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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 6:30 p.m.

Notice of any changes will be listed on the website.

## 78th Annual Meeting – a Great Success

When electricity first became available, private electric companies did not want to run lines to rural areas. To receive electricity, farmers and ranchers united. They created their own electric resource with aid from the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). Through the REA, they were able to borrow federal funds to begin the electrification process by forming an electric cooperative – an electric company owned and governed by the people it serves – like Talquin Electric. Everyone that is served by Talquin plays a part in the cooperative, which makes everyone served by Talquin a Member.



Carrie Durden  
 Board President



Tracy Bensley  
 General Manager

The thoughts and opinions of every Member are important. Each April, all Talquin Electric Cooperative Members have an opportunity to attend their annual meeting and give their input on how the business is being run. This year, 937 Members registered at the annual meeting! The annual meeting included a cooperative performance update and a review of the cooperative's operations. Attendees also heard a summary of various services that have been requested by Members and were implemented this past year, such as the new Mobile App and PrePaid Electric Service.

The Members that attended also performed their most important responsibility – they voted for trustees who will represent them in setting the policy and the direction of the cooperative. Talquin's four county service area is separated into nine districts with one trustee selected to represent each district. Each trustee serves a three year term. The votes and participation of our Members are what keep our cooperative locally controlled. When we say Member owned and operated - we mean it!

Musical entertainment, exhibits, and prizes are provided at the annual meeting to make it fun for the whole family. The new Member favorite this year was the \$10 bill credit that each registered Member received! This event would not be possible without the entertainers, the agencies that provided exhibits, the volunteers that served refreshments, and the vendors that donated prizes. Talquin thanks them all for helping make this year's annual meeting a great success.

Just remember: every Member's opinion matters and is always welcome at the annual meeting or any other time throughout the year.

**Every Member is Equal:  
 One Member = One Vote.**

Talquin's own  
 IT Squad!





Right: Stacy Stone and Priscilla Parker handing out popcorn and smiles.

Below: Legacy School of Performing Arts of Quincy put on quite a show.



Right: Beatriz Tovias made a Member very happy when she gave the lucky winner a brand new iPhone 8.

Below: New Talquin employee, Charlotte Salley was excited to work her first Annual Meeting.

Below right: Gadsden County's Department of Emergency Management came and gave Members some valuable tips in preparing for the 2018 Hurricane Season.



# Member of the Month

How long have you lived in the area? The May family can trace their roots back to the 1820's — that is almost 200 years! For four generations, they worked the land on shade tobacco farms. Over time, the family foresaw the U.S. cigar wrapper tobacco crops giving way to international growers. However, they did not give up — they just adjusted with the times. In 1971, they put their agricultural roots to work and converted the family shade tobacco farm to a nursery, which everyone knows today as May Nursery. For three generations, they have weathered ever-changing economic storms and become a market leader in the Southeast. They employ around 145 people, and someone can always be found working at the nursery. The nursery covers 450 acres, where you can find cold-hardy landscape shrubs, such as azaleas, junipers, roses, and much more. As they are always getting ready for the next crop, they have a perpetual revolving door of potted plants. Though most of their products are exported out of Florida, you can find some of their items locally at Tallahassee Nurseries or Esposito's. Thank you, May Nursery, for being a loyal Talquin Member and for making the world a beautiful place — one flower at a time.



