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*Happy Retirement,  
Carrie Durdan!*

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The Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Talquin Water & Wastewater, Inc. Boards 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 PM. If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in conjunction with any regular meeting, special meeting, or workshop. Notice of any changes will be listed at <https://www.talquinelectric.com/about/board-meetings-workshops/>.

# LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARRIE DURDEN

Greetings and best wishes to each of you as we bring in a new year filled with optimism and promise!



Carrie Durden  
Board President

As a new year represents a fresh start to many of us, it can also be a time of reflection. So many of us have difficulty with change, but I challenge you to remember the necessity of change and that it is constant.

We can consider the wonderment of the ever changing seasons, watching our children grow and come into their own and at times, our institutions come to change, expand, or become obsolete.

Here at Talquin, your Member-owned cooperative, we constantly strive to improve our service to you. This has meant an evolving advancement of our technologies, processes, and governance which you have supported. Together we have been able to make the necessary changes to keep our co-op strong.

It has been my honor and privilege to have led in the positive progression of Talquin for over 26 years of elected service on your Board of Trustees, including five years as Board President. Your support through these challenges has been greatly appreciated.

My current term of office as your District 4 representative will end at this year's 2021 Annual Meeting and I have made the decision not to seek re-election.

Thank you again for your support throughout the years. It is important that you continue to elect and support qualified and dedicated Board members.

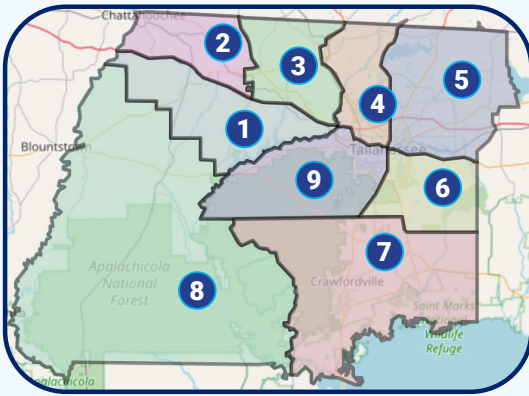
I wish I could hug or shake the hand of each of you, and I wish you a safe and hopeful new year!

***Carrie Durden, President of the Talquin Board of Trustees***

# 2021 TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

The Board of Trustees of Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. has designated **Saturday, April 24**, as the date for Talquin's Annual Meeting of the Members in 2021. All voting will be by mail-in ballot, and the business portion of the meeting will be held virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

In order to be added to the ballot for trusteeship, interested parties must submit petitions with 15 signatures, no sooner than **Wednesday, January 13**, and no later than **Monday, February 22**.



## Districts 1, 4, and 7 are up for election.

The present incumbents are:

**District 1** – Billy VanLandingham

**District 4** – Carrie Durden (not seeking re-election)

**District 7** – David Miller

This map is provided as a general guide only and can also be viewed online in greater detail at [www.talquinelectric.com/about/board-districts-map/](http://www.talquinelectric.com/about/board-districts-map/).

Precise lines are determined by those printed in ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3, of the By-laws.

## 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 on each matter submitted to a vote. A majority of a quorum is required to approve each motion or matter presented to the members for a vote. The voting method may either be by in-person ballot or mail-in ballot as determined by the Board of Trustees. If the vote will be in conjunction with a members' meeting, then the Board shall designate the voting method not less than one hundred forty (140) days prior to the members' meeting. If the vote will not be in conjunction with a members' meeting, then the vote shall be by mail-in ballot and the Board shall provide members notice of each specific matter to be voted upon not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the date on which the ballots are due. However, notwithstanding the foregoing or the remainder of this Section, all voting shall be conducted in person for mergers, consolidations, or voting required by Article VIII of these Bylaws for the disposition or sale of all or any substantial portion of the Cooperative's property.

To be eligible to vote, a member must be a member of record: (a) at the time the ballot is cast if voting is conducted in-person or at the time the ballot is due if voting is conducted by mail in ballot; and (b) as of sixty (60) days prior to the date of the members' meeting if the voting (whether by mail or in-person) is to be conducted in conjunction with a members' meeting or sixty (60) days prior to the date on which ballots are due if voting is by mail in ballot and not in conjunction with a members' meeting.

If the designated voting method is by in-person ballot, then all voting shall be by in-person ballot at the members' meeting.

If the designated voting method is by mail-in ballot in conjunction with a members' meeting, then the ballot must be mailed to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. If not in conjunction with a members' meeting, then the ballot must be mailed to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the date on which ballots are due. Mail-in ballots must be returned by mail or in person to a secure drop box at a location(s) designated by the Board. For votes conducted in conjunction with the members' meeting, completed ballots must be received by the Cooperative or its designee not later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting to be counted as a vote of the member at such meeting. The date of receipt of a ballot by the Cooperative shall be the day the ballot is physically received by the Cooperative. The failure of any member to receive a copy of any such ballot by mail shall not invalidate any action which may be taken at the meeting at which the ballot is to be voted. The counting of ballots shall be by an independent third party designated by the Board. Unless otherwise prescribed by these Bylaws or the Florida Statutes, the Board shall establish the

procedure for conducting member voting by mail-in ballot.

