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Talquin Electric and TWWI Board meeting will be held the third Wednesday of the month at Headquarters Office in Quincy, Florida, at 7:00 p.m. Notice of any changes and special meetings will be posted at business offices.



During this holiday season and throughout the year, we, at Talquin, are privileged to work to power the communities we serve and empower our Members to improve the quality of their lives. One of the many ways we do this is by returning Capital Credits to you, our Members, who have invested over the years in your Cooperative.

Each year Talquin's Board of Trustees looks at the financial condition of the Cooperative to determine whether it is appropriate to refund Capital Credits (General Refund Checks) and, if so, the amount to be refunded. This year, your Board has authorized a Capital Credit refund of over \$3.1 million. Capital Credits will be distributed in the form of checks that will be mailed out this month.

Capital Credits are a reflection of the Cooperative which is owned by you, the Membership. We deliver service to Members at cost on a not-for-profit basis. Any margins (revenues in excess of costs) are allocated to Members during the year the margins are produced, and are later returned to those Members who received service during the year being refunded. The total amount of refunds to Talquin Members over the past seventy-four years is more than \$66.5 million!

It is through the combined efforts of you, our Members, the Talquin Board of Trustees, and Talquin employees that we were able to provide safe and reliable services throughout this past year. I thank you all for your support and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Mal Green, Board President



Tracy Bensley, General Manager

Employee Spotlight



The employees at the Hosford Office in Liberty County, a combination of Engineering, Member Services, and Operations, are one big family! Not only do they take great pride in their jobs — whether it is taking a payment, staking a service or getting the power on — they are committed to serving and giving back to the Members in their community. They do not just show up and work 8 to 5, they brighten their community with their fun holiday spirit and support of the different causes. So the next time you are in the area, make sure to check out their decorations – and don't forget to stop by and tell them hello.



Holiday Closings

Talquin Electric will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, December 24-25, for the Christmas holidays and Thursday, January 1 for New Year's Day. If you experience any service interruptions during this time, please call one of our toll-free outage reporting numbers, 1-888-802-1832 (Live Operator) or 1-866-899-4832 (Automated System) or sign up for text outage notification – the fastest way to let us know your power is out - at www.talquinelectric.com.

The Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment (WPCA) will increase by 2.5 mills from 3.0 to 5.5 mills, effective January 1, 2015. Members who use 1,000 kWh per month will see an increase of \$2.50 in their monthly bill.

Employee Recognition

35 years

Don Ehler

25 years

Theresa Black
Kevin Neel
Wayne Barrow
Dan Ard
Mike Greene

20 years

John Causey
Dean Carr
Billy Johnson
Carolyn Drake

15 years

Ray Evans
Elsie McCrary
Bobby Robison
David Ferrell
Perry Walsh

10 years

Adam Hussey
Lester Bouie
Jenna Brooks
Kay Zarza
Lisa DiBartolomeo

5 years

Tracy Johnson
Lynn Mayo

Rachelle Parramore
David McDaniel
Dustin Rafeld
Karen Rowan
John Hallas

Directors

30 years
Mal Green

20 years
Carrie Durden

5 years
David Wright

Light Out? We Need to Know

If you see an outdoor light that is not working on Talquin Electric Cooperative's system, please call or email 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 or 1-888-802-1832 or email memberfeedback@talquinelectric.com.

Member of the Month

Talquin Member, Nureatha Derby, has a passion for life! Having lived in California for years, Nureatha and her husband, Kenneth, retired in 2008 and moved back to sunny Florida. Nureatha immediately hit it off with Lisa DiBartolomeo, Talquin's Bradfordville office manager, when she was corresponding from California to set up her account locally. As soon as she moved to Tallahassee, Nureatha came into the office to meet the voice over the phone that had helped her – and a friendship was bonded. This friendship became closer when Nureatha was diagnosed with breast cancer a couple of years ago, which eventually led to a double mastectomy. Through it all, she, with her loving husband by her side, kept



her faith in God and the greater plan he had for her life. When she is not visiting with her extensive family, Nureatha devotes her time to working with the elderly at Home Instead Senior Care where we know her cheerful disposition is a blessing to those around her. Thank you Mrs. Derby for your service and never ending faith which is an inspiration to us all!