Ready for shipment

Cover: May family tobacco barn

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

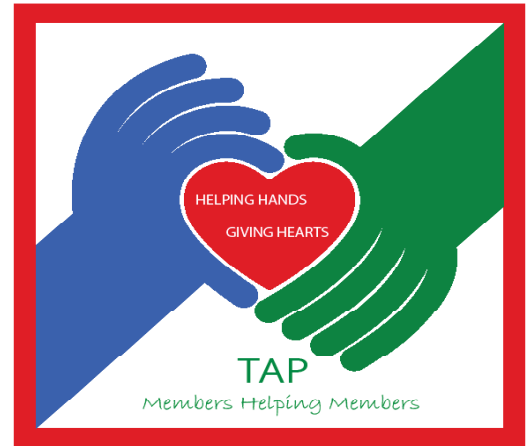
**Member Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Electric Account Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Water Account Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_



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

**Option 2 - Round Up:** By signing this form and submitting it to 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 Agency) to handle disbursements of TAP funds to Members. Members who seek assistance under TAP may be referred to these third party agencies for screening, and any person so referred will be screened on the basis of that agency's criteria. Members seeking assistance will not be required to be contributing to TAP.

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

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Shining Star

Congratulations to our 2017 Youth Tour Alum, Christie Salters, who is a Youth Leadership Tallahassee Class 13 senior at Leon High School and a Youth Leadership Award scholarship recipient.



## Energy Tip

During the dog days of summer, try finding recipes that require little cooking or allow moving the cooking outside. Give your oven/stove a break, as well as your air conditioning unit.



## Way to go Talquin Transformers!

This Wee Ball team in Crawfordville made us proud.



## Red, White and Blueberry Coleslaw

Crispy bacon, dried blueberries and thinly sliced cabbage turn basic coleslaw into a colorful and patriotic side dish.

### Ingredients

- 1 small or 1/2 large head green cabbage, cut into 1/4-inch wide strips (about 6 cups)
- 1 small red onion, halved and thinly sliced (about 1/2 cup)
- 6 strips bacon, crisp-cooked and crumbled (reserve 1 tablespoon for garnish)
- 1/2 cup dried blueberries (reserve 1 tablespoon for garnish)
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 cup toasted chopped pecans (reserve 1 tablespoon for garnish)
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

### Directions

Toss the cabbage, onion, bacon, blueberries, mayonnaise, vinegar and sugar in a large bowl and toss to coat with the dressing. Cover and refrigerate 1 to 4 hours.

Stir in the pecans and season with salt and pepper just before serving. Sprinkle with reserved bacon, berries and nuts.



\*foodnetwork.com

# trading post

## Miscellaneous

**Shopsmith V, 5-in-one Power Tool**, Model 510 with Joiner Attachment. All accessories. 284-3454

**Sojin Baby Grand Player Piano** 5 foot, white, sing-a-long books and CD's. Perfect for learning and Christmas time gatherings. \$1,800. In Tallahassee. 284-7076

**2 burial plots:** Meadow wood Memorial Park off Timberlane Rd. Tallahassee, Ground Burial Dogwood Garden included E.C.F., Dignity Memorial Park 2 plots for sale Value at \$5,390 for Sale \$5,200 OBO. 750-6495

**Pool table:** Dynamo brand 8 ft slate top, heavy duty former coin table, good felt and rails, all accessories included. Older couple no longer use it and need space. Must sell. \$700 OBO. 510-0374 or 575-1788

**Collectable baseball cards, comic books and toys.** Toys include Star Wars, Godzilla and Hulk. Price is negotiable. Sold as a package. Collectors only. 933-0067

**Landlord downsizing, sell rental supplies.** All new in box, price in each: High quality 48" counter top w/ under-mount sink \$125; 3 wood blinds in bamboo color \$8 each, \$20 for all 3;

2 metal shelves \$10; Lots of cabinet pull & knobs \$40; 24" medicine cabinets w/ mirror \$25, 2 available; Metal electrical box \$15; air register various sizes \$8 each; High quality & heavy entry door \$150; LOTS of tile bullnose, edges, mud cap \$100 for all; Lots of lights; text your email to 228-0868 for pictures

GE white nautilus **dishwasher**. Has 5 wash cycles and 5 options including heat dry. VG condition. \$110 OBO. 893-9702