To ensure the winning candidate in a Trustee election meets the required vote threshold of a majority of a quorum, where three or more nominees qualify as candidates for election from a single district, votes shall be cast and counted by "Ranked Choice Voting." Under Ranked Choice Voting, voters will select a first-choice candidate and have the option to rank backup candidates in order of their preference: second choice, third choice, and so on. If a candidate receives a majority of the first-choice votes, then that candidate wins. If no candidate receives a majority vote, then the race is decided by an "instant runoff" (i.e., the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and voters who selected that candidate as their first choice will have their votes for their second choice counted). The Board shall adopt policies and procedures for conducting an election by Ranked Choice Voting not less than one hundred forty (140) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

In the case of any tie vote in the election of a Trustee, the prevailing candidate will be decided by coin toss. The coin toss shall be conducted by the Cooperative's attorney or designee. The nominee whose last name appears first alphabetically by last name shall choose heads or tails.

Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

### ARTICLE IV Trustees

**SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS AND TENURE.** The persons named as trustees in the articles of incorporation shall compose the Board of Trustees until the first Annual Meeting or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. If the election of trustees shall not be held on the day designated herein for the Annual Meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the Board of Trustees shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the members as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Trustees shall be elected by ballot at each Annual Meeting of the members beginning with the year 1941, by and from the members, to serve the established term of office or until the next Annual Meeting of the members or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. To become or remain a Trustee, a person must have the following general qualifications:

- Is a natural person or individual;
- Has earned a high school diploma from an accredited institution, or obtained state certification through General Educational Development tests (GED), by the deadline to submit nominations by petition;
- Is a member and bona fide resident in the area served by the Cooperative and is a resident of the district for which he or she is nominated to serve;
- Is not in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the Cooperative;

(e) Is not presently employed by and has not been employed for a period of at least five (5) years, by the Cooperative or any entity controlled by the Cooperative or an entity in which the Cooperative owns a majority interest;

(f) Is not the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary or compensation in excess of one hundred dollars per annum is paid;

(g) Has the capacity to enter legally binding contracts;

(h) Has not been convicted of a felony;

(i) Has been subjected to a criminal background check administered by the Cooperative;

(j) Has been subjected to and passed the initial and periodic random drug screenings administered by the Cooperative for its employees;

(k) Has been subjected to a credit check performed by the Cooperative without evidence of a history of financial irresponsibility;

(l) Is a member in good standing of the Cooperative without any disconnections for non-payment of utility services within the last five (5) years;

(m) Is willing to devote such time and effort to his or her duties as a Trustee as may be necessary to oversee the Cooperative's business and affairs;

(n) Not be a close relative of a Cooperative employee, Trustee, or any person in a position of trust with the Cooperative. A close relative is considered to be an individual who through blood, law, or marriage, is a spouse, child, stepchild, father, stepfather, mother, stepmother, brother, stepbrother, half-brother, sister, stepsister, half-sister, grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law; or resides in the same residence; and

(o) Is not employed by another Trustee, or employed by an entity over which another Trustee exercises substantial control.

All persons desiring eligibility to become or remain a Trustee shall be required to (1) execute a document that affirms compliance with the qualifications as stated in this Article IV, Section 2 of these Bylaws, and (2) provide a release for the Cooperative to investigate and acquire reports necessary to affirm such compliance in order to be deemed qualified. Verification of a nominee's qualifications to be a Trustee shall be made by a Cooperative designee with the assistance of the Cooperative's attorney. Any current or potential Trustee who is found not qualified may submit an appeal of that decision in writing to the Board of Trustees for final determination. A Trustee shall recuse himself or herself and abstain from any discussion, deliberation, or vote concerning his or her own qualifications or the qualifications of any candidates from his or her representative geographic district.

For purposes of this section, the term "convicted" shall include a finding of guilt, a plea of guilty, a plea of nolo contendere or a verdict of guilty, whether or not adjudication was withheld or clemency has been granted.

Upon establishment of the fact that a Trustee is holding office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, it shall immediately become incumbent upon the Board of Trustees to remove such Trustee from office.

Nothing contained in this section shall effect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Trustees.

As terms of office are staggered, trustees shall be elected for a term of office of three (3) years. SECTION 3. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

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(b) Nominations. Nominations for Trustee shall be by Petition only. To be nominated and included on the ballot to represent one of the nine (9) geographic districts, a candidate for Trustee must submit to the Talquin Electric Cooperative Headquarters located at 1640 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351 a written Petition including the names, addresses, and verifiable signatures of at least fifteen (15) current Cooperative members. All Petitions must be submitted to the Talquin Electric Cooperative Headquarters prior to the deadline prescribed below and shall include the name of the nominee and his or her district. A member may sign the Petition of more than one candidate.

