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The TECL 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.

Good Tidings of Joy!

We bring to you good tidings of joy! With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season all around, let us take a few moments to slow down to enjoy the love, laughter, and goodwill that fill the air during this wonderful time of year.

From the bright glow of captivating lights on houses and trees, exciting festivities and celebrations with co-workers and friends, and being reunited with loved ones, to waiting in anticipation of being surprised with that perfect gift: these are just a few of the joys that warm our heart during this very special time of year. Hearing the familiar sounds of bell ringers echoing in the crisp air as we hurry on our way from store to store, we are reminded of the true spirit and expression of Christmas: the art of giving.



Carrie Durden
 Board President

In a 2006 study, Jorge Moll and colleagues at the National Institutes of Health found that when people give to charities, regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust are activated, creating a "warm glow" effect. To test this theory, pause for a moment to take a big, deep breath. Hold it for as long as you possibly can. As you hold it inside, notice how uncomfortable you begin to feel when you are holding on to something that is meant to be released.



Tracy Bensley
 General Manager

Scientists also believe that altruistic behavior, or acting out of concern for the well-being of others without regard to your own self-interest, releases endorphins in the brain, producing the positive feeling known as the "helper's high." Through our continued commitment to participating in community drives and initiatives such as Toys for Tots, being a Santa to a Senior, and collecting funds for the Talquin Assistance Program, your family at Talquin Electric Cooperative will be thriving off of this "helper's high" during the holiday season.

We would like to encourage each of our Members to engage in the joy and spirit of giving with us. Through these small acts of generosity, we help give a sense of hope to all those around us. The meaning of Christmas has best been expressed in this quote by an unknown author: "In the eyes of children we find the joy of Christmas; in their hearts we find the meaning." What is in your heart?

Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones. May you be blessed by the warmth, joy, and generosity that unite every one of us!



Decorate Your Home Safely During the Holidays:

- Make sure all extension cords and electrical decorations are marked for proper use
- Outdoor electrical lights and decorations should be plugged into circuits protected by Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs)
- Inspect all lights, decorations, and extension cords for damage before using
- Exercise caution when decorating near power lines. Keep yourself and your equipment at least 10 feet from power lines
- Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before leaving home or going to sleep
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets with too many decorations or electrical devices (they can overheat and cause a fire)
- Never connect more than three strings of incandescent lights together
- Water your Christmas tree daily
- Keep all decorations at least 3 feet away from heating equipment or an open flame
- Purchase electrical decorations from reputable retailers and that are approved by a nationally recognized testing lab



**from esfi.org

Light Out?



We Need to Know

If you see an outdoor light that is not working on Talquin Electric Cooperative's system, please contact the Cooperative to report it. When reporting a problem, please provide the information listed below, so that we can make the repair and contact you if necessary.

- **Provide** the light number located on the pole and describe the location clearly. Information such as street name, nearest street intersection, or other landmarks are very helpful. Accurate information is very important in identifying the outdoor light, especially if there are multiple lights in the area.
- **Describe** the nature of the problem;

such as light is blinking, bulb is burned out, etc.

- **Provide** contact information such as the name, address, email address, or phone number of the person reporting the outdoor light so that they can be contacted if needed.

Providing as much information as possible will help ensure the proper response for your request. We certainly appreciate your help in this matter. To report an inoperative or malfunctioning outdoor light, contact Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. at (850) 627-7651 during normal business hours or visit www.talquinelectric.com/services/report-an-outage

2016 Employee Recognition

EMPLOYEES

5-Year	Jacob Beech Tracy Bensley Matthew Carpenter Kenny Chaganis Stephen Dean Matthew Gibson Michael Harper Alisia Hounshell Andrew Lyle Will Poston Denise Stewart Jeremiah Waller
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10-year	Andrew Clark Ashley Fulton Wade Nelson Juris Pumpurs Ryan Ribolzi Christy Wheeler
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15-year	Joshua Brogato Dwight Callahan Terry Cordell Lisa Darby Scott Hartsfield Grayson Johnson Brian Moore Oren Revell Jesse Roberts Mike Smith Sandra Smith Tim Waddle Jeff Washington
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25-year	Doug Goetschius Patricia Metcalf
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30-year	Ted Lee
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35-year	Ricky Benton Anthony Granger Ron Kelly Charlie Tyus
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TRUSTEES

