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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. Starting in March, workshops and meetings will begin at 6:30 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.

FEBRUARY*le mois de l'amour*

February is celebrated around the world as le mois de l'amour, or the "the month of love." While February brings with it many tokens of affection from sweet confectionary treats to bright fragrant flowers, we certainly do not need Cupid's arrows, to fall madly in love with our Members!



Carrie Durden
 Board President



Tracy Bensley
 General Manager

We love and appreciate our Members and want to send a special "thank you" for taking part in our journey and allowing us to serve you better. We want you to know how valuable and important you are to Talquin. You are not just Members: you are our friends, family, and co-workers.

We love seeing the familiar faces of our Members and getting to know you. To be on a first-name basis with each other makes our relationship together that much nicer! We are proud and honored to be a part of an amazing community which has been created by our Members.

We also want you to know that you are an essential part of our everyday lives and appreciate your loyalty and commitment to the Cooperative, which is not to be taken for granted. Because of our Members, we can enhance our commitment to our community.

In a time when kind words and actions can seem so small, never forget their effects are truly endless with everyone from your closest friend to your most casual acquaintance!



2017 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Meeting date/time:
Friday, February 10 @ 11:00 a.m.

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 Tallahassee, FL 32311
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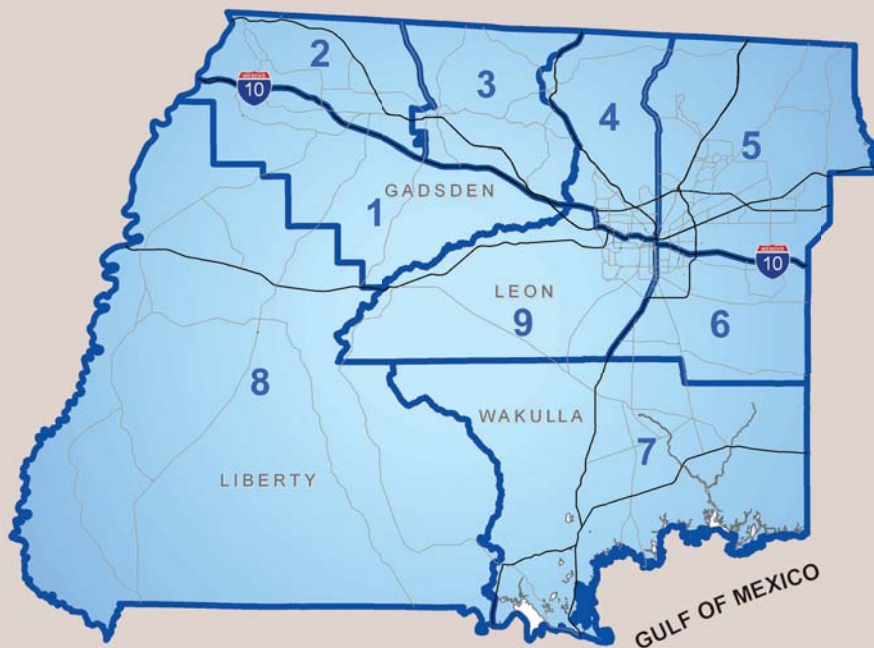
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Districts 3, 6, and 9 are up for election.

The present incumbents are:

District 3 – Joseph Alexander • District 6 - Doug Bruce
 District 9 – Sam Fenn



This map is provided as a general guide only. Precise lines are determined by those printed in ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3, OF THE By-laws. the validity of any election of Trustees.

BYLAWS PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR ANNUAL MEETING AND TRUSTEE SELECTION

ARTICLE III

Meetings of Members

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual Meeting of the members shall be held once each calendar year at a time and place in the service area of the Cooperative as shall be selected by the Board of Trustees and designated in the notice of the meeting, for the purpose of electing Trustees, passing upon reports for fiscal year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

SECTION 5. VOTING. Each member shall be entitled to only one vote. All questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon in person, except as otherwise provided by law, the articles of incorporation or these By-laws. No voting by mail or by proxy shall be permitted.

ARTICLE IV

Trustees

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS AND TENURE.

To become or remain a Trustee, a person must meet the qualifications listed in the By-laws approved and amended effective September 27, 2008.