To be considered for inclusion on the ballot, Petitions must be submitted to Talquin Electric Cooperative Headquarters, located at 1640 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351 by 5:00 P.M. E.S.T. not less than sixty (60) days, but not more than one hundred (100) days before the date of the Annual Meeting. A Cooperative designee with the assistance of the Cooperative's attorney shall verify the signatures on the Petitions and refer the names of those candidates who have satisfied the fifteen (15) signature requirement for qualification review in accordance with Article IV, Section 2.

Not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting, the Secretary shall be responsible for posting the names of the qualified nominees for election at the Talquin Electric Cooperative Headquarters, located at 1640 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351. If the designated voting method is by in-person ballot, then the Secretary shall be responsible for mailing with the Annual Meeting Notice a complete list of the names and addresses of all qualified nominees for election. If the designated voting method is by mail-in ballot, then the ballot shall be mailed with the Annual Meeting Notice.

If any of the dates for compliance specified in this Article shall fall on a Saturday or Sunday or legal holiday, then the next business day following the Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday shall be the day of compliance. All dates for compliance specified in this Article shall be posted on the Cooperative's website at least one hundred thirty-five (135) days before the Annual Meeting.

For a full set of By-laws or a petition form, contact (850) 627-7651 or click <https://www.talquinelectric.com/wp-content/uploads/2020.09.26-Talquin-Bylaws-FINAL.pdf>



# STATE LEGISLATORS REPRESENTING TALQUIN'S SERVICE TERRITORY



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**District 8**

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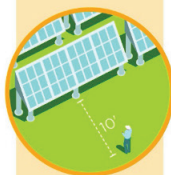
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**District 3**

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## SAFETY NEAR SOLAR

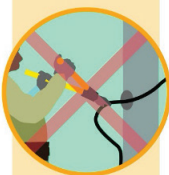
Like any other source of electricity, solar panels can pose potential hazards. Keep these safety tips in mind when you're near solar panels.



Stay at least  
10 feet away  
from the  
installation.



Never walk on  
solar panels.



Never cut any  
wiring to the  
solar panels.



Never touch  
broken or  
damaged solar  
panels.



## Solar Sites

Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. is partnering with Origis Energy and our power provider, Seminole Electric, to bring utility-scale solar to our Members. This partnership allows Talquin to provide Members with safe and reliable energy, while planning for the future by utilizing solar to power homes in our service area.

Talquin expects to have three solar sites online by the end of the fourth quarter of 2021. These sites are located near our Bristol, Hilliardville, and Hinson substations. These sites will generate an estimated 6,630 kilowatts of power and enough energy for approximately 14,000 homes.

<u>Site Location</u>	<u>Estimated Homes</u>
Bristol	1,200
Hilliardville	8,700
Hinson	4,400



# Watts Happening

## Arbor Day Celebration

**Date:** The Saturday following the third Friday of January (the 16th)

**Location:** Hudson Park in Crawfordville

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

**Sponsor:** The Iris Garden Club of Wakulla

Wakulla County's Arbor Day Celebration, organized by the Wakulla County Garden Club since 2005, and provides over a thousand free trees for Wakulla County residents to choose from. Master gardeners will be on hand to answer questions. This annual event is held on the Saturday following the third Friday of January, from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, and includes food vendors, artisan & craft vendors, as well as live music.

## Sip, Savor, and Stroll!

**Date:** Thursday, February 11, 2021

**Time:** 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Sip Savor and Stroll! Kickoff the United Way of the Big Bend's Women United Spring Fundraiser with a fun ladies' night out on February 11th. Purchase UWBB's coupon book and shop at participating retailers. Grab your favorite Galentines to shop local throughout the month of February. Funds raised by Sip, Savor and Stroll will be used to support Read United. Find information and tickets at [UWBB.org](http://UWBB.org).

## Rotary of Wakulla County Valentines Celebration

**Date:** Saturday, February 13, 2021

**Location:** Hudson Park in Crawfordville

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Sponsor:** Rotary Club of Wakulla County

Participate in the fun and excitement of the Valentine Celebration and contribute in a very special way to the community's effort to raise money for the Rotary Club of Wakulla. The parade begins at 10:00 a.m., along with arts & crafts and food vendors. Lots of heart-filled fun for the entire family!

## Water Tip:

Start the New Year by keeping your home leak free. Did you know that the average household leak can waste more than 10,000 gallons of water a year? Save water and conduct a leak inspection of your water-using appliances and fixtures in your home today. Don't forget to check for leaks outdoors. Look for broken sprinkler heads to start saving today.



