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Are You Prepared for Hurricane Season?

Talquin Electric wants you to be prepared in the event of any dangerous storms. June 1 marks the official start of the hurricane season with the peak storm threat occurring from mid-August to late October. Keep your family safe with these handy tips:



Carrie Durden
Board President



Tracy Bensley
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Before the Storm:

- Put together an emergency kit and plan. Communicate the plan with your family. Make sure you have a weather radio that is working with extra batteries.
- Know the elevation level of your property and whether the land is flood-prone. This will help you prepare for the storm surge and any tidal flooding.
- Secure your home – cover all windows with either storm shutters or boards, clear loose and clogged rain gutters, and bring all outdoor furniture indoors.
- Learn your community hurricane evacuation routes.
- Follow Talquin on Facebook, Twitter, and/or our website for updates and information.

During the Storm:

- Listen to the radio or TV for information, if possible.
- Avoid using the phone, unless there is an emergency.

- Turn off utilities if instructed to do so. Otherwise, keep the refrigerator thermostat on the coldest setting and keep the doors closed.

After the Storm:

- Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to Talquin Electric at 850-627-7651 or after hours call 1-866-899-4832 (automated system) or 1-888-802-1832 (live operator)**
- Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads. Watch out for fallen objects, downed power lines, and weakened walls, bridges, or sidewalks.

Our Members matter and we want you all to stay safe this storm season!

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.

Best Foods to Stockpile for an Emergency

Natural disasters—a flood, hurricane, blizzard—often come with little or no warning. Stocking up now on the right nonperishable food items will help you weather the storm with less stress. Fueling your body during an emergency is very different from your everyday diet. Because you'll probably expend more energy than you normally would, you should eat high-energy, high-protein foods.

What to Always Keep in Your Pantry:

These items have lengthy expiration dates, so you can stash them away for long periods of time. Make a list of everything in your stockpile and check expiration dates every 6 to 12 months to keep things fresh. Don't forget to have a can opener on hand at all times—all that food won't be of any use if you can't open it.

- **Peanut butter:** great source of energy, full of healthful fats and protein
- **Whole-wheat crackers:** crackers are a good replacement for bread
- **Nuts & trail mixes:** high-energy foods—they're healthful and convenient for snacking
- **Cereal:** multigrain cereals that are

individually packaged – don't stale after opening

- **Granola bars and power bars:** Healthy and filling, excellent source of carbohydrates
- **Dried fruits, such as apricots & raisins:** offer potassium and dietary fiber
- **Canned tuna, salmon, chicken, or turkey:** canned meats provide essential protein
- **Canned vegetables:** When the real deal isn't an option, canned varieties can provide you with essential nutrients
- **Canned soups and chili:** Soups and chili can be eaten straight out of the container
- **Bottled water:** stock at least a three-day supply - at least one gallon per person per day
- **Sports drinks:** electrolytes and carbohydrates in these drinks will help you rehydrate
- **Powdered milk:** stock this substitute for an excellent source of calcium and vitamin D when fresh milk isn't an option
- **Sugar, salt, & pepper:** If you have access to a propane or charcoal stove

- a basic supply of seasonings and sweeteners will improve the flavor of your food

- **Multivitamins:** supplements will help replace the nutrients you would have consumed on a normal diet
- What to Buy Right Before an Emergency...** visit www.realsimple.com to learn more about how to stock your pantry for a storm.

Checking Breakers



During a power outage, do not forget to check your breakers. Also, do not forget that some locations have an outside breaker box near the meter. When breakers trip, they are usually in the middle position, so you will need to reset by flipping it off and then flipping it back on.

Trimming Before the Storm

With the 2016 Atlantic hurricane season expected to be the most active since 2012, it is important to get any trees or limbs on your property trimmed that could possibly cause a power outage. Call us, and we can come roll back your service wires while you have your trees/limbs trimmed and removed. This helps prevent outages and protects the equipment that serves your home. Please remember — after a storm, Talquin will come out and remove trees/limbs off of the lines to restore power, but we do not clean up vegetation debris after a storm.



Summer Storm Safety Tip

Strong summer storms can create dangerous situations. Always avoid downed power lines - the wire could be live, which could be deadly for those nearby. Quickly report downed power lines to your local electric cooperative.