Be a Santa to a Senior!!

Spread some cheer and show how you can touch the life of a senior adult. Come to any Member Service Office, choose your ornament, have some fun shopping and return the gift to us and make an impact on someone's life. We will be accepting gifts through **December 16th**. For more details, visit www.beasantatoasenior.com or call (850)627-7651 for more information.



Tough Times Bring Out the Best in Talquin Members

Talquin Electric Members have always been concerned about their community and are known for lending a helping hand when a neighbor is in need. The Talquin Assistance Program (TAP) was launched in late 2009 and has grown to over 2,400 participants, but Talquin would love to double that number in 2015! Those giving to TAP voluntarily donate pennies each month by rounding up their utility bill to help other Members who can't pay their utility bill due to job loss, illness or other crisis. This program has helped so many - Members who are struggling with cancer, parents who have lost jobs, the elderly and more. Members have raised over \$37,000.00 by rounding up just pennies per month through this program and have made a huge difference in the lives of fellow Members. Please consider filling out the TAP form on page 7 and returning it to any Member Service Office or mailing it to Talquin Electric, P.O. Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353-1679 to start helping for just pennies a month!



Talquin Electric believes in the Toys for Tots objective of playing an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources – our children. If you would like to contribute, we will be accepting toy donations at any of our Member Service locations through **December 12th**. For more details visit www.toysfortots.org or call our office at (850) 627-7651.





Stay Safe While You Deck the Halls

Festive lights give homes a magical glow both inside and out. When decorating this season, a few simple safety tips can keep your spirits bright.

- Do not overload electrical outlets. Most lights are designed to connect no more than three strands. Inspect the wires periodically to make sure they are intact and not warm to the touch.
- Never leave lights on overnight or when no one is home.
- Only use lights that have been approved by an independent testing laboratory.
- Replace any strands that show signs of damage, such as bare or frayed wires, broken bulbs, or loose connections. Faulty lights can send an electrical charge through a tree and electrocute anyone who comes in contact with a branch.

From cooperative.com – Straight Talk

We Care What You Think!

Take our Member Survey and enter the drawing for a \$100.00 VISA card! One survey per membership is allowed. The survey will close on December 12, 2014. Each Member who completes the survey and provides requested contact information will be entered in a drawing for ten winners of a \$100.00 VISA card. Winners will be randomly selected on December 15th and listed in an upcoming edition of The Current and on our website.

The survey may be found online at www.talquinelectric.com. Printed copies of the survey are available at any Member Service Office. Members may also call Kim Gay at (850) 627-7651 to set up 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!

White Fruit Cake

- 6 eggs
- ½ pound of butter (melt in microwave)
- 1 Cup sugar
- 1 pound candied cherries (cut in half)
- 1 pound candied pineapple (cut them up)
- 4 cups pecans (chopped or cut in half)
- 1 ¾ cups flour (plain is fine)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 small bottle REAL vanilla extract (use it all)
- 1 small bottle lemon extract (use it all)

Oil and flour a tube or Bundt pan Mix all ingredients together after following directions for each. Put in the pan and bake at 225° to 250° for 1 hour 40 minutes to 2 hours 30 minutes depending on your oven. Check periodically and when firm, remove from oven.

This is called a White Fruitcake because it uses no citron, raisins, or other things that make it dark and has a better flavor than the ones with those ingredients that some people don't like such as cit-

ron. I believe the vanilla and lemon extract add greatly to the flavor.

*You may want to make small fruitcakes to give for Christmas but I don't know the length of time you would bake them.

*Patricia Lowrie Hurst
Leon County Talquin Member*

Pecan Pie Muffin

- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 cup pecans, chopped
- ¾ cup melted butter
- ½ cup flour
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Combine sugar, flour, pecans, and mix well. Combine butter, eggs, mix everything well. Grease pan.

Bake 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes in small muffin pans.