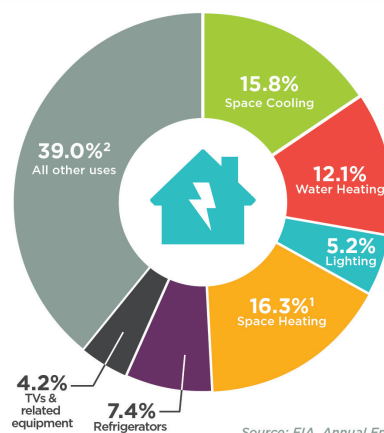
## Energy Tip:

Consider purchasing a smart thermostat. A smart thermostat is a Wi-Fi enabled device that automatically adjusts temperature settings in your home for peak energy efficiency. These devices learn your habits and preferences and establish a schedule that automatically adjusts to energy-saving temperatures when you are asleep or away.



## How Americans Use Electricity

The latest data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows the combined use of clothes, washers and dryers, computers, dishwashers, small appliances and other electrical equipment (noted as "all other uses" below) accounts for nearly 40% of electricity consumption in American homes.



Source: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2020  
 \*Includes consumption for heat and operating furnace fans and boiler pumps.  
 \*\*Includes miscellaneous appliances, clothes washers and dryers, computers and related equipment, stoves, dishwashers, heating elements, and motors.



# Notify County Agency of Any Special Needs

*Registry is used for resource planning during emergencies*

According to Chapter 252.355 Florida Statutes, "In order to meet the special needs of persons who would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering because of physical, mental or sensory disabilities, each local emergency management agency in the state shall maintain a registry of persons with special needs located within the jurisdiction of the local agency."

The Special Needs Registry Shelter Program is designed to provide hurricane or disaster related evacuation assistance and care for those without other alternatives. Anyone that needs transportation assistance or has a health/medical condition that requires medical attention while at a shelter should register for this program. Clients of a hospice or home health care agency should ensure that they have already registered into the system. This registration helps the local emergency management agency identify those in need of assistance and plan for resource allocation to meet those needs.

Persons with special needs may authorize emergency response personnel to enter their homes during search-and-rescue operations, if necessary, to ensure their safety and welfare following disasters.

This registration must be updated annually. Talquin Electric Cooperative helps local emergency management agencies get the word out about this program.

If someone has a special condition affecting eyesight, hearing, speech, walking, breathing, or an emotional condition, and would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering, they should contact their local emergency management agency. The level of care given in special needs shelters goes above the basic first-aid care available to shelters open to the general population.

All information provided is kept strictly confidential.

**Gadsden County:**  
(850) 875-8642

**Leon County:**  
(850) 606-3700

**Liberty County:**  
(850) 643-2339

**Wakulla County:**  
(850) 745-7200

\*All 67 counties in the state now utilize a new electronic format for the Special Needs Registry Shelter Program. Contact each agency to find out how to access this electronic form. Anyone can access the registry online at <https://snr.floridadisaster.org>. A login and password is needed to access the portal. Anyone with any questions or who does not have internet access should contact their local emergency management office.



# Happy Retirement!

After over 40 years serving Talquin's membership, Richard "Ricky" Benton is retiring from Talquin. Ricky worked his way up through a variety of Talquin positions and worked at every Talquin location! He started at Talquin's Crossway Road location mowing the grass and advanced to the Rodman position. After his time at Crossway Road, he began working as a truck driver at Talquin's Hosford location. Not one for complacency, Ricky soon transferred to Talquin's Quincy-area office to work as a Lineman. Next, he served as a Line Chief out of the Bradfordville office. After spending time at our Lake Jackson and Bradfordville offices, Ricky jumped at the opportunity to join the Vegetation Management department out of the Crawfordville-area office. By working at every Talquin office, past and present, Ricky has truly come full circle at Talquin! In his retirement, Ricky is excited to travel and spend more time with his family, including his wife, Jeanie, their children, Richard and Tamela, and granddaughters, Kira and Hayden. "I am looking forward to mowing the grass and completing my 'Honey Do List.' I will be very busy," Ricky said.



Ted Lee's utility career began as a Lineman with Southern Bell in South Florida. Ted then moved to Tallahassee, Florida, and began employment at one of our sister co-ops, Tri-County Electric Cooperative, in Jefferson County.



Ted started at Talquin on December 1, 1986, and his first job with Talquin was surveying meters, checking meter numbers, seals, and readings, and reporting any safety hazards to Talquin in the Lake Jackson and Bradfordville areas. Ted did this for about a year until a Lineman position opened in the Quincy area. After about three years, Ted transferred back to the Bradfordville-area as a Lineman. Next, Ted served as Assistant Area Superintendent overseeing Right-of-Way crews, contract underground and overhead crews, and pole treatment crews. Then, Ted became the Area Operating Superintendent at Talquin's Bradfordville office. Ted is retiring from TEC as Manager of Electric Operations on January 8, 2021. We will miss you, Ted. Happy retirement!