SECTION 3. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES (b) It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to appoint not less than forty-five (45) days, nor more than ninety (90) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which Trustees are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five nor more than eleven members, who shall be selected from different sections of the Project Area so as to insure equitable representation. No member of the Board of

Trustees may serve on such committee. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least thirty-five (35) days before the meeting a list of the qualified nominations for Trustees, but any fifteen (15) or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations, once the nominee(s) has been qualified in accordance with Article IV Section 2, at the same place where the list of nominations by the committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting, or separately at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of qualified Trustees to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates specifying separately the nominations made by petition, once qualified, if any. The nominations of any Trustee by the methods provided herein shall be and the same are hereby recognized as the only proper nominees to be voted upon at the meeting of the members. All candidates shall be residents of the voting districts for which they are nominated to serve as Trustees. Should a Trustee move his or her place of residence from his or her voting district, a vacancy in his or her office shall be declared by the Board of Trustees and the said Trustees shall select a Trustee from said district to fill the unexpired term. Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of Trustees.

For a full set of By-laws, contact (850) 627-7651 or read them at www.talquinelectric.com.

trading post

Miscellaneous

Entire kitchen: AMANA fridge \$99; Gen Air oven \$99; Maytag dishwasher \$99. All kitchen cabinets – make an offer. Everything in excellent condition. 385-2505
Used 5V-crimp metal roofing sheets. \$5 for 8ft and \$7 for 10ft. Approx. 12 sheets of each. 539-5641

MISC ITEMS: Piano \$600; Meco metal folding chairs a pack of 4 \$80, rice cook \$5; lawn chair \$5; Armidillo traps \$35. 671-7237
Rattan and cloth recliner. Very good shape. Will lay down flat. Pictures available. \$125. 893-1625 or peggydaniell@yahoo.com

STROLLER-BOB REVOLUTION 2011/Single, orange and black, really great/used. \$295. 274-2949

Moving Sale: table and 4 chairs, hutch, desk, washer, chest freezer, and fish fryer. 688-7259

2 Burial Plots at Tallahassee Memory Gardens in the "Garden of Devotion" side by side. \$2000. 509-0335

Will take care of your loved one, 23 yrs, experience, will assist w/ activities of daily living, references available upon request. 272-6298

Loving, Caring Female Caregiver w/ glowing references, seeking full or part time position, have reliable transportation and am dependable. Background check. Pet lover too!! 878-2870

Haier Kegarator. Holds full size or pony keg. Has a Johnson Control A419 digital thermostat, CO2 bottle and 2 full size kegs, \$200. 442-3474

Automotive

Falcon 2 Tow Hitch. Extra attachments and cables, like new with tow hitch zippered cover. Call Bill with any questions you have. 765-9082

1986 Bronco II, 118,227 miles. V6, 2.9L, 4 WD. Gray exterior, red interior. Runs good. \$2,400, OBO. 528-4176 or 528-2611

33 ft 2003 Franklin Travel Trailer, sleeps 6, 1 slide, washer/dryer, new tires, awning, new cover, water filter, TV, microwave, AC, gas heater. \$6000. Call/text 708-363-3984

Real Estate

Shell Point- Tiny shed house. 2 bath, RV hookup, carport, storage & fire pit. 1/4 mile to boat ramp. 1/2 mile to beach. \$69,000. 478/396-2843

Land for Sale: 2.3 Acres in Leon County. Address: 1915 Amanda Road. Serious Inquiries Only. Asking \$20K. 322-1269

For Sale-4.25+/- acre wooded lot located on Joe Chason Circle in Bristol, FL. Asking \$60,000, no owner financing. 933-2270

3BR/2B Brick Home on 117 acres. Built in

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

1982. A beautiful, quiet property, located in Alachua, FL. 352-353-4677

Home for Rent: Fort Braden/Lake Talquin area. Clean and safe. 933-5183

Farm/Garden

36" Commercial Scag walk behind mower with Velkie. 12.5 Kawasaki engine. Taken good care of for a commercial. \$850 cash. 875-2747

Lovett's Electronics Heated Whelping Nest. Never used, still in box. 23" diameter with 18" heater. Valued at \$297.95, asking \$140 OBO. 385-4431