15-year	William VanLandingham
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trading post

Miscellaneous

Firewood for sale, will deliver. 294-4487

Sleeper Queen & Couch: Floral design. Sits very sturdy, needs arm coverlets. W. Tallahassee, pictures available \$100 ea or \$150 both florida-flash55@yahoo.com or leave message 264-4631

CARETAKER for your loved one - Experienced at personal care for the elderly, care giving for Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, etc. Years of experience and references. 386-3562

Goodman Air conditioner model# GSH-B0481AD, 4 ton heat pump \$300; **Antique Hardman upright Grand** metallic bottom—#56081, old, nice piece, keys need work—best offer. 575-6068

Solid pine china cabinet. Natural finish. Custom built. \$250 OBO. 519-3667

Sojin Baby Grand player piano, white in color, 5 foot has sing-a-long books \$3500. 284-7076

Nice chest freezer. Works great. Great condition. Located in Crawfordville, Fl. 48" long, 28" deep, 35" high. \$75, We don't need three freezers. 556-6468

Wavemaster Free Standing Punching/Kick Bag plus sand for base. Designed for optimal resistance and rapid rebounds from quick jabs, punches, and kicks. Adjustable height - \$50.00. 352/239-2572

Elliptical bike 2 in 1 cross trainer. Like new-excellent condition. 663-4785

MISC Items: Medical Hardwood transfer sliding board 8"x 24", hand holes \$30; adult diapers fits waist up to 44" & smaller, 12 doz, \$5 a doz; quilted cotton/waterproof back bed pads, 32"x 36", nearly as new. \$5 ea. 385-8468

MISC Items: 8 kW Generator electric start \$600; Rapture S.S. Propellor 3 blade 13.25 R17 \$100; Black leather sofa, 3 interchangeable cushions. Good condition \$250. 893-9903

Caregiver for your loved one: Caucasian Christian lady experienced in elderly care, light cooking and cleaning, will sit with your loved one in your home, have references. 537-1981

Automotive

Four Goodyear wrangler tires \$10 ea, P235/75R16-106s. 539-5641

2003 Arctic Cat 500 automatic 4X4 with dump bed. Only 510 miles! Runs great & everything works. \$3000 OBO Call/text 850-209-1038

2005 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER 181K Original owner w/ great service records, recent tires, ice cold AC, 3rd row seat, radio/CD player, great condition! \$6,900. Tallahassee 544-0701

2007 Honda Goldwing (maroon or burgundy) engine 1800, w/ navigation & reverse system, excellent condition, 8282 miles. One owner, asking \$15k. 856-5241/405-6800 after 5 pm

Real Estate

St. Marks – Residential & Commercial lots for sale in the Villages of St Marks. \$6,000 ea OBO. 591-6062

Vacation Rental in Panama City Beach—Thomas Drive. Studio Unit directly on the beach! Fall and winter rates are \$80 per night plus taxes and cleaning fee. Email for more info pamela-

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

joyner@comcast.net

FSBO centrally located 10 miles north of Quincy 16.33 +/- gorgeous acres with quaint 2bd / 1bth house. No owner financing. Asking \$129,000. 766-4528

28x56 MH w/ deck 3bd/2b fireplace, A/C, refrigerator, stove, washer/dryer hook-up, on 3.4 acres. \$60k/ 443-0459/539-5398

1 acre lot Ochlockonee riverfront – high w/ dock, cookout room, well, lg storage rm, Smith Creek area. \$55,000. 926-5116

Marine

Shimano TLD 20 on Star Aerial rod excellent condition: \$150 2 never used Penn Slammer rods 6' 30-60 lbs. \$70 for both. Call/text 530-4242

Farm/Garden

Ford 1710 Tractor, 2WD diesel, 24HP w/60" mower. One owner, well maintained, runs great. \$4000.
Lawn Genie Flail Pickup mower LG48AL-PTO Lift \$500. 212-7099