Terry Sims is retiring from Talquin after over 42 years of exemplary service. He began his career at Talquin in 1978 in the Right-of-Way department in the Lake Jackson-area. In 1979, he quickly advanced to the Crossway Road office as a Truck Driver II. He then became a Truck Driver III in 1988. Terry is retiring as a Truck Driver III with years of loyal, quality service to the Crawfordville-area. Terry has provided excellent customer service to Talquin Members and because of his personality, experience, and communication skills, he is well respected by his co-workers and the Members of the community he has serviced for so many years. Terry looks forward to spending time with family and enjoying the outdoors. Terry will be greatly missed! Good luck with retirement!





# TRADING POST

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Bee Keeping Supplies:

2 overalls (L & XXL), 3 helmets, 2 veils, 3 gloves, 1 smoker. Asking \$50.00. 850-321-1167

**Misc.:** Generator, wheels, battery, 7,000 r. w. \$500.00; landline BellSouth big key phone w/ 30 ft cord, \$15.00; maple rocking chair, back, seat cushions, \$35.00; Plano 737 4-drawer tackle box, \$20.00; Women's 2XX Fancy Bead/embroidery denim coat, longer, \$25.00; High loft, quick dry, as new, sleeping bag, \$10.00. Can meet. 850-567-6176

**Generator:** Caterpillar RP 6500 Portable generator. New (18 months old). \$700 (price firm). Sells retail for \$850.00. 912-230-9513

**Baby Goats:** Nigerian Dwarf Mix. 2 males. 2 females. Born: 10/15/20. \$75.00 each. Call 850-766-1631

**Teak Swim Platform:** AFI Marince Model 60900 18" Teak Swim Platform. Never used... new in the package. Sells on Ebay for \$133.25. Asking for \$50.00. Call 850-656-2055

**Misc.:** 10.5 foot Tapco metal break. Good condition. \$495.00. Fiberglass boat, live wells. No trailer. \$1000.00. Antique cook stove (Marco pride) \$450.00. Call 850-893-1477

**Misc.:** Hohnica Accordion, with case. Like new condition. \$375.00; FSU Men's Heavy Jacket, X-Large, \$100.00; Kenmore Elite Washing Machine, very good condition, \$100.00; 850-509-7188

**Hay for Sale:** 850-524-4289

**Cats:** Looking for a perfect match/forever, loving homes for several amazing cats with delightful personalities. 850-879-5509

**Rabbits for Sale:** 850-562-2904

**Misc.:** Antique China, Antique Tea Set, Marble-Top Table with two small matching French provincial chairs, perfect for girl's room. 850-544-5799

**Misc.:** 15' Long Flat Bottom Canoe with paddles \$500.00; new pair camo waders in box \$30.00; gravity lounge chair \$30.00; king size 4" foam topper \$50.00; garden tools and toolbox full. 100's of plants. 850-694-5838

**Misc.:** 3-wheel stroller \$20.00; 4 10 gal. aquariums \$10.00 each; Dodge Caliber aluminum 17" rim and tire \$40.00; handicap stroller \$50.00; aloe plants all sizes \$5.00 to \$10.00; ball python 3' long, 2 30 gal. aquariums and stand \$200.00. 850-524-8901

**Burial Plot:** 2 burial plots, Culley's MeadowWood on Timberlane Rd., Tallahassee FL. Plots are in Garden of Memories 266D 5 + 6. Current price is \$11,300.00. Asking \$9,000.00. Make a reasonable offer. Call 850-519-5716

**Cemetery Plots:** two cemetery plots for sale in Devotion Gardens Tallahassee Memorial Gardens. Please call Frank at 850-274-6151 for more information.

**Misc.:** All refurbished carburetor tune up, 26" cut- 10.5 Briggs and Stratton Motor Gear Box \$650.00 OBO. 850-2513076

**Misc.:** 1918 sideboard, made in England, hand-carved, \$3,000.00; Gray Jacuzzi, never used. \$1,000.00; garage door, 1.5 cars, \$200.00; child's scooter, \$50.00; 850-875-1423

## 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. Talquin provides "The Trading Post" ads for the convenience of our Members. Talquin is not responsible for the content of the ads. Talquin does not endorse or warrant the products or services offered in the ads. There is no cost to place an ad in The Trading Post.

- **Members may submit one ad per issue (six 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, October 1st is the deadline for the November/December edition.)

