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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. 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.

### Autonomy and Independence – The American Revolution

This month, we all enjoy celebrating the American Revolution. Independence Day marks the day that the colonies declared their independence from England. This was the day the Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence – July 4, 1776. So what are we really celebrating with our hamburgers, hot dogs, and fireworks?



Carrie Durden Board President



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The American Revolution was about breaking free from the shackles of oppression. A wealthy king in England was taxing the colonies to recover money he lost in an unrelated war (French and Indian War of 1754 to 1763), and the parliament continually exercised harsh, unfair control over the colonists. The hard work of the American colonists was being unfairly taxed to make wealthy Englishmen wealthier. To show them who was boss, they were being treated harshly in the process.

The American Revolution was about autonomy and independence.

So, how could this possibly relate to your electric cooperative?

The creation of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) was also about breaking free from shackles of oppression. This time, just 160 years later, it was hard working rural Americans that were asked to labor unfairly to support the wealthy. To make matters worse, these good people were not being provided with the same life-changing electricity that urban communities received without paying unfairly high prices for it. Our parents and grandparents had to pay exorbitant prices to have electricity. Where did the money go? Of course it went to the wealthy shareholders of investor owned utilities to make them wealthier.

Just as in 1776, rural Americans in the mid-1930s had had enough of the oppression and fought their oppressors. This time, guns and cannons were not needed – only the mighty pen.

On May 20, 1936, Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed into law the Rural Electrification Act. This Act changed the face of rural America, and ultimately the entire nation, in ways imagined by few. With electricity to assist in daily chores, rural Americans became decidedly more productive and helped to drive an economy that would become the envy of the world within just two decades. Few moments in history are marked by such dramatic change.

What do the American Revolution and your electric cooperative have in common? Both were a result of a desire for autonomy and independence, which is one of the seven cornerstones of every cooperative business. So be sure to thank God this month for the autonomy and independence fought for by our ancestors that has provided us with our freedom and with affordable electricity in rural areas.

Independence Day and your electric cooperative – as American as apple pie!

### Youth Tour 2016







Students from all over the country journey to Washington, D.C. each year to learn about electric cooperatives and how decisions made at our nation's capital affect us all. Co-ops from the GREAT state of Florida sent 33 students and four of those were representing Talquin Electric Co-op!!

## ELECTRIC RATE CHANGE

Talquin recognizes that our Members want their cooperative to have competitive rates while remaining financially stable so that we can provide safe, reliable service. Our present rate structure continues to make our revenue dependent upon weather conditions and the amount of energy sold. Therefore, effective September 1, 2016, Talquin Electric Cooperative will adjust electric rates. Our wholesale power cost adjustment (WPCA), water, and wastewater rates will not be affected by this change.

This will be our first adjustment since September 2013 and will only affect Residential Service (RS) and General Service (GS) rates. This rate change will result in an increase to facilities charges and a decrease to energy charges that will help stabilize our revenue. We will also have a slight increase needed to cover increased cost in right of way maintenance, poles, wire and other supplies. Members that use 1,000 kilowatt hours a month will see their bill increase \$3.40, or 2.77%, which is less than a 1% increase per year over the last three years.

The table below shows the current and revised rates:

#### **ELECTRIC RATES AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**

Facility Charge	Current Rate	New Rate
RS – Single Phase	\$20.00	\$30.00
RS – Three Phase	\$35.00	\$45.00
GS – Single Phase	\$20.00	\$30.00
GS – Three Phase	\$35.00	\$45.00
Energy Charge	Current Rate	New Rate
RS & GS		
First 1,000 kWh	\$0.10610 per kWh	\$0.09950 per kwh
Over 1,000 kWh	\$0.12110 per kWh	\$0.12110 per kWh

## **Employee** Spotlights



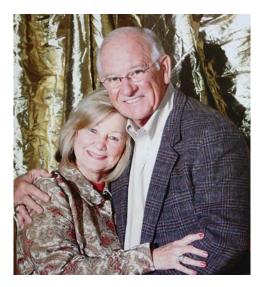
Congratulations to Steve Timmons and the Safety Department for receiving the Certificate of Safety Accreditation for Talquin Electric Co-op! This is quite an honor, and we want to congratulate Steve on all of his hard work and dedication.