1997 John Deere 970 tractor has only 231 hours. Yes, only 231 hours! Yanmar 33 hp engine & in great shape. Includes following implements: bush hog, finishing blade, box blade, spreader, tiller. \$11,999. 879-2041

New Idea corn picker – single row & crib style corn wagon – both \$550; **Hobbs peanut invert-er** 3PT. 2 row – \$325. 459-2203

Wanted

90 or 100 hp Johnson or Evenrude outboard motor. 562-3767

Used truck bed liner 5'X 7'. 562-3767

5-10 acres to build on – paved road Gadsden County. 766-1990

FREE

Large collection of assorted railroad magazines. 668-9281

White Rocks 1-year old (with some mixture of dirt). U-haul away. 241-6599



Watts Happening

Downtown Tallahassee Christmas Lights – Park Avenue: The Winter Festival's Lighting Ceremony on December 6 illuminates thousands of lights in the downtown Chain of Parks along Park Avenue. The lights remain lit through the New Year and create the perfect setting for an evening stroll or dinner at nearby restaurants. FREE

First Day Hike – Wakulla Springs State Park: Join a ranger-led trek through Wakulla Springs State Park's

varying forest communities. Glean tidbits of park history and observe the nuances of nature with the aid of your guide. Fuel up with breakfast in the historic Wakulla Springs Lodge prior to the walk. There's no better time of year to enjoy the old-growth southern hardwood forests of the park. The event is free with paid park admission. Meet in the lobby of the Lodge at Wakulla Springs. RSVP required – (850)561-7286
Sunday, January 1st 9:00 am – 10:30 am

VOLUNTARY MEMBER ENROLLMENT TO DONATE TO THE TALQUIN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

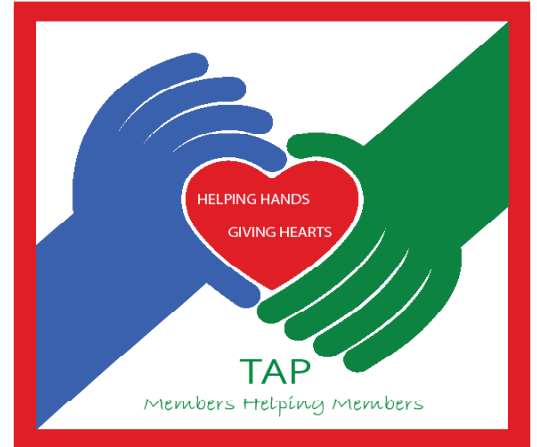
Member Name _____

Electric Account Number _____

Water Account Number _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____



Option 1: By signing this form and submitting it to Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Talquin), I authorize Talquin to add \$_____ per month to my bill to be used in connection with the voluntary Talquin Assistance Program (TAP).

Option 2: By signing this form and submitting it to Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Talquin), I authorize Talquin to round-up my monthly utility account(s) each month to the nearest whole dollar amount, with the added sum to be used in connection with the voluntary Talquin Assistance Program (TAP). In the event my monthly account(s) display(s) a credit, then the credit due will be rounded down to the nearest dollar, and the funds retained will be donated to TAP. I understand that the funds I donate each month will be used by Talquin for charitable purposes which will primarily focus on assisting other Talquin Members who cannot pay their utility bill. I understand that, should the total amount of donations exceed this charitable purpose, the excess donations may be used for such other charitable purposes as are approved by the Board and reported to the Membership.

I understand that participation in TAP is voluntary. I also understand that this is an on-going agreement, and that I must notify Talquin Electric Cooperative if I choose to discontinue my participation in this voluntary program, and that the processing of a termination request may take up to thirty days. I also understand that any donations I make to TAP are non-refundable.

I understand that Talquin may utilize third party agencies (for example, Capital Area Community Action) to handle disbursements of TAP funds to Members. Members who seek assistance under TAP may be referred to these third party agencies for screening, and any person so referred will be screened on the basis of that agency's criteria. Members seeking assistance will not be required to be contributing to TAP.

I understand that contributions to this program are not tax deductible, and that Talquin will not publish the names of Members who contribute; however, overall program statistics and benefits of the program may be reported to the Membership at least annually.