**2 (side by side) funeral plots:** Tallahassee Memory Gardens (off Hwy 27, near Lake Jackson), located in "Peace" section; Lot 125, section D, spaces 3 and 4; fair market value (per the cemetery) is \$1,395 each. Asking \$800 ea. To be sold as a pair, not separated. 524-4432

**Graco's Pack & Play:** travel crib and playpen, hardly used, very good condition. \$50; **crib quilt** \$4.50. 539-5641

**2 sets Twin size comforters**, pillow shams included – like new. \$25 for both sets. 877-2407

**MISC ITEMS:** Gazebo UV Protected fabric sheeting, never used, \$30; White vinyl strap chaise lounge chair rarely used \$45; solid wood twin size head and footboard, \$50. 544-5799

**MISC ITEMS:** Vanity with sink 40 x 31 x 21 \$70; Bathroom Light Fixtures \$45-55; Mirrors \$25-35; Vacuum cleaners \$25-45; Barcalounger rattan recliner \$70. 422-1368

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

**Selling my Shell Point studio.** Twelve 16x20 and twelve 18x24 new wood frames from Blick \$20 each. 850-386-5704.

**Clean Up & Hauling:** If you need trash and junk hauled away from sheds and garages, call 228-3612 or 668-8764

**Fly Tying** tools and supplies for both fresh water and salt water, \$150. 514-3585

**Professional Female Caregiver** w/ many years' experience for men, women, or infirm of any age. References, background check, and non-smoker. 728-2600

**Dining Room Table 84"x44"** including 18" self-stored leaf board, legs are white, top and 8 chairs are dark fruitwood. \$500. 926-5667

32"x15" **Pine Chest** w/ cedar bottom \$200; 30"x11" **pine bench** stained cherry \$120; 30"x11" **cherry bench** \$150. 877-5995

**Hunter Douglas pleated shades & slatted blinds – like new:** Seven 34"Wx80"H \$50 ea, One 27"Wx60"H \$50, One 46"Wx38"H \$50, One 69"Wx80"H \$75, One slatted blind 124"Wx92"H \$75. 285-2505 or optionsexpert@gmail.com

## Automotive

**Motorhome, Holiday Rambler 2011** Augusta Class C 25'; 22,775 miles, lightly used, slide, generator, micro convection oven, new tires, Pioneer stereo, backup camera. \$51,500. 510-0854

**2001 RV**, 32k miles, Georgia Boy Pursuit, 2 slide outs and more, 37 ft long, excellent condition, \$21,000. A must see. 321-2986

**Old Model Cars** 50s-70s, parts for 1950 Ford. 702-8495

**1985 Jeep** – American, \$2,500. 926-7363

**Utility Trailer** brand new 5x8, loading ramp, high speed tires for freeway travel. \$2,200. 251-6667

**2012 MINI Cooper** - S Countryman ALL4. Manual transmission. AWD. Panoramic Sunroof, premium

stereo, roof rack, silver with black top and stripes. 60,000 miles. \$12,500. 408-8286

## Real Estate

**McCollum Rd/Leon County 3 acres +/-;** fenced w/ large barn w/ 200 amp service, well w/ 200 amp service, beautiful oak trees. \$125,000. 545-9478

**45 +/- Acres**, 16 A y/o planted pines, has power and well, Caro-Concord and Bell Rd – Havana. 544-7713

## Farm/Garden

**4 ft. Bushhog mower** used \$250 OBO; **4ft. Harrow** used \$250 OBO. Great for wildlife food plots. 229-977-2080

**4 person horse carriage**, Body, Floor, Frame, Seats are in good condition (no rot). Fenders need reupholstered, One wheel needs repair. No harnesses. \$1,000. 284-7076

**Farmall 100 Tractor, Farmall 130 Tractor.** None running – fixable, \$2,500 ea. **Horses** for sale also. 926-7363

## Marine

**20 ft Pontoon Boat**, 60hp Mercury motor, galvanized trailer, asking \$6,500. 519-5716

**17' OMC Sunbird ski boat** w/ 90 hp Johnson. Boat cover, bimini top, skis, life jackets & more. Boat and engine in great shape. Needs upholstery. Lake Jackson drying up but boat is perfect for Lake Talquin or other local lakes w/ water. 562-3767

## Wanted

**Need boards for backyard projects.** From decks and privacy fences, etc. No pallets please. Okay if has nails or screws. Tallahassee area. 491-1131 or askmywife@gmx.com

## Water Tip

Collect the water you use for rinsing produce and reuse it to water houseplants.