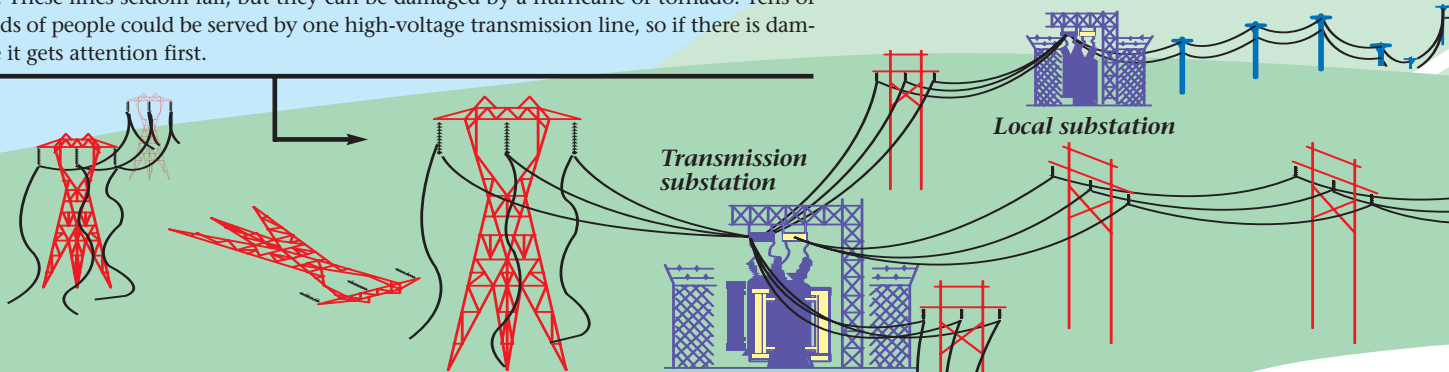
Report outages and downed lines by calling:

1-866-899-4832 (Automated System)
1-888-802-1832 (Live Operator) or 911

After a major power outage

The steps to restoring power

Step 1. Transmission towers and lines supply power to one or more transmission substations. These lines seldom fail, but they can be damaged by a hurricane or tornado. Tens of thousands of people could be served by one high-voltage transmission line, so if there is damage here it gets attention first.



Step 2. A co-op may have several local distribution substations, each serving thousands of consumers. When a major outage occurs, the local distribution substations are checked first. A problem here could be caused by failure in the transmission system supplying the substation. If the problem can be corrected at the substation level, power may be restored to a large number of people.

Local substation

Step 3. Main distribution supply lines are checked next if the problem cannot be isolated at the substation. These supply lines carry electricity away from the substation to a group of consumers, such as a town or housing development. When power is restored at this stage, all consumers served by this supply line could see the lights come on, as long as there is no problem farther down the line.

Local substation

Hurricanes and ice storms. Tornadoes and blizzards. Electric cooperative members have seen them all. And with such severe weather comes power outages. Restoring power after a major outage is a big job that involves much more than simply throwing a switch or removing a tree from a line.

The main goal is to restore power safely to the greatest number of members in the shortest time possible.

The major cause of outages is damage caused by fallen trees. That's why your electric cooperative has an ongoing right-of-way maintenance program.

This illustration explains how power typically is restored after a major disaster.