Signature _____

Date: _____

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO TAP, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT OR TO ANY TALQUIN MEMBER SERVICE OFFICE. YOU MAY CONTACT US AT ANY TIME TO ENROLL IN THIS PROGRAM.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS



Take our Member Survey and enter the drawing for a \$100.00 VISA card! One survey per membership is allowed. Each Member who completes the survey and provides requested contact information will be entered into a drawing for ten winners of a \$100.00 VISA card. Winners will be randomly selected and listed in an upcoming edition of *The Current*. The survey will close on December 23, 2016.

The survey can be found online at www.talquinelectric.com. A printed copy of the survey is available at any Member Service Office. Members may also call Maicel Green at (850) 627-7651 to schedule a time to take the survey by phone or to request a copy by mail. We look forward to receiving your feedback and thank you in advance for your participation.

Member of the Month



Talquin Members come in all shapes and sizes – residential, commercial, big and small. We are proud to have Rental, Inc. as one of our newest Members. Originally out of Panama City, owner Joe Scherzinger recently expanded and opened his fifth facility in Midway, Gadsden County. When looking near the Tallahassee area, Mr. Scherzinger chose the Midway location due to its proximity to I-10, which gives easy access to the Big Bend area. “Gadsden County was great to work with, and we were able to get permits within two days. The process was smooth, and we wish all counties’ permitting process went that efficiently,” stated Mr. Scherzinger. The Midway location

employs thirteen people who specialize in equipment rental and sales for commercial and residential contractors, as well as homeowners. However, they also do more. When a contractor rents the pink lift pictured below, 10% of the net proceeds go toward the fight against breast cancer. So the next time you are near 10/90 Commerce Park in Midway, stop by and welcome our newest neighbor and see what other businesses are moving into the area.

**Pictured above: PINK lift located at Mad Dog Construction's site for Florida Sheriff's Risk Management Fund*

Word of the Month

Electricity: e-lec-tric-i-ty (noun)

A form of energy resulting from the existence of charged particles (such as electrons or protons), either statically as an accumulation of charge or dynamically as a current

Synonyms: power, energy, current, static

President Franklin D. Roosevelt saw the need to bring electricity to rural communities and established the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) on May 11, 1935.



Holiday Water Saving Tip

Full house this holiday season? Install low-flow showerheads to save hot water and save on energy costs.

**energy.gov

Employee Spotlight

Season of Giving - Talquin Employees "Paying it Forward"



- 1. March of Dimes
- 2. Bowl for Kids Sake
- 3. Wakulla Valentine's Day Parade
- 4. Gretna Elementary - Fourth Grade Foresters
- 5. Employees helping other co-ops during Hurricane Matthew
- 6. United Way of the Big Bend - Read United
- 7. Leon Works Expo
- 8. Leon County EMS Safety Fair
- 9. Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk





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**Service Interruptions (Outages)
 Should Be Reported To**

1-888-802-1832
 (live operator)

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 (automated systems)

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 outages on the Web at
www.talquinelectric.com

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 at www.talquinelectric.com to
 report your outage quickly and to
 receive outage information.

FRUIT CAKE

- 1 cup butter
- 2.5 cups sugar
- 5 eggs
- 3 cups cake flour
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 0.25 salt
- 2 tablespoons vanilla
- 2 tablespoons lemon extract
- 1 cup pineapple preserves
- 1 cup light, seedless raisins,
chopped
- 0.5 lb. red candied cherries,
chopped
- 0.5 lb. green candied cherries,
chopped
- 1 lb. candied pineapple, chopped
- 1 qt. pecans, chopped



Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, and beat thoroughly. Add flour, salt, and baking powder, alternately, with sour cream. Add vanilla and lemon extracts. Beat until smooth. Stir in fruits and mix thoroughly. Add pecans last. Pour into a greased and floured large tube pan or several loaf pans and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Reduce temperature of oven to 300 degrees and bake 2 more hours or until an inserted straw comes out clean.

By Annie Muriel Fletcher, was wife of Adrian Fletcher who was a Talquin Board Member from 1946 to 2001 (can be found in the 2015 CURRENTLY Cooking Talquin cookbook)



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