PEACOCKS Juveniles and Adults in full plumage. India Blue, Black Sholders and White. Havana \$40-\$150. 539-7566

Babydoll Sheep: OEBMSSR registered ewes. White-19 mo old, black-7 mo old. **GOATS-** Several to choose from if you don't hesitate. 459-1094

STOP RAKING LEAVES, SUCK THEM UP WITH "TRAX-VAC", 8HP B/S motor with all metal hopper. Pull behind your riding mower. Easy dump tilt trailer. Hoses & connection adaptor included. \$975 or buy w/ mower \$1500. 539-9036

Wanted

Caretaker needed to feed animals and check property when owner is out of town. Small farm located in Miccosukee area. Ideal job for Retiree. Generous pay. References. 445-3623

Water Tip

Nearly
22%
 of indoor home water use comes from doing laundry. Save water by making sure to adjust the settings on your machine to the proper load size.

*nationalgeographic.com

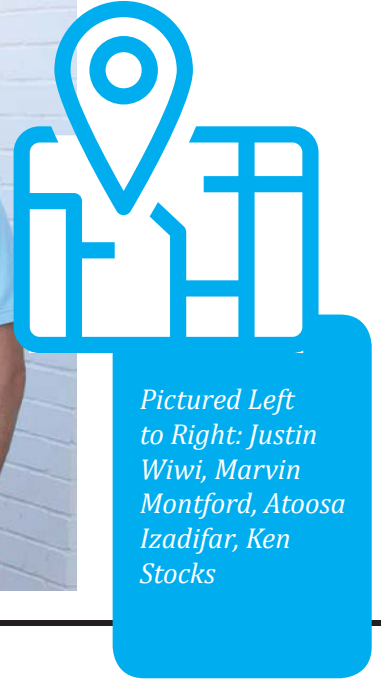


Department Spotlight

The Mapping Department plays an important part in the daily operations of the Cooperative. Their primary functions are to maintain and update models of the electric, water, and wastewater systems. This data is then used by other systems to predict outage locations, determine the impact of outages, plan right of way

maintenance, assist field personnel in locating, design changes to the system, and serve as the foundation for system engineering models. The information allows Talquin staff to visualize, question, analyze and interpret data. This department establishes and supports various types of mapping software and hardware devices,

produce paper and electronic maps, and provide employee training. They provide information and data to support better business decisions, improve efficiencies and reduce costs. The Mapping Department continuously works hard to make sure that we have the information we need to provide power and water to the four counties we serve!



Pictured Left to Right: Justin Wiwi, Marvin Montford, Atoosa Izadifar, Ken Stocks

Know what's below

Dial 811 before you dig.

Spring is an optimal time of year to dream up and achieve your landscaping masterpieces. Perhaps you're planning to build a new deck to enjoy our Florida sunshine. If any of your projects require digging—such as planting trees or shrubs, or setting posts—remember to dial 811 first. Underground utilities, such as buried gas, water and electric lines, can be a shovel thrust away from turning a project into a disaster. Play it safe by dialing 811 to find out where utility lines run on your property. Your call will be routed to a local “one

call” center. Tell the operator where you're planning to dig and what type of work you will be doing, and affected local utilities will be notified. In a few days, a locator will arrive to designate the approximate location of any underground lines, pipes and cables. These areas will be marked with flags or paint so you'll know what's below. Then the

safe digging can begin. Never assume the location or depth of underground utility lines. There's no need: the 811 service is free, prevents the inconvenience of having utilities interrupted and can help you avoid serious injury. For more information about local services, visit www.sunshine811.com.



Buying in season is good for many reasons, but it is even better when it is Fresh from Florida! February is a great time to get broccoli and cauliflower which is packed full of nutrients our bodies need. So try out this recipe below and maybe even throw in a little cauliflower.

Skinny Broccoli Salad

**medium head of broccoli,
chopped into small pieces**

¼ cup red onion, diced

¼ cup sunflower kernels

¼ cup raisins, or 1 (1 oz) box

½ cup plain Greek yogurt

1 TB sugar

1½ TB white vinegar

**3-4 slices bacon, cooked crisp
and crumbled**

Combine broccoli, sunflower kernels, raisins, and bacon in a large bowl. Set aside.