## Safety Tip

**DO NOT OVERLOAD.** One of the leading causes of electrical accidents is overloaded sockets and extensions.

# Watts Happening

## 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 850-891-4065 for more information.

## No “Lunch and Learns” in July

**August 2** Miccosukee Community Center

**August 8** Bradfordville – Wildwood Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

**August 9** Woodville Community Center

## UPSLIDE – The Friends Connection:

Are you looking to meet new people, engage in meaningful conversation, share thoughts and ideas, and/or just

have fun? Do you have a friend or neighbor who feels alone? Join this new group, bring a friend, and become a part of your community. Snacks provided. For more information about the UPSLIDE Program, or to register, call Melanie at 850-891-4066. Funded by a Florida Blue Foundation Grant.

**4th Wednesday of each month (10:30 AM – 11:30 AM)**

**Fort Braden Community Center**



## “TALK with TALQUIN” Community Town Hall Meetings

## CALLING ALL TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MEMBERS!!

It's time to talk!

Meet the team of Talquin professionals working for you.  
Get your questions answered.

- GADSDEN COUNTY: July 12 (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM)  
Gadsden County Public Library – 732 S. Pat Thomas Pkwy, Quincy
- WAKULLA COUNTY: July 19 (6:00 PM – 7:00 PM)  
Wakulla County Library – 4330 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville
- LIBERTY COUNTY: July 26 (11:00 AM – Noon)  
Apalachee Restaurant – 10536 FL-20, Bristol
- LEON COUNTY: August 2 (6:00 PM – 7:00 PM)  
Fort Braden Community Center – 16387 Blountstown Hwy, Tallahassee
- LEON COUNTY: August 9 (6:30 PM - 7:30 PM)  
Leroy Collins Leon County Public Library – 5513 Thomasville Rd, Tallahassee

**RAFFLE: Enter for a chance to win a \$50 gift card - MUST ATTEND!!!**

**For More Information Contact:**  
Member Services - 850.627.6751  
[memberfeedback@talquinelectric.com](mailto:memberfeedback@talquinelectric.com)



**Back to School Jam:** Join in the fun and get ready for going back to school. Bounce house, rock wall, go carts, career information, graduation analysis, and more! Free food for students and school supply give away. Event is free.

**Saturday, August 4 (4 PM – 8 PM)**

F5 Farm Event Center – 8701 Salem Rd, Havana

## WPCA Adjustment

Effective August 1, 2018, Talquin Electric Cooperative will reduce the Wholesale Power Cost rate from a zero charge of \$0.0000 to a credit of -\$0.0015 resulting in an overall reduction of 1.5 mills. The WPCA adjustment will benefit all rates and save the average residential member \$1.50 per 1,000 kWh used. Water and Wastewater rates will not be affected by the WPCA reduction.



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 (850) 562-0125

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**Youth Tour 2018**

Florida Youth Tour delegates with Congressmen Matt Gaetz, Neal Dunn, and Al Lawson.



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 34 students, and four of those represented Talquin Electric Co-op!! From touring our nation's monuments and meeting with their representatives in D.C. to touring the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), this was a trip to remember.



Pictured above left to right: Christine Oh, Chiles High; Malina Murray, Gadsden Co. High; Abigail Stejskal, Maclay; and EC Presnell, John Paul II High.



#TECares #MyTalquin #CoopNation #MyCoop