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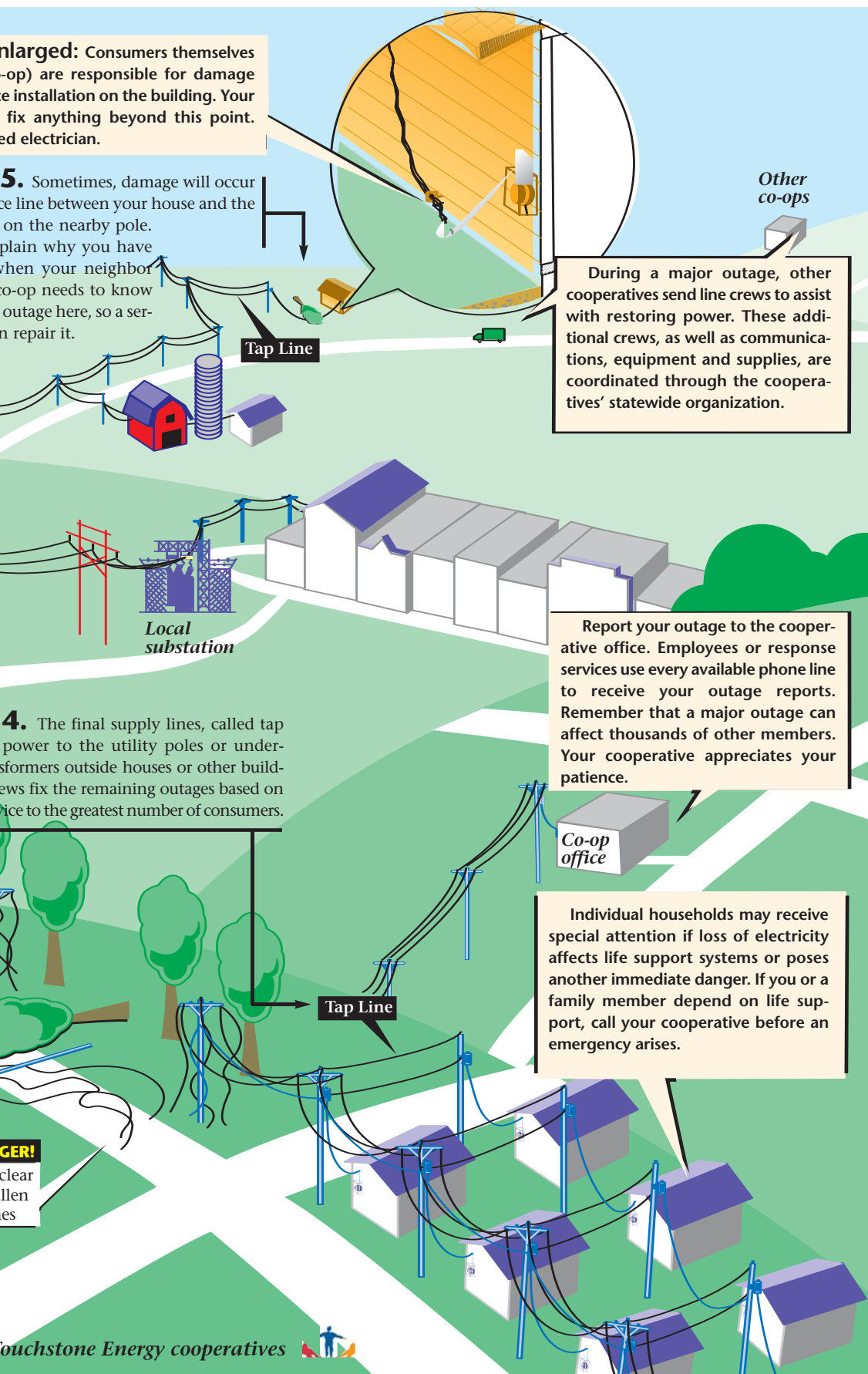
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Attention First Responders:

Talquin Electric Co-op is pleased to offer “Electrical Safety for First Responders” — a free training workshop for first responders such as firefighters, police, EMTs, and paramedics. This one hour class is designed to provide individuals with the information needed to recognize and work safely around electrical infrastructure while responding to emergencies. If you are interested in scheduling a session for your organization, please contact Natalie Barrett at (850) 627-7651 or email Natalie.Barrett@talquinelectric.com.



Did you know

If Talquin receives a direct hit from a tropical storm, the estimated cost for Talquin to make repairs could range from a few hundred thousand dollars to millions of dollars.

trading post

Miscellaneous

16' RV awning with all hardware like new 2 yrs old asking \$400 OBO. 509-0613

Lightly used Maytag Bravos, works perfectly, cleans clothes great \$225 OBO. 539-3939

Vintage Dark Pine Furniture: Set of four 1976 dining room chairs very heavy 36"x17" \$80 obo; step/side table with 2 drawers 30"x20"x25" \$45 obo; end table/split coffee tables. 23"x23"x18". \$50 obo; 656-5563

Carpet and vinyl remnants all different colors and sizes, larger pieces also to pick from 12 x 9 to 12 x 28, individually priced and sized. 251-2698

Two Cemetery lots for sale at Tallahassee Memory Gardens, Tallahassee, FL for \$1200 per lot. If interested, 539-9568

Painting/Carpentry, Interior/exterior, Excellent references. 519-5284

Cemetery plots at Meadow Wood, 3 lots, will sell separately. \$3000 ea. Discount if multiple lots are purchases. Cash Only. 510-3296

Medical Equipment: Home medical oxygen tank, regulators, wrench keys, rolling cart, Reck Moto Med Electric Professional leg therapy machine Viva 1 model. \$4900; Synergy, Invacare, wheel chair cushions \$50 ea; Digital BP monitor \$20. 385-8468

Beautiful Adult Blue and Gold Macaw, Talks. Needs a macaw or large parrot knowledgeable household. Will be particular about the home he goes to. (No cage supplied) \$800 363-3241

HP LaserJet 4300DTNS workhorse; 45ppm; 7825 printed out of 200,000 pages since maintenance; toner >50%; duplex and much more included: original cost \$2500 - asking \$350 OBO. 385-2505

Graco V-Comp HVLP Paint Sprayer \$500, obo. Complete with additional needles. Excellent for any spray application including latex. 545-3199