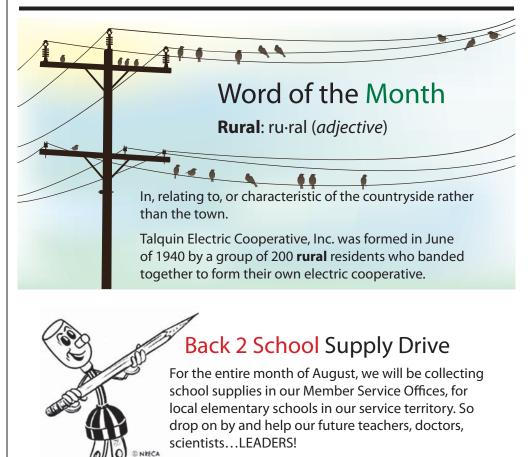
We are proud to announce that Talquin Electric Co-op received the Tree Line USA accreditation. This accreditation recognizes utility companies who demonstrate best practices on how trees and utilities can co-exist for the benefit of their communities and the Members they serve. Congratulations to Chad Locke and the Right of Way Department for all of their hard work and dedication in receiving this accreditation for Talquin!

## Member of the Month

Talquin Members William and Ruth Garrison know the true meaning of Community – a group of people living together and practicing common ownership. The Garrisons first fell in love with Lake lamonia in 1981 and have made it their community and home ever since. They raised three sons, have six grandchildren who love to come visit, and a dog Puddles that loves to explore – all on the lake! Mr. Garrison has had canoes, airboats, duck boats and fishing boats at one time or another due to his love of the water. His love of fishing led him to start the Sure Ketch Lure Company, in addition to owning and running Garrison Design and Construction Company, Inc. Mrs. Garrison has a beautiful sun room where she used to teach yoga. And you guessed it - it has a beautiful view overlooking the lake! Talguin Electric Co-op got to know the Garrisons while out handling some right of way trim-



ming around their home. Mrs. Garrison was worried about the trimming due to the birds and other wildlife that lived around the right of way area. After all, they are part of lake living's appeal. But she worked closely with our vegetation manager, and the trimming was completed to everyone's satisfaction. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Garrison, for being our Members!



## Watts Happening

#### Leon County Senior Outreach: Explore "Lunch and Learn" to stay connected

No reservations needed to join the fun. 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Featuring a delicious catered lunch for \$6 per plate. Call 891-4065 for more information.

#### NO Lunch and Learns in July

August 4	Miccosukee – Miccosukee	
	Community Center	
August 10	Bradfordville – Wildwood	
	Presbyterian Fellowship Hall	
August 11	Woodville – Woodville	
	Community Center	
August 16	Fort Braden – Ft. Braden	
	Community Center	

#### **Veterans Memorial Railroad -**

invites you to take a 20 to 25 minute train ride around the park. The park has a playground, walking trail, picnic pavilions, RR Caboose and the Tom Keenan air-conditioned depot.

2nd Sat. of the month (Feb.-Nov.) 11:00-3:00 EST



#### Upcoming Dates for Free Train Rides:

July 9, August 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12

10561 NW Theo Jacobs Way – Bristol, FL Road 12(behind the Civic Center) 850-643-6646/850-643-5491 www.VeteransMemorialRailroad.org

**Gadsden Arts Center:** Love art or want to learn more about it? Check out Gadsden Arts Center in Quincy. They have everything from Summer Art Camps, Master Artists Workshops, local artist exhibits, and much more! Stop in and see what this amazing place has to offer.

Admission: suggested donation \$1.00, children and Members free! Tuesday – Saturday; 10:00 am to 5:00 pm 13 N Madison St – Quincy, FL 850-875-4866 www.gadsdenarts.org



For 45 years, 2-1-1 Big Bend, Inc. has connected people to services and programs in the Big Bend region. Since 2002 the agency has utilized the three-digit 2-1-1 number for easy access to its 24/7 hotline counselors. 2-1-1 Big Bend is now offering specialized information to parents who have concerns about delays with their children's physical or emotional development, behavior, or learning ability.

Help Me Grow promotes the early identification of developmental, behavioral, or educational concerns, then links children and their families to services in the community. When a parent or caregiver is not sure where to start, Help Me Grow can help navigate the system and connect families to needed services. Help Me Grow works with several agencies in the area to improve access and collaboration, including Health Start, Whole Child Leon, Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend, FDLRS, and Children's Medical Services.