Stir together Greek yogurt, sugar, and vinegar in a small bowl. Pour over the top of broccoli mixture and stir evenly to coat.

Tastes great when served immediately. If you need to refrigerate it for later, you may want to prepare a bit more of the dressing to add in case it gets a little dry.

**bellofthekitchen.com*



Energy Tip

Inspect heating and cooling equipment annually, or as recommended by the manufacturer. If you have a forced-air furnace, check your filters and replace them as needed. The general rule to follow suggests you should change them about once every month or two, especially during periods of high usage. Have a professional check and clean your equipment once a year. Check your ductwork for dirt streaks, especially near seams. These indicate air leaks, and they should be sealed with a duct mastic. Insulate any ducts or pipes that travel through unheated spaces. An insulation R-Value of 6 is the recommended minimum.

**energy.gov*

Word of the Month

Quality: qual-i-ty (*noun*)

The standard of something as measured against other things of a similar kind; the degree of excellence of something.

Synonyms: grade, class, caliber, condition, value

Talquin Electric Cooperative provides Water Quality Reports each year. Our goal is, and always has been, to provide our Members with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Talquin complies with all federal and state laws as we routinely monitor the water systems for contaminants.

Watts Happening

Day of Dialogue on Minority Health

Saturday, February 25 (8:30am – 1:30pm)

Wakulla One-Stop Community Center
318 Shadeville Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327

For more information contact Grace Keith at (850) 888-8068 or grace.keith@flhealth.gov

Red Hills Horse Trials: Established in 1997, the Red Hills Horse Trials in Tallahassee, Florida, is one of the Southeast's premier equestrian events, boasting riders from around the world.

March 10 – 12, Elinor Klapp Phipps Park - 4000 N Meridian Rd, Tallahassee, FL

Tickets available at the park.

Single-Day Pass: \$15

Three-Day Pass: \$40

No charge for children 12 and under

6th Annual Bill Miller Memorial Battle of the Bands:

Come join Quincy Moose Lodge for great food, great music, and even better... a great cause! This year's event is to benefit Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) & K-9 for Warriors. So bring your chair and have some fun!

Open to public – FREE admission

**Saturday, March 11 (starts at 1 PM)
1831 W Jefferson St – Quincy, FL**

St. Patrick's Day Festival and Parade:

Come join some fun at the day event sponsored by Crawfordville Lions Club.

Saturday, March 18 (parade starts at 10:00 am)
Crawfordville, FL

Diabetes Screening & Health Fair

Saturday, March 4 (9 am - 1 pm)

Bond Community Health Center
1720 S Gadsden St, Tallahassee

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.

February 21 Fort Braden Community Center

February 28 Chaires/Dorothy C. Spence Community Center

March 2 Miccosukee Community Center

March 8 Wildwood Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

March 9 Woodville Community Center

March 16 Lake Jackson Community Center

Member of the Month

Ruby Butler – proud Talquin Member for the past 33 years. Mrs. Butler described herself as just a "plain" person, but she is quite extraordinary. She has been a cook for most of her life. Mrs. Butler worked in Georgia cooking at the Franklin Restaurant for 27 years, when she moved and started cooking for Wakulla Springs Lodge. She retired from cooking at the Lodge after 15 years. After retiring, she enjoyed children so much that she started to watch after them at the Before and After School Program in the Wakulla County School System. Mrs. Butler has one son of her own who lives in Tallahassee. She enjoys working in the yard, going to the Wakulla Senior Center and going into the Talquin Member Services office in Crawfordville each month, where she gets to see Mrs. Deborah Christian. Mrs. Butler says, "She is the sweetest person and always gives me a hug!" Thank you, Mrs. Butler, for all of your service to Wakulla County and for being a great Talquin Member!





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 Crawfordville, Florida 32327
 (850) 926-7422

Hosford Member Services Office

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

Lake Jackson Member Services Office

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

Bradfordville

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

**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.



Annual Meeting - Save the Date

Talquin Annual Meeting
 Saturday, April 29th
 East Gadsden High School
 Registration begins @ 8:30 a.m.



#TECares #MyTalquin #CoopNation #MyCoop