*Submitted by Betty Small
Talquin Member*

Cost Savings – Member Services

Not only does Talquin's Energy Services offer a free energy analysis to our Membership, we also perform this analysis on Cooperative structures. FLIR thermal-imaging reveals energy losses or heat gains, and a smoke gun is used to investigate air leaks or infiltration in a structure. Our specialists are also equipped with a digital meter that measures solar radiant heat gain through windows in BTUs. The data collected allows us to manage our energy consumption and utility bills with recommended improvements such as overhead insulation, weather-stripping, energy efficient lighting, etc. Collectively, we can all reduce the energy needs of the Cooperative! Call (850) 627-7651 to set up your free home energy analysis. For those taking advantage of this detailed analysis, we are able to provide the EUA reports electronically, saving paper and printing costs, as well as postage.

trading post

Miscellaneous

Friendly, free outdoor cats need good homes or barns with kind people. A few would also be happy as inside/outside cats! 850-443-5036
5 Lenox Wreath Christmas state plates: R.I., N.J., S.C., N.C., GA., all \$465, 575-1436
Gadsden County- guitar lessons from 25 yr. exp. college educated guitar player. \$20/hr. per lesson; can set up guitars. Call 850-508-2514, leave msg.

Fender Jazz Bass Guitar; wine color complete w/100w 15" Ashdown Amp, cable, stand, hard case, and gig bag. Like new; \$595 cash – 850-445-0049.

Corelle Holly Christmas dishes and 18 goblets/ 20 dinner plates, dessert plates, 8 mugs, 2 gravy boats, cream and sugar, 8 salad bowls, \$100; 926-5667.

Proform elliptical. Like new \$400.00. Less than one year old; 850-875-4332

Firewood for sale, will deliver. Call 363-1870
Turquoise and white blinds - 5 ft 30" window; 1 fits 30" window; 4 panels, 63" long; 1 panel 37" long; 1 panel 50" LONG; \$125, 850-926-2727

Rainsoft water-softener. No longer needed; I closed my well & get Talquin's water. \$100. It's unhooked & ready to haul off. 850-524-4447

Cobra baffler hybrid golf clubs, like new, 19 & 22 degrees, right hand, reg flex, \$79 each; **Cobra baffler Trail & DWS club cover,** excellent condition \$10 each; 850-422-1368

Seasoned split oak firewood- Includes free fat littered, delivery and stacking. Text or call 850-210-9404.

Two 12" band saws, 1- Craftsman, 1 - Chicago Electric, \$75 each or both for \$125 - 850-567-6361

Pool Table with all accessories \$450. **Roll Top Desk** solid oak with matching chair \$400. **Entertainment Unit** lighted, beautiful \$900. All in excellent condition. 850-567-4169

Christian caregiving: Personal care, meds, meals, laundry, light housekeeping; errands, etc. reliable and exc. Ref. reasonable rates. 575-8906.

Used Washer and Dryer in good condition, price for both \$100. Call 850-926-9195

LeisureBay inside Spa seats 3 people- 2 seats/ lounger, lighted/heated. Very rarely used. Asking \$1,000. or best offer 926-1480

Six bulb brass chandelier - excellent condition. Asking \$75. Call 386-8459

Syrup Kettles, Old bottles Early License plate's Soda Signs Gas & Oil Signs Commissary Tokens Early Gas Pumps 545-3677

Shotgun Shells. 12 gauge. Low brass 7 1/2 & 8's. \$6 per box. 20 boxes. 850- 385-3962

JogADog treadmill, manufactured to condition German Shepherds for the breed or obedience ring. Works great for owner with small dog or several small dogs. Asking \$700.- obo-850 539 9046

Sandra Brown hardback book set for \$100;
Stephen King hardback book set for \$150; J.A.

Trading Post Guidelines

In order to continue to provide The Trading Post in every issue of *The Current*, we are asking Members to adhere to the guidelines listed below when submitting an ad. If an ad does not meet the new 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. No email addresses will be published.

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

Jance hardback book set for \$50; **Lee Roberson** signed & numbered paintings \$150 each (have 10) - 850-294-3742

Self educate yourself: College textbooks: Anthropology, Astronomy, Biology, Botany, European History, Electrical Engineering (Basic), Family in Social Context, Mathematics (Basic Concepts), Psychology of Adolescence Free 562-2086

Over the bed table \$40; **custom Quickie II manual wheelchair/custom cushion/** back cushion. 450; **5 name brand big men's shirts**

XXL, S/S, L/S. \$5 each; **Vintage hand pieced quilt top,** DB, \$25 - call 385-8468

DaVinci Convertible Crib (crib to toddler to full bed) with all attachments, screws and crib/ toddler bed mattress in dark cherry for \$250; 850-294-3742

2 electric wheel chairs, 1-Select Elite, 1- Quantum 100 XL, 1-Wheel chair carrier for back of car, 1-2004 Handicap equipped Van, All well maintained; 850- 926 -7691

Marine

Boat 14' Kennedy Craft fiberglass w/pedestal seats; 6 HP Johnson Motor, brand new trailer; trolling motor, battery, anchors, cover; \$1950 cash 850/445/0049.