Every child develops differently. If you are concerned about your child's growth and development, call Help Me Grow at 2-1-1 or **watch** the Help Me Grow developmental videos linked through the www.211bigbend.org website. Knowledgeable, friendly staff members are ready to assist. Services provided are confidential and free to the community.

Anyone can call 2-1-1 or 850-617-6333 for 24/7 short term crisis counseling and information and referral assistance.

## Tree Planting

When planning to plant trees around your home, remember these tips:

- **Be aware** of the location of power lines above and underground
- Plant a minimum of 20 feet away from poles, wires and any other Talquin Electric equipment
- Know the average mature height/ size of the tree you are planting

   be sure to plant clear of power lines for future growth
- Call 8-1-1 a few days BEFORE YOU DIG – underground utilities are located at no charge to the caller
- **Call Talquin** if you are unsure about the impact your planting might have on power lines



Here are some suggested trees to plant in our area that will have little or no impact on power lines:

> Sweet Viburnum Dwarf Burford Holly Podocarpus Pineapple Guava Waxleaf Ligustrum Wax Myrtle Ocala Anise "Tonto" Crepe Myrtle "Zhu Zhou" Loropetalum Tea Olive Vitex

## trading post

#### Miscellaneous

**Behr Premium DeckOver**, Left over Gallon of Sagebrush Green, never opened, not returnable to Home Depot. \$10: 562-2086

Handyman/Carpentry, painting, flooring, minor plumbing, woodworking, remodel, and much more. 25+yrs exp. with excellent references. John at 878-4444 or 850-566-5318. Reasonable rates

**Pro-Form 725FP Treadmill**: 2.5 horsepower motor for safe and reliable performance · inclines from 1.5-10% · four preprogrammed workouts · iFIT.com compatibility · Space Saver design. Will sell for \$200. 510-2201.

**MISC items**: 1 male 26 in bicycle \$50; 1 female 26 in bicycle \$50; 1 child bicycle \$25; cardio exerciser \$25; 50 in color television \$75. 627-1118/933-9765 **Moving Sale:** Samick blonde upright piano \$2000. Floral sofa with pull-out queen bed \$300. Solid oak desk with hutch \$500. 894-0603

**Ruger Talon .177 Air Rifle** 1200FPS New in Box Never Fired Has Silencer, Rifled Barrel, Fiber Optic Sights, Picatinny Rail & More. \$130. 339-9942

**MISC items**: sewing machine, fold away bed, stand up lamp, iron/ironing board, hair dryer, 2 bar stools, 2 - 11 in color tvs; small chest freezer, gas stove, 1950 Mercury. 567-3358

**Bed Netting**: Hang over bed or outdoors to get protection from insects. Large enough to cover a Queen size bed. 8 ft long. Adult can easily pack & take on tropical area trip. Never Used. \$5. Located in Tallahassee-Killearn area. 708-790-0008 Call anytime

**Round glass dining table w/ four chairs** excellent condition \$190; 2 oak curio fair condition \$150; & **MISC** items 25 inch floor model TV, DVD player, hall tree mirror full size mattress set. 241-6531

Set of 6 antique heavy duty **cooking boilers** \$25 OBO; 2 Large wagon wheel hub **lamps** \$15 ea OBO; new high back **office chair**, swivel, and adjustable height \$15 OBO. 442-4449

**Compassionate Christian Caregiver** available, 25+ yrs experience, CPR certified, reliable, reasonable rates. Excellent references. 575-8906

**4 Cemetery Plots**, Abbey Memory Gardens & Funeral Home, Garden of Apostles, lot no 2D spaces 1-2-3-4. \$1150 ea or \$4000 for all four. 421-1792

**Cemetery lot,** prime locations, Culley's Chapel Garden. Best Offer. Cremation monuments allowed. 339-0154

**MISC ITEMS**: baby play pen \$15; upright vacuum cleaner \$25; leather overstuffed chair & ottoman \$45; sleeper sofa good condition \$100; love seat \$50. 442-4463

**Cowboy Boots** – used good condition various styles – size 10 & 10 ½; **cowboy hats** size 71/2 & 7 3/4. No calls after 9 pm. 668-7707

**Aqua-Glass Jet Tub**/water jets & air bubbles. Faucets included. Oval Tub 50"x32"x22" deep. Surround measure 58"x42". Almond color, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> HP motor. 933-6934

