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The Talquin Electric 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.

Caring about young people is the cooperative way

Just last month Talquin Electric sent four students and two adults to Washington, D.C. for the 51st National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Young people who experience the Youth Tour have the opportunity to explore our nation's capital, make lasting friendships, learn a bit about how our government operates and see the impact electric cooperatives have on the legislative process.

The Youth Tour is one of the programs for which electric cooperatives across the country are best known. You may have participated when you were a young person, or perhaps your child or grandchild applied to be a part of the program. Electric co-ops from nearly every state select participants to attend this educational experience. As the future of tomorrow's co-ops, these youth will have a close-up look at American government. "The annual Youth Tour is a vital opportunity for youth living in co-op territory to visit our nation's capital and learn about the importance of electric cooperatives," said NRECA CEO Jo Ann Emerson. "Our youth are our future leaders, politicians and educators, and the Youth Tour is a strong reminder each year of how bright that future will be."

Previous Youth Tour participants have become University Presidents, CEO's of Fortune 500 companies, and Members of Congress. In fact, Apple CEO, Tim Cook credited the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour with his first trip to Washington in his commencement speech to graduates of The George Washington University this year. Over the past 51 years, nearly 50,000 students have visited Washington through the Youth Tour.

There are many great co-op programs out there that focus on youth education and engagement. But what all of these programs have in common, no matter how big or small, is the fact that electric cooperatives come together for a common cause to not only teach our youth about the cooperative difference, but to give them the opportunity to see and reach their potential.

At Talquin, we are invested in youth education and engagement programs throughout our local community. Year after year, Talquin can be depended upon by our local communities. Whether it is the upcoming Back to School Drive for school supplies, giving to United Way to help youth programs, providing safety and electricity programs in local schools, or coaching little leagues, Talquin believes in providing excellent learning opportunities for our leaders of tomorrow.

Talquin has always placed a high priority on our young leaders and can be trusted to continue to provide enriching experiences at the local, state and national level.



Carrie Durden, Board President



Tracy Bensley, General Manager



Florida Electric Youth Tour



Students from all over the country journey to DC each year to learn about electric cooperatives and how decisions made at our 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!!



*Left to right: Taylor Hall, Lincoln High; Joe Lavoie and Allison Beaty, Chiles High; and Tanner Clemons, North Florida Christian School

Concern for Community

Talquin Electric was happy to nominate Capital Area Community Action as the recipient of a \$1,000.00 matching grant given by CoBank's Sharing Success charitable contribution program for 2015. CoBank is a cooperative bank serving agribusinesses, rural infrastructure providers and Farm Credit associations throughout the United States. Both Talquin and CoBank embrace and are guided by a set of cooperative principles that include concern for community.

Capital Area Community Action helps people in crisis make ends meet while assisting those in poverty to become independent. Accepting the gift from CoBank is Tim Center, Executive Director of Capital Area pictured right with Tracy Bensley, General Manager of Talquin Electric.



trading post

Miscellaneous

Compact Frigidaire, clean/works good \$50.00; 3 – 3 **piece suits**, size 40, good condition. 421-8516

Antique brass spittoon from Railroad Depot. \$25 OBO 442-4449

Professional female caregiver w/ many years of experience seeking position providing loving care for men, women, or infirm of any age. References upon request. 728-2600

Compassionate caregiver. Personal care, meds, meals, light housekeeping, errands. 25 yrs experience. Dependable. Excellent references. 575-8906

Books about Hawaii. Myths, history, archaeology, plants. Make offer to take all 75 books. 386-5704

2 side-by-side plots, including 2 Westminster, very rare. House of God section at Vista Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Miami Lakes, FL. \$5,000. 408-8564

Cream colored recliner – slightly used. \$50.00 OBO 539-5641

Aluminum adj cane \$5; 19 boxes of ezo lower denture cushions \$3/ea; Lg and sm aluminum walkers w/ 2 wheels \$25/\$20; Adj **shower stool** \$20; 3"x16"x16" **wheelchair cushion** \$15; 8 pkgs (18ct) lg adult protective underwear \$15 pkg. 442-4210

Men & women square dance clothes. Very reasonable. 402-1714

GE Freezer 18 cu ft good condition \$150; 4-**boys bikes** \$20/ea or \$75 for all; pine **sofa table** – perfect condition \$50. 877-2407

Antique china 70 pc Island Rose by Creative - \$125; **Annette Funicello 18" Repunzel Bear** w/ stand \$25. 385-3962

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

CAMCORDER - Sony Handycam HDR-CX440 - 9.2 megapixels, 8GB internal memory, 60X zoom, 26.8mm wide angle lens. Brand new in box. Retail for \$299, asking \$250. 539-7775 after 2PM.

Never used, Weider Pro 390 L heavy duty weight bench exerciser (no weights). \$175.00, firm. 656-9556 before 8:00p.m.