Mail ads to: "The Current", Talquin Electric Cooperative PO Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32352-1679 or email to: tradingpost@talquinelectric.com

## FURNITURE

**Headboard:** Queen Bed, wrought iron rose and leaves headboard. Exquisite. Vintage. 850-544-5799

**Cherry Bench:** 30" X 11 1/2"; \$125.00; 850-877-5995

**Sofa:** Simmons Hide-A-Bed Sofa. 76" X 35". Great condition. Beige with brown imprints. Remove pillows, pull-up bed, used as headboard. Asking \$150.00, cash only. Text for photos. 850-294-7253

**Queen Mattress Set:** \$150.00. Call Matt 850-545-7112

## REAL ESTATE

**Farmland for Lease:** 20 acres available for lease locally. Can be used for sod, hay, trees, plants, or bee farming. Lease length negotiable. 850-727-4701

**7 Acres near Panama City:** \$60,000; 850-875-142 or 386-466-4331

**For Rent:** Furnished bedroom, Wi-Fi, private shower and walk-in closet. \$500.00/month. In the Tallahassee-area, available Feb. 1; 850-212-7475

**Furnished Room:** Huge Furnished Room with Private Bath and Closet! Everything included! Oak floors, Shared kitchen, safe touch security, linens, Wi-Fi, Dish TV service. \$615.00 room rate, \$50.00 background fee, \$300.00 deposit. 7 month lease minimum. Based on single occupancy. Available Now!

CALLS ONLY PLEASE 850-284-4892

**Land Plots for Sale:** Beautiful 4.92 acres on Ace High Stables Road. Perfect home site! Small pond on property. Septic tank. Zoned RMH1 for mobile home or site built home. \$35,000.00 FIRM. 850-566-2856

## SERVICES

**Tutoring:** Certified High school Teacher. 36 years of experience. Virtual online courses, one-on-one, and ACT prep. AM/PM availability. Email: gingerlillylett@gmail.com

**Remodeling:** painting interior and exterior, fencing, decks, all types of siding. References available. Call 850-792-0482

## TOOLS/EQUIPMENT

**DR Power Wagon:** Fully functional. Starts up every time. Gas powered, Intek 6.75 OHV engine, key start. Hauls up to 500 lbs. easy dump mechanism. \$500.00 OBO. 850-528-2511

**Farm Equipment:** 3-point subsoiler, 4" X 1" Shank \$75.00; Bushhog-RT-72" Rotary Tiller \$1200.00; Durand-Wayland Airblast PTO Sprayer \$2500.00; 14" (2) bottom Plow- 3 point- \$450.00; Bushhog- BX- 72" Boxblade \$450.00; 3 Point Hitch Boom \$100.00; 6' House- 3 point hitch landscape rake \$250.00. Call 850-491-3862

**Well Pumps:** Shallow well pumps, 3/4 HP, \$35; 1 HP, \$45.00. 850-926-8167

## LOOKING FOR

**Trailer:** 8-foot Lite Trailer Lowson tractor supply type, in very good condition. Call 850-509-2976, if not then leave a message

**Misc.:** Home/ Land Security/Lighting equipment you may have upgraded and no longer use; In Good Condition 1-ton extended/passenger or cargo van-older model. Used Toyota pick-up truck in good condition. Older Hoover upright vacuum & tank vacuum. Full size or larger refrigerator in GC. Please call 850-879-5509.

## AUTOMOTIVE

**2011 Ford F-550:** New, power-stroke diesel. New fuel injection pump. New turbo charger. Warranty from Ford (6 months). Unlimited miles. Asking for \$23,900.00. 850-545-8976

**2002 Ford Ranger XLT Super Cab:** Great running vehicle. Green. 155k miles. Power windows/locks. Timing chains replaced. AC serviced. Good interior/body. Original Owner. Text 850-570-1969

**2004 Ford F250 Diesel Truck:** Black w/cab, 98,000 miles. In good condition, mechanically updated. Asking for \$11,500.00. 850-656-1640

**2013 GMC:** K2500 SLT 4x4 Crew Cab, 8 cyl 6.6L Diesel Duel turbo Duramax, auto Allison transmission. \$33,000.00 Negotiable. Call 850-574-8626



## Safety Tip:

Ever wondered about the big green boxes on your street? Safety Sam says steer clear! Those boxes include electrical equipment and supply power to your neighborhood.