Stack-on 14 gun fireproof combination lock safe \$300. A-frame wooden porch swing with frame \$125. 561-523-0773

TUTORING available in Leon County. **Florida Virtual School (FLVS)** HOPE course. Earn one credit this summer before entering or returning to high school. References available. 668-8551

Wood Exterior Door w/Top Window Fan, 36"x80", **BRAND NEW-UNUSED**-purch @ Lowes for \$324-reduced \$99-now \$225! **ELVIS** Records-LP's & 45rpm w/covers, etc; **Vintage Hubcaps (4)**, fit 14" wheel, 1960's era. Chrome w/Spinners-Very Nice Condition-\$100. 459-9594

Pool Table. \$500. Olhausen 8 ft., Gibraltar (V Series). Needs new felt. Pick up only. 510-3863

Raw Wildflower Honey For Sale \$5 half pint, \$10 pint, \$20 quart. 926-2658

Winchester model 70 243 w/ thumbhole stock & Redfield 24x scope in good condition. \$1000 OBO. 919-524-2257 after 4 pm.

Storage shed, 10'x14', T-11, 4' door, shingle roof A frame, wired; \$850. Leave message 570-5691

Household Items Antiques etc for sale: furniture, appliances, electronics, semi electric home care bed, asphalt lute, four used truck tires 17" & 2 AC units. 627-2275/273-0688

Ladies Clothing - I lost weight! All kids of very nice clothing sizes 12-14, M, L, and XL. 893-1598

Industrial Generator model 8500M, 8400 watt, still in crate. Retail \$3850. Asking \$2300. 562-3372

2 burial plots. Tallahassee Memory Gardens. \$2400 plus a \$50 transfer fee. Sold as a pair. 509-0335

Mobility scooter runs great; **10 in table saw**, Rockwell - used once. 570-2671 leave message.

Singer Sewing Machine w/ cabinet - portable. 509-0784

Trading Post Guidelines

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

- Members may submit one ad every three months (four times a year)
- Ads must be twenty-five words or less
- Must be typed or printed legibly in ink
- No registered businesses may run an ad
- No changes after ad submission
- Deadlines are the first day of the month preceding the month of publication (For example, December 1st is the deadline for the January edition.)
- Members must provide name, phone number, and account number.

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

Troy-Bilt-Briggs Stratton 7.25 horsepower **pressure washer** \$250; 8 long **gun cedar cabinet** \$125. 856-5818

Spanish made Doubles: one 10 guage and one 12 guage 3 in, both w/ lots of ammo. \$600 ea or both for \$1000. 509-9080

Peavey - 6 channel PA head, 2 PA 112 speakers w/ stands \$400; 2 Peavey powered monitors \$325 ea; Fender bass guitar w/ gig bag, hard case & amp \$400; Fender Accoustasonic **amp** w/ cover \$375; guild DCE 1 & DCE 5 **guitars**, both w/ hard cases \$450 ea. ALL CASH. 445-0049

Automotive

2004 Itasca Sunova 30' Great condition, clean, well maintained- 55,000 miles, \$26,000. 539-7965

2001 GMC Truck extended cab fully loaded blue book value 6400 asking 5,000 or best offer also four doors. 212-9899

2003 Cadillac. Silver. Body and interior great condition. Cold AC. Some leaks and engine needs work. \$2500 or make offer. 668-8590

Lycoming O-360 Cylinders. Three yellow-tagged first run cylinders and assembly. \$375 ea. 893-1625 and leave message.

Honda 300 Fourtrax Four Wheeler \$1000. 856-5818

1998 Honda 4dr blk. Need transmission & alternator \$300; **1996 Chevy PK green**, new motor, need 4 tires & transmission. Original body, good condition for work truck. \$1300 cash. 856-5216

Convertible 2000 Pontiac Firebird, V6, 3.8L, loaded, 80,260 miles, clear title, gets about 22 mph, real nice condition, pewter with black top, asking \$6,000. 412-576-7389

Real Estate

5.5 acre wooded lot. Good road in small rural neighborhood. Ideal MH site. No reasonable offer refused. 228-3528

Mountain Cabin. Near Waynesville, NC. Sleeps 6. Fully furnished. 1 king, 1 queen, 2 twins. Basement suite also available. Serene mountains and music of Moonshine Creek. \$1,200/week. 893-1694/322-1522.

Carrabelle riverfront condo at Pirates Landing! Luxury with great views and reasonable rates! See: www.vrbo.com/840068

Western North Carolina Cabin. 1700 sq. ft. Mountain views. Remodeled, mostly furnished. \$145,000; **Lot**.