Solid Pine Natural Finish Dining Suite. Round table/ 4 chairs/China Cabinet. \$650obo. Will sell table and chairs separate from china cabinet. 519-3667

One plot with concrete vault included, at Tallahassee Memory Gardens in the Valor section, Lot 4 Section A Space 4. \$1,800.00 656-6967 or 228-1193

Trading Post Guidelines

In order to continue to provide The Trading Post in every issue of *The Current*, we are asking Members to adhere to the guidelines listed below when submitting an ad. If an ad does not meet the new criteria, it will not be published. There is no cost to place an ad in The Trading Post.

- Members may submit one ad every three months (four times a year)
- Ads must be twenty-five words or less
- Must be typed or printed legibly in ink
- No registered businesses may run an ad
- No changes after ad submission
- Deadlines are the first day of the month

preceding the month of publication (For example, December 1st is the deadline for the January edition.)

- Members must provide name, phone number, and account number. No email addresses will be published.

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

2 large bird cages for sale. Price is open. Call between 10 am -4 pm. 893-6043

Browning Sweet 16, 1971, VR, Mod choke, like new. \$950. Text or leave msg: 228-6091.

REGISTERED NURSE many years of experience wants to provide loving care for your loved one of any age or ailment, flexible hours, rates, references available. 933-2009

Hoveround Power Wheelchair and Harmar electric vehicle lift. Excellent condition used less than 20 hours. \$5,500 for both. 510-6943

Honey Do List Guy - I am a home improvement guy who does practically any & all types of work. You simply make a list and I can do 99% of the work myself. 933-1105

Baby Travel Bed/Playpen: Navy blue and yellow, barely used, comes with bumper pad, sheet and blanket \$40. 421-9502

2" PVC pipe with coupling end in 10' lengths; gray Schedule 40. New, never used. \$75. 508-3102

Bird cage 13"x11"x17", \$5, working order GE, top freezer refrigerator, 18 cubic ft, \$25. 562-2086

Ladie's Ralley road bike in excellent condition - \$200 OBO 508-6720

Real Estate

Free Mobile home 2bd/2bth fixer-upper in Deertree Hills Subdivision off Hwy 20 near Tallahassee Community College. Lot \$10,000. 212-5103

Country Living Eastern Tallahassee – Old Dirt Rd, permits active for development as one 10 acre tract or three 3.33 acre parcels. \$270,000. 329-6219

For Rent: 3bd/2bth DW HM, HUD accepted, Lake Talquin community. 875-1026

2 bd/1 bth house w/ 4 stall carport in Sycamore Community, very private and secluded. \$700/month. 524-7356

6.99 acres residential, wooded uncleared lot in a cul-de-sac on Garland Ct, Dixie Farm,

Havana, FL . \$24,000. 765-7145

2.38 acres on Sadberry Rd Quincy, FL minutes from Lake Talquin \$15,000 856-5135 or 545-7372

4.25+/- ac, Liberty Co, located on Joe Chason Cir, open lot, \$80,000/neg, 539-9091, after 7pm

House for rent 3BR/2 Bath w/lg back yard w/ children play set. \$900.00 a month, No inside pets. Songbird subdivision. 524-2872

Doublewide MH for sale: 3BDR/3BTH, 1850 sq ft with fireplace and laundry room. In excellent condition. Must be moved. Asking \$28,500. 875-2108 or 216-0128

Automotive

1999 Coachman Catalina 36' – great condition – 2 slides – extras - \$10,000. **2000 Harley Softail Standard** 12,700 miles (no test drive please) \$10,000. 321-9420

2004 Silver Subaru Forrester. 5 speed, 2.5x5 AWD, carport kept, 120,000 miles, excellent condition. \$3800. 219-9777

1968 Ford Mustang Fastback w/ spare/extra motor \$7,250.00 856-5135 or 545-7372

'93 Chev 1500 ExtCab Pickup, 164K mi, not running, new A/T tires, battery, new front/back brakes, new power steering pump, auxiliary fuel tank, toolbox, \$1500/obo, 539-9091 aft 7

Ground effects kit for Camaro. Primed, never used still in the box. Paid \$2,300 will sell for \$1,500. Purchased from Dale Jr. Chev. We sold our Camaro. 556-3812

2007 Winnenbago, Itasca Sunstar Motorhome - 31' - Only 14,000 miles, like brand new. Rear bedroom with queen bed, full bath and large kitchen area. 663-5922

Honda 400 Recon ATV with front winch, in perfect condition. \$2,200; **New Powermate 6000 watts Generator**, never been used. \$500 766-7495

1999 GMC Suburban. \$2,995. Great work-

ing condition, well maintained by sole owner, clean. New tires. Worth a look even with high miles. 926-7788