## Generlink UPDATE

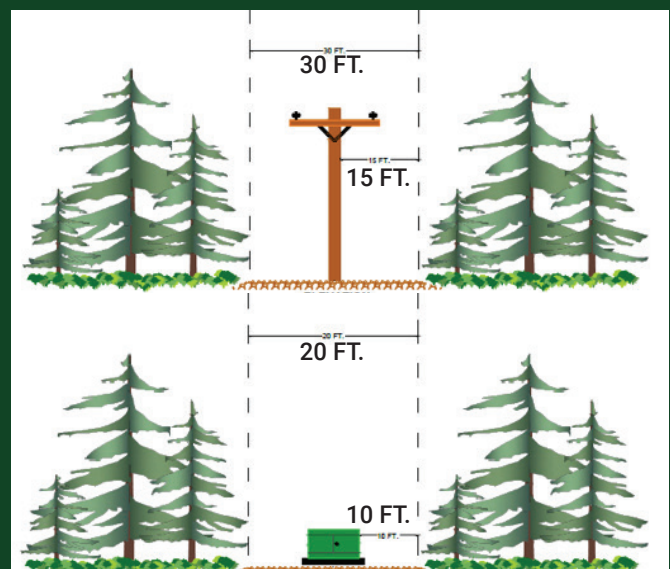
After approval from Talquin's Board, Talquin will no longer purchase Generlinks. Once we have depleted the current supply of Generlinks, Talquin will not order any Generlinks going forward. Members can purchase Generlinks at retail locations, such as The Home Depot. Talquin will continue to install Generlinks for \$125.00, which helps to offset Talquin's install costs.

## REMINDER:

Never attach posters or other items to utility poles. Items attached to utility poles create a safety hazard for line workers, who need to climb poles to perform maintenance.

## Friday, January 15th is Florida Arbor Day

If planting a native tree this Arbor Day, please be aware of where all of your utility lines are located. And before you dig, call 8-1-1 so you will always **Know What Is Below**.



# Swoon-worthy DESSERTS

## Heavenly Oreo Dessert

<https://life-in-the-lofthouse.com/heavenly-oreo-dessert/>

**\*\*Recipe from Life in the Lofthouse**

### Ingredients:

- 1-15.35 ounce package Double-Stuffed Oreo cookies
- ½ cup butter melted
- 2 packages, 3.9 ounce each, instant chocolate pudding mix
- ¾ cups cold milk
- 2-8 ounce containers cool whip
- 1-8 ounce block cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar



1. Take a large zip-lock bag and place all of the Oreo cookies inside. Seal bag shut and place on counter. Using a rolling pin, crush the cookies until they are small chunks/crumbs. You want them to still be chunky and small, but not fine crumbs.
2. Set aside 1/3 of the cookie crumbs for the topping. Pour remaining cookie crumbs into a 9x13 baking pan. Pour the melted butter over the crumbs and mix well to combine. Once combined, press into the pan to form a crust.
3. In a bowl, whisk together the 2 pudding mixes and milk. Cover and place in fridge to set.
4. In a medium bowl, blend cream cheese until smooth. Slowly add in the powdered sugar. Fold in one container of Cool Whip. Spread mixture over the cookie crust. Next, take chocolate pudding and spread over the cream cheese mixture. Spread the other container of Cool Whip over the chocolate pudding layer. Sprinkle the top with the remaining cookie crumbs. Cover and chill in fridge at least 2 hours before serving.

## Strawberry Cheese Danish

<https://life-in-the-lofthouse.com/strawberry-cheese-danish/>

**\*\*Recipe from Life in the Lofthouse**

### Pastry Ingredients:

- 1-8 oz. tube refrigerated crescent rolls
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- ¼ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 8 teaspoons strawberry preserves/jelly

### Glaze Ingredients:

- ¼ cup powdered sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons milk



1. Separate dough into four rectangles. Seal perforations. In a small bowl, whisk together cream cheese, sugar, and lemon juice until smooth. Spread ¼ of the mixture onto each rectangle. Roll up from long side; pinch edges to seal. Holding one end, loosely coil each.
2. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Top each coil with 2 teaspoons preserves.
3. Bake at 350°F. for 15 minutes or until golden brown.
4. For glaze: in a small bowl, combine powdered sugar, vanilla, and milk. Stir until smooth and drizzle over each danish. Serve and enjoy!

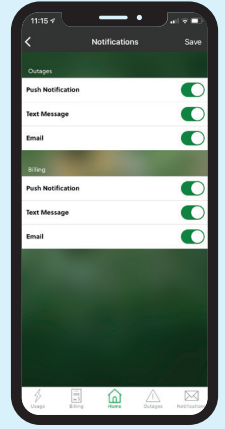
## SUBMIT YOUR RECIPES

If you have some tasty recipes that you would like to share, submit them to us at [TradingPost@talquinelectric.com](mailto:TradingPost@talquinelectric.com), drop them off at any of our Member Service offices, or mail to us at PO Box 1679, Quincy FL 32353.



# WATER APP UPDATE

This February, Talquin is unveiling a new feature in our mobile app that will alert Members of any precautionary boil water notices (PBWN) specific to their location. After signing up for notifications, Members will receive a direct notice of any PBWNs issued by Talquin that will affect them. Those who have previously elected to receive notifications from Talquin via the app will not need to re-register. Those that have not previously downloaded the app can find it in your device's app store. Simply search "Talquin" and download the app to your phone.



The new alert feature will send notifications to the Member's chosen method: email, text message, and/or push notification. To select which method you prefer, follow these steps:

1. Select the "Settings" icon in the app.
2. Next, select "Accounts", then select your water account.
3. Then, click "Notifications".
4. Tap the slider tool to select which methods you would prefer to receive notifications.
5. Select "Save" at the top right of the screen.