Treadmill good condition. PFTL2902 ProForm 280 \$150 cash. 539-1274

**MISC ITEMS:** 8 pkgs (18 ea) Lg adult protective underwear \$10 pkg; Lg & sm 2 wheel aluminum walkers \$15/\$10; aluminum adjust cane \$5; 3"x16"x16" wheelchair cushion \$10; bun & thigh roller \$25; men's suede leather tan blazer sz 38 \$20. 442-4210

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## **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)
   Deadlines are the first day of the month preceding the month of publication (For
- 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

size, table & chairs, bunk beds. 878-8321

Professional Female Caregiver w/ many years of

experience seeking position providing loving care

for men, women or infirm of any age. References

2001 Honda Civic EX-2 door; 200,000 miles;

very good engine, transmission, tires, upholstery.

A/C, headliner, and power door locks need repair.

2007 Harley Davidson, Street Bob, Vance & Hines

pipes, gray & black, 14K miles, excellent condition, \$6900, Serious inquiries only. 894-9222

Classic Car in Great Condition. Original exterior

and interior. Low Mileage due to illness of own-

ers-unable to drive.1979 Ford LTD II Asking Price

Honda 2 wheel ATV w/ aluminum dog box.

3/BD 2/BA Block home, car port, well and city water,

chain-link fence, as is. 5 lots Magnolia Gardens Craw-

2B/1B - Gretna - Well maintained fenced solar

panel home, 4 car carport, whole house generated

Great home in Havana for sale! 5 acres,

cross fenced. 4/2 with office and large kitchen.

Sheds, chicken coop, blueberries. 365 Deer Run

Fenced lot for sale - 92 Seminole Cir/septic tank/

electric on site-\$12,000. Mobile home (needs

work) with out bldgs., on 2 lots -62 Deer Run -

\$25,000. Both properties in Ochlocknee estates,

Single-Wide Lot For Sale in Deer Tree Hills.

1923 Sika Deer. \$10,000.00 OBO; monthly HOA.

3 bedroom/3 bath Duplex, less than a half mile

from Florida State University, \$270k. Great invest-

ment opportunity. Serious inquiries only. 528-8094

Hunt or Fish Camp: FRC at Larkins Landing, 80

x 100 lot w/ mobile home. \$25,000. 579-4317/

\$4,000 or best reasonable offer. 766-5858

fordville \$75,000. 421-7581 or 926-3917

power, \$700.00 monthly. 627-2725

2 heavy duty gates \$350. 294-7907

and background check. 728-2600

Automotive

\$1,200.539-3829

877-1636

RealEstate

Rd. 339-7047

Havana. 519-6837

212-5103.

866-1965

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- Members must provide name, phone number, and account number.

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#### Pair of antique matching Queen Anne chairs ID 1800's – original tapestry upholstery – very good condition; Doll furniture 18" American Girl Doll

**36'Topaz Sportfish**. \$3,500 Selling my portion of partnership in this dive/fishing boat. Runs good. Needs cosmetics. Docked in Shell Point. 567-1926

Portabote 12' 1998 collapsible boat with oars, motormount. \$100. Vintage Coleman lanterns (4) \$10 each. Good general condition. 926-5989

**1999 Shamrock 260 Express**, 2013 PCM 5.7 motor with < 100 hrs, Al. Trailer, Boat rehabbed in 2013, shore AC, AC/DC frig, Full Curtains, 2014 Garmin 1040GPS/Bottom machine. \$19,950. 545-5075

**17 ft inboard** w/ 302 + drive-on trailer \$4000; **antique Reynolds aluminum V-hull boat** \$500. 294-7907

#### Farm/Garden

John Deere mower w/ bagger. Cost \$2000, selling for \$1000. Like new, garage kept. 766-1990 TROY-BILT RIDING LAWN MOWER- 42-in cut. Has 17hp Briggs & Stratton electric start engine. Used 10 times. Excellent condition--\$500; Tallahassee 321-6552

John Deere X 300. 42 inch mower deck with 280 hours. Includes mulching kit. \$1500. Location: Quincy. 294-0096

**1940 B-John Deere** restored \$4500; **1952 M-John Deere** restored \$3000; **1949 M-John Deere** w/ attachments \$3000; **1939 Case** not restored \$650. 447-4811

**1 roll 6 ft used chain link fence**; 1 roll 8 ft used chain link fence. Some posts. 562-9720

#### Wanted

Need a copy of "**The Story of Bradley's Country Store**" willing to pay, please contact 894-0554 or 305-336-3039.