2008 25ft. COACHMAN FREELANDER MOTOR HOME. sleeps 6, only 8,300 miles in excellent condition, no slides. Asking \$35,000 firm. 590-6241

1977 Harley Davidson Electra Glide Classic. 53k miles. Good condition, but needs a little work. One family ownership. \$6,500. 597-2794

Farm/Garden

Lawn mower self-starter w/ many extras \$275. **Utility trailer** all steel slightly used, tailgate, good tires \$275. 491-2693 or 926-1356
Snapper Lawn Tractor - Model LE14.538H. 38in deck with mulching and bagging kits. Needs a clutch but runs fine otherwise. Asking \$400 OBO 766-6007

'08 craftsman ez walk key start lawn mower in good condition serviced every year \$100. Sunday - Tuesday #539-6848 after 7pm Wednesday -Saturday

Natural Horse Boarding: 1 1/2 acre dry lot in Nat'l Forest off Springhill Rd. Pole barn shelter. Owner on premises 576-8365 for pricing
1999 Aluminum 22ft stock trailer; 3 divider gates and side door; 4 horse saddle racks, G/N, \$9,500. 875-2108 or 570-7758

Raw Alpaca Fleece for spinning or felting white, brown or black call for pricing pick up fleece and see my animals or area delivery 668-2174

2 pigmy goats 5 and 3 years old, great fence cleaner and mayor stud goats, 2 males selling as pets only, not to eat both go for \$130.00 dollars. 894-1160

Generac 5500XL generator for sale. Good condition. \$550, Call after 10 AM 893-7796
Titan Industrial Generator - 7500 high performance w/ cart. \$300 firm. 539-1274 or 510-2559

FREE

Lawn-Boy riding mower, 21"/new mulching blade. Needs new starter. You haul away. 894-2920

2nd course Algebra text book w/ teachers manual, answer book, achievement test, 21 minute Beginners workout video, seal-tight cast & bandage protectors, Chinon 133PXL Super 8 Camcorder, Weight Watchers Manual and deluxe food scale 562-2086

Marine

6 foot War Eagle Aluminum Boat with trailer. New Yamaha 20HP four stroke motor. \$4,000 678-488-7184

16-ft. Mad River Explorer canoe, green with ash trim and cane seats. 2 Beaver Tail Old Town paddles, 54" and 57". Excellent condition. \$600 cash 504-0851

Wanted

Single shot 410 shot gun. 668-8211

Coins & Currency. U. S. & Foreign. Buying entire collections. Write R.R.Clark, P.O. Box 38356, Tallahassee, FL 32315-8356 or call 850-766 -2272 evenings.

Dodge or Ford 1 ton extended 350/350 Van in good condition. Passenger or cargo. 879-5509

Used Hoover upright and a used canister vacuum. 879-5509



There are a few copies of the 75th Anniversary Talquin cookbook available for purchase for \$6.50 each. Contact any Member Service Office to pick up your copy today!

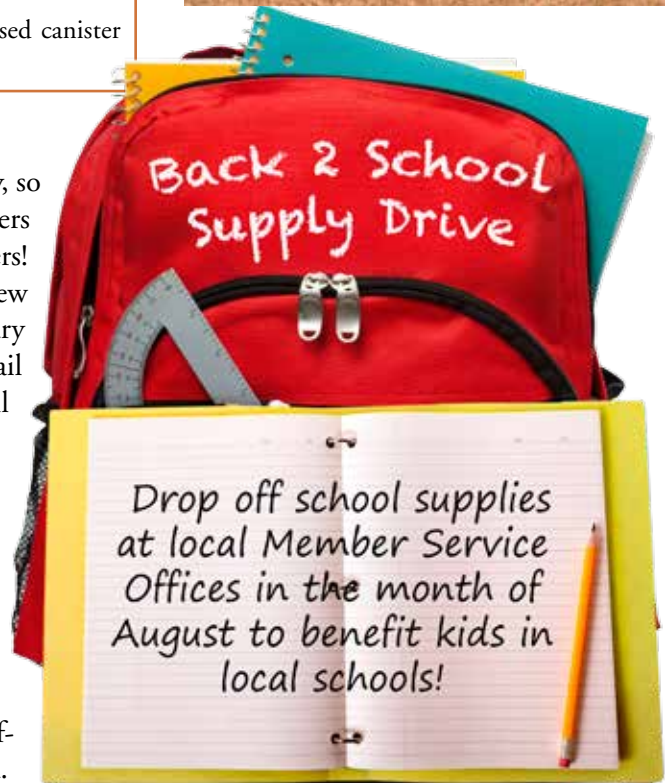
Check out our new and improved website at www.talquinelectric.com!