Each notification will include a link to receive more information on Talquin's website. In addition to the app, Talquin will continue to use previous notification methods, including door hangers and media notification, as required by law.

**Talquin Office Locations**

**Headquarters**  
1640 W Jefferson St  
Quincy, FL 32351  
850-627-7651

**Member Service Offices**  
Talquin Member Service Office lobby hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30am-1:00pm & 2:00pm-5:00pm, excluding holidays. All Member Service Offices are closed for lunch from 1:00pm-2:00pm.

Quincy	Hosford	Lake Jackson Area	Bradfordville Area	Crawfordville
1607 W Jefferson St Quincy, FL 32351 850-627-9666	20557 NE Cooperative Way Hosford, FL 32354 850-379-8679	4808 Portal Dr Tallahassee, FL 32303 850-562-0125	6724 Thomasville Rd Tallahassee, FL 32312 850-893-6853	681 Wakulla Arran Rd Crawfordville, FL 32327 850-926-7422

- Sitio en Español [www.talquinelectric.com/es](http://www.talquinelectric.com/es)
- Billing statements available in Braille, contact a Member Service office for more details.

**Reporting an Outage**  
Please report an interruption in your electric and/or water service using one of the methods below:

**By Phone:** Please call 1-888-802-1832 for a live operator or 1-866-899-4832 for an automated attendant.

**Online:** You may report your outage on our website, [www.talquinelectric.com](http://www.talquinelectric.com).

**Text Notification:** You can enroll in our text option to report an outage. Through this service, you will also be notified if there is an outage that possibly affects your service. You can also receive status of your outage through this system as well. To register, please visit our website [www.talquinelectric.com](http://www.talquinelectric.com) for instructions.

**Paying Your Bill**

**By Mail:** Please return the bottom portion of your bill along with your check or money order, payable to Talquin Electric Cooperative, in the envelope provided to, P.O. Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353.

**In Person:** You may bring your payment to any of our Member Service Offices listed above. For your convenience, all locations have a drive thru service. We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards, bank debit cards that utilize these networks, checks and money orders.

**Bank Draft:** Your payment can be automatically drafted monthly from your checking or savings account or your credit card. Please sign up for this service on our website: [www.talquinelectric.com](http://www.talquinelectric.com). You must be registered on the payment portal. In order to register you will need to have an active Talquin account number and the most recent statement ID associated with that account number. The statement ID is located on your bill statement.

**By Phone:** Call any Talquin Office and choose the prompt to pay by phone to pay your bill using our Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system. You may pay by credit/debit card or electronic check.

**Online:** You may pay your bill online at [www.talquinelectric.com](http://www.talquinelectric.com). You can pay by credit/debit card or electronic check. You must be registered on the payment portal. In order to register you will need to have an active Talquin account number and the most recent statement ID associated with that account number. The statement ID is located on your bill statement.

**Breakdown of Current Charges**

FACILITY - Facility Charge	\$12.00
KWH - 1000 KWH @0.1018	\$101.80
KWH - 18 KWH @0.1234	\$2.22
SUBDIVISION LIGHT - Subdivision Lighting	\$2.10
WATER FAC - Water Facility	\$17.85
GALLONS - 3930 Gallons @0.0015	\$5.89
SEWER FAC - Sewer Facility	\$18.75
GALLONS - 3930 Gallons @0.0285	\$11.20

## Updated Billing Statements

Talquin has updated its billing statements to include a breakdown of current charges. Beginning in January, this breakdown of charges will be found on the back of your Talquin billing statement!

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**Wakulla Member Service Office**

681 Wakulla Arran Road  
Crawfordville, Florida 32327  
(850) 926-7422

**Hosford Member Service Office**

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

**Lake Jackson Member Service Office**

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

**Bradfordville Member Service 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](http://www.talquinelectric.com)

Sign up for text outage notification at  
[www.talquinelectric.com](http://www.talquinelectric.com) to report your  
outage quickly and to receive  
outage information.



# SAVE THE DATE

## Talquin's 2021 Annual Meeting of the Members

**Saturday, April 24, 2021**

Talquin will hold voting by  
mail-in ballot. Due to the  
ongoing COVID-19 pandemic,  
we will hold the business  
portion of the meeting virtually.

## Office Closure

All Member Service offices will be closed on January 18  
and will reopen on January 19.

Due to COVID-19, our lobbies remain closed.

**We are drive-thru only.**

## WPCA ADJUSTMENT

Effective January 1, 2021, Talquin will reduce  
the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment from  
a credit of (\$.0075) to a credit of (\$.0105),  
resulting in an overall decrease on bills of 3  
mills, or \$3.00 per 1,000 kWh.