients. Use food grade containers. Do not use bleach that has perfume scents added.
- Using water purification tablets or iodine that many sports and camping stores sell.
- You can also buy commercial bottled water for consumption and food preparation.

These methods are in accordance with the Department of Health's Guidelines which can be found online at <http://www.floridahealth.gov/%5C/environmental-health/drinking-water/Flooded-wells.html>.

ployees, use a commercially produced bottled water for drinking or beverage preparation (coffee). Food service operations have additional regulatory requirements..

After the water system is repaired, and the pressure is restored in the pipes to your home or business, the precautionary boil water notice will remain in effect for one to several days while bacteria tests are conducted to assure the safety of the water. The notice will be lifted (rescinded) only after tests prove the water is safe to drink. When a small number of Members are affected, the rescind notice will be delivered similar to delivery of the precautionary boil water notice. Otherwise, the media will

be provided information updates and you should listen for this important information on the radio and/or television. All PBWN and rescind notices are posted on the Talquin website (www.talquinelectric.com), and the Talquin Facebook and Twitter pages.

Talquin takes great care in assuring that your water is safe to drink. We appreciate your cooperation with the Precautionary Boil Water Notice policy which ensures public health during water outages. Please contact us at (850) 562-2115 during normal business hours if you have questions or concerns. The County Health Department can also assist you with answers to your questions.



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Bradfordville Member Service Office

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 Tallahassee, Florida 32312
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**Service Interruptions (Outages)
 Should Be Reported To**

1-888-802-1832
 (live operator)

1-866-899-4832
 (automated systems)

Visit us and report and view
 outages on the Web at
www.talquinelectric.com

Sign up for text outage notification
 at www.talquinelectric.com to report
 your outage quickly and to receive
 outage information.

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 850-891-4065 for more information.

August 16 Lake Jackson – Fellowship Baptist Church (N. Monroe)

August 21 Fort Braden Community Center

September 6 Miccosukee Community Center

September 12 Bradfordville – Wildwood Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

September 13 Woodville Community Center

University of Florida/IFAS - 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 of

the beautiful NFREC gardens. Speak with experts about all your gardening questions/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 "Kidz 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. This event is FREE and open to the public.

Saturday, October 6 (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM)

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

Veterans Memorial Railroad - invites you to come for free train rides over a mile around the park on the **2nd Saturday of the month** (February – November).

For more information, visit www.VeteransMemorialRailroad.org or call 850-643-6646.

10561 NW Theo Jacobs Way - Bristol, FL



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