Concern for Community

The cooperative business model is all about giving back to the community, so for the next month, please take the time to nominate those Talquin Members who are giving back to their community in big ways and small. It all matters! We will be featuring these stories in The Current and online in the next few months and will be giving away a monthly prize of our 75th Anniversary throw or a cookbook to those featured stories. Send your stories in by mail to Megan Smith @TEC, PO BOX 1679 Quincy, FL 32353-1679 or email megan.smith@talquinelectric.com. Deadline for entries is August 14.

Members Helping Members

Coming soon! Over 2,400 Members currently round up their monthly electric bill by pennies per month to donate to the Talquin Assistance Program (TAP). In the last five years, these pennies have added up to over \$70,000.00 to help other Members in crisis. Very soon, Talquin Members will also be able to round up their water accounts to contribute to TAP. Please complete the form on page 7 and return to any Member Service Office if you would like to round up your monthly bill to help those in need.



Drop off school supplies at local Member Service Offices in the month of August to benefit kids in local schools!

Don't be a Drip! Reduce Your Water Use!



Toilets, Taps, Showers, Laundry, and Dishes

- 1994 was the year that federally mandated low-flow showerheads, faucets, and toilets started to appear on the scene in significant numbers.
- On average, 10 gallons per day of your water footprint (or 14% of your indoor use) is lost to leaks. Short of installing new water-efficient fixtures, one of the easiest, most effective ways to cut your footprint is by repairing leaky faucets and toilets.
- If you use a low-flow showerhead, you can save 15 gallons of water during a 10-minute shower.
- Every time you shave minutes off your use of hot water, you also save energy and keep dollars in your pocket.
- It takes about 70 gallons of water to fill a bathtub, so showers are generally the more water-efficient way to bathe.
- All of those flushes can add up to nearly 20 gallons a day down the toilet. If you still have a standard toilet, which uses close to 3.5 gallons a flush, you can save by retrofitting or filling your tank with something that will displace some of that water, such as a brick.
- Most front-loading machines are energy- and water-efficient, using just over 20 gallons a load, while most top-loading machines, unless they are energy-efficient, use 40 gallons per load.
- 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.
- Dishwashing is a relatively small part of your water footprint—less than 2% of indoor use—but there are always ways to conserve. Using a machine is actually more water efficient than hand washing, especially if you run full loads.
- Energy Star dishwashers use about 4 gallons of water per load, and even standard machines use only about 6 gallons. Hand washing generally uses about 20 gallons of water each time.

Summer Corn and Tomato Pasta

Ingredients

Salt

- 1 **pound bow-tie pasta**
- 2 **tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil**
- 2 **garlic cloves, smashed**
- 1 **pint cherry tomatoes**
- 3 **ears fresh corn, kernels cut off**
- 2 **tablespoons unsalted butter**
- ¼ **cup fresh basil leaves, torn into pieces**

Directions

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and cook the pasta until al dente; drain.
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the garlic and tomatoes and cook, stirring occasionally, until the tomatoes are softened, about 5 minutes. Stir in the corn, raise the heat slightly and cook until the corn is heated through and golden, about 5 minutes. Season to taste with salt.
3. Add the vegetables, butter and basil to the pasta and toss.



Yards and Pools

- Nearly 60% of a person's household water use can go toward lawn and garden maintenance.
- Climate counts—where you live plays a role in how much water you use, especially when it comes to tending to a yard.
- The average pool takes 22,000 gallons of water to fill, and if you don't cover it, hundreds of gallons of water per month can be lost due to evaporation.

Source <http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/freshwater/water-conservation-tips/>

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

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS



Member Name _____

Electric Account Number _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Option 1: 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).

Option 2: By signing this form and submitting it to Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Talquin), I authorize Talquin to round-up my monthly utility account(s) each month to the nearest whole dollar amount, with the added sum to be used in connection with the voluntary Talquin Assistance Program (TAP). In the event my monthly account(s) display(s) a credit, then the credit due will be rounded down to the nearest dollar, and the funds retained will be donated to TAP. I understand that the funds I donate each month will be used by Talquin for charitable purposes which will primarily focus on assisting other Talquin Members who cannot pay their utility bill. I understand that, should the total amount of donations exceed this charitable purpose, the excess donations may be used for such other charitable purposes as are approved by the Board and reported to the Membership.

I understand that participation in TAP is voluntary. I also understand that this is an on-going agreement, and that I must notify Talquin Electric Cooperative if I choose to discontinue my participation in this voluntary program, and that the processing of a termination request may take up to thirty days. I also understand that any donations I make to TAP are non-refundable.

I understand that Talquin may utilize third party agencies (for example, Capital Area Community Action, and/or Salvation Army) 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, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT OR TO ANY TALQUIN MEMBER SERVICE OFFICE. YOU MAY CONTACT US AT ANY TIME TO ENROLL IN THIS PROGRAM.



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(automated systems)

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