1990 Pursuit 2850 CuttyCab twin 200 Yamahas with blown Port Engine Sits atop brand new trailer-Great Fishing Boat \$18,000 OBO 850 459-7740

Automotive

1999 40' American eagle, 350 Cummings, 55k miles, new tires, 14' LR/DR slideout, walnut cabinetry, leather, TV dome, garage kept, \$89,900; 678-5757-1381.

2009 Sunnybrook Edgewater travel trailer: master BR, 2 sets bunk beds, sleeps 10. \$16,000. 539-0171

Motorcycle: 2008 Harley Davidson Sportster 1200XL Low; 3,700 miles. - garage kept - extras. Dark Blue. \$6300/OBO (Please, no test rides) 850-539-1589

2000 Coachman camper; sleeps 4; full bath, refrigerator, and microwave – asking \$3,900 obo 850-421-9567.

Farm/Garden

1952 Ford 8N Tractor. Good tires, new carburetor, new electronic ignition, runs. Needs TLC; \$2,000- 668-3186.

Have 16' livestock trailer will haul livestock local – or long distance – one way or round trip/ also have 25' flat bed w/wench and ramps – Gary Roberts – 321-8927

Bowie Hydro Mulcher – Lancer 500 trailer, length 160" width 76", Air cooled 18 h.p. Pump 2300 SPD/F Bowie pump, nozzles, and hose. Used very little, Manual included \$7500; 850-545-8976.

Real Estate

3 Bedroom brick home in Quincy, FL sold as is. The house has 1 bath and has been remodeled. It has a 12X12 deck on back. Asking \$75,000. 850-544-7592

For rent: 3BR/2b DWMH; HUD accepted; Lake Talquin community; 875-1026

Very nice DMWH \$95,000 north Havana, 2+acres, newer roof, large closed in sun room, 3 decks, 3 bed, 2 bath, large steel shed; 443-7769.

Bristol private horse friendly 10.44 acres fenced; 3/2 split plan 1890 sqft. Plus screened porch, large shop; RV port, storage, patio, \$275K; 850-643-9703.

2 Acres on Ed Gordon Drive. 2 blocks from Ben Stoutamire Landing & Lake Talquin. High & Dry. Leon County Parcel ID# 4411050000353. Nice neighborhood. \$15,500. 545-5143

2/1 (\$49,000) and 3/1 (\$59,000) houses for sale in Midway. good condition. newer central AC Units. 1/2 acre lots. one mile to lake Talquin and boat ramp. Call 850-443-3300

For Rent: 3 Bdrm 1 1/2 Bath 1650 sq.ft. home in Lake Jackson area. \$1,500 per month. Security deposit required. Call 545-9207

For sale or rent commercial building one block off Quincy square – 1250 s/f, red brick, large front windows, private parking in rear, small town charm, 850-228-7988

Beautiful 2/2 duplex: Copper Creek, cathedral ceilings, walk in closets, screened porch, new paint, new roof, fire place, asking \$100,000. 850-228-2990

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

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS



Member Name _____

TEC Account Number _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

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:** _____

Additional Option

I would like a set amount of _____ added to my account every month to be donated to the TAP Program.

Signature _____ **Date:** _____

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



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(850) 926-7422

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20557 NE Cooperative Way
Hosford, Florida 32334
(850) 379-8679

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4808 Portal Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32303
(850) 562-0125

Bradfordville Area Office

6724 Thomasville Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32312
(850) 893-6853

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Thank you to all the employees that participated in the PINK Power photo contest and congratulations to our winners of both the Facebook and Employee vote!



EMPLOYEE WINNER!



Saddle Up Breast Cancer
YOU'RE GOING DOWN!