**Part-time gardener/caretaker** wanted in Miccosukee. Job includes planting, edging, weeding, power washing, picking up trash. Pay commensurate with skill/ efficiency. References. 850 559-4784

**15 Passenger/Cargo Extended** 350-360 1 ton van. Kenmore canister/metal & upright vacuum, adult bike, refrigerator, stove in good condition. 879-5509.

**Copper pennies**; looking for a buyer or seller of 1981 and older pennies. if interested 445-7956 after 7pm

#### FREE

2 Commerical paint sprayers. 294-7907

## RECIPE

According to UF IFAS Extension office, July is **National Blueberry Month**! Blueberries are one of the few fruits native to North America, and have been enjoyed for centuries, both wild and cultivated. In fact, The United States is the world's largest producer of blueberries. The Florida Blueberry Growers Association (www.blueberriesfromflorida.com) has recipes for drinks, breakfast foods, breads, appetizers, salads, dressings, sauces, entrée items and more. Or try the one below from our own 2015 *CURRENTly Cooking Cookbook*!

### **Sinful Blueberry Pie**

2 cups graham cracker crumbs 1/2 cup softened butter 1/4 cup sugar 1 large package of cream cheese 1 cup sugar 1/2 cup evaporated milk 1 1/2 cups pecan pieces 1 can blueberry pie filling Whipped cream (Fresh or commercially prepared)

Blend graham cracker crumbs, butter and sugar in a bowl. Press this mixture into a 9" x 13" pan.

Bake in preheated 300 degree oven for 8 minutes. (A commercially prepared graham cracker crumb pie shell may be substituted.)

Mix cream cheese, sugar, evaporated milk and spread over baked crust.

Sprinkle 1/2 cup of pecan pieces over top of mixture.

Spread blueberry pie filling over pie mixture.

Top pie with whipped cream and remaining cup of pecan pieces. (Commercially prepared dairy topping may be substituted for whipped cream.)

Refrigerate pie.

Gail Sloat, Talquin Member

## Shining Star

The Stars and Stripes has long been a powerful symbol of Americanism. According to the American Legion, this is an ideology or belief in devotion, loyalty, or allegiance to the United States of America or to its flag, traditions, customs, culture, symbols, institutions, or form of government. This month's Shining Star and one of our 2015 Youth Tour alumni, Tanner Clemons knows this meaning all too well. Tanner has long known that he wants to serve in the United States Armed Forces. For college, he had his eye set on the United States Naval Academy, followed by a career in the U.S. Navy just like his great uncle. He competed against thousands of applicants for a very small allotment of available spots. After the lengthy admissions process, which includes grade and test requirements; nominations from Senator Marco Rubio and Congresswoman Gwen Graham; and other requirements, Tanner received his appointment into the academy. We are honored to name Tanner Clemons our July Shining Star and wish him the best as he goes through the academy and on to serve our great country!





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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.



Renew Financial is partnering with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to offer the Warehouse for Energy Efficiency Loans (WHEEL), to establish the ReHome Florida Loan program. This is a turnkey financing platform that provides lowcost capital to homeowners, for energy efficiency and water conservation improvements, for Members that are served by electric cooperatives in Florida.

**Eligible Projects:** 

- Energy Efficient Appliances Refrigerators, Dishwashers, Clothes Washers and Dryers, Air Conditioners, etc.
- Energy Efficient Lighting
- Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
- □ Boilers
- □ Furnaces
- □ Water Heaters

Solar Thermal, Electric, Gas & Tankless



- Air Sealing and Insulation
- Windows and Doors
- **Energy Efficient Roofing**
- Pool Heaters and Pumps
- Solar Photovoltaic and Solar Thermal

To date, Renew Financial has provided \$27, 844 to Talguin Members that have met the requirements of the program. There is \$2.2 million available to loan to Members for energy efficiency and renewable projects (up to \$20,000) at low interest rates. For more information, please contact RaSarah Browder at rasarah.browder@talguinelectric.com or 888.232.3477 www.ReHomeFlorida.com