Gated subdivision. Great mountain and lake views \$50,000. 445-3881

2 lots for sale in Orange Community. Both have separate power and septic tanks. Great place for fishing or deer hunting. Deep well on one property. Preference is to sell both together. \$27,500.00. 334-726-3583

House for Rent: avail 6/1/16, Killlearn Lakes, 3bd/2b/3 walk-n-closets/LV/DN/FP/Kit/1 c gar/ fenced/deck. No pets, non-smoking. \$1200 mo + security deposit. 212-0433

28x56 MH w/ deck 3bd/2b fireplace, A/C, refrigerator, stove, washer/dryer hook-up, on 3.4 acres, \$60k. 443-0459/539-5398

Estate Sale: 7417 Hickock Ct Tallahassee, Sat & Sun. 6/25&26, 7/2&3 - 8 am to 1 pm. LR, BR's, DR/KIT, office furn, freezer, mower, yard & garden. Many misc items. 656-7651

Hunting Camp: 64.5 acres off Natural Bridge Rd, Leon Co, 2 furnished cabins, 4 deer stands. \$3k/ acre. 545-0901

Havana 3-2 DWHM 2.16 acres; newer roof, flooring, paint. Lg sunroom, fireplace, lg metal shed w/ water & elec, 3 lean t0's off shed. Fenced - for sale only. \$87,000. 294-4528

View of Lake Talquin, use of private dock, **DWHM**, 3/2 AC/heat, fireplace, fenced 1/2 acre, wash/dryer, French door, refridg, stove, water softner, shed. \$70k. 576-0698

Marine

22 ft. Catalina Sailboat, trailer, 9.5 hp. Johnson, extra sails, amenities, must sell, \$3,500. Recently referberd for use, Good condition. 656-6298

1998 19' Trophy Boat/motor/trailer for sale. The motor needs work or repower the boat \$2500. Call or text 449-2213

Farm/Garden

Armadillo traps. Humane, 2 - door, pressure treated wood construction. Pre-scented. No bait or funneling required. \$70 668-1368

Riding mower Sears craftsman YTS 4000, Briggs & Stratton 24 HP engine, new battery, twin mulching blades. Runs good. \$500 cash. 309-1846

Like new 7HP Briggs and Stratton Troy Bilt tiller. Electric start or pull. New battery and works great. \$950.00. 643-5738

Wanted

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

The American Sewing Guild is a national membership of women that love to sew, and promote sewing as a life skill. Please join us. 926-7505

NEEDED: Person to do yard work. Near Chiles High School. 352-553-7399

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.

- June 28 Chaires/Capitola - Dorothy C. Spence Community Center
- 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

4th of July in Greensboro: Join us on July 4th for a day full of fun as we celebrate this great nation in which we all call home!

- 9:00 A.M. West Gadsden Historical Society – Annual Open House (at *The James Dezell House*)

Kiwanis Sponsored Morning Scheduled Activities (at Greensboro Town Hall)

- 9:00 A.M. Commemorative T-Shirts & Water Bottles Sale
- 9:00 A.M. Greensboro Community Library Book Sale
- 9:00 A.M. Old Fashion Fun & Games for

- All Ages
 - 11:00 A.M. Eating Contest for All Ages Begins
- AFTERNOON BREAK
- Kiwanis & Community Sponsored Evening Scheduled Activities (at Greensboro Elementary School Football Field)**
- 6:00 P.M. Concession Stand Opens – Commemorative T-Shirts & Water Bottles Sale Begins
 - 7:00 P.M. National Anthem, Prayer, Live Entertainment Begins
 - 8:00 P.M. Awards – Citizens of the Year, Yard of the Year, Guest Speaker, Sky Divers

First Dark FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Find a 4th of July celebration near you and join us in CELEBRATING AMERICA!

Tallahassee Museum – Night Prowl

Saturday, June 18th 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Enjoy a guided tour at the Tallahassee Museum and learn about the night life along the Florida Wildlife Trail. Your guide will provide an enjoyable experience as you spot the many nocturnal animals which call the Museum home. You will also have an opportunity to get close to one special night creature. Registration Deadline: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 12:00 PM. See more upcoming Night Prowl dates at www.tallahasseeemuseum.org/calendar

**County Emergency
Management Information**

If you have special needs
and may require assistance during a storm,
contact your local County Emergency Management
for information regarding services they provide during storms.

Gadsden County - (850) 875-8642

Leon County - (850) 606-3700

Liberty County - (850) 643-2339

Wakulla County - (850) 745-7200

Shining Star



Stars have long since been used as a navigational tool to guide us where we need to be. A Shining Star is someone who stands out and is a true leader to those around them. Talquin would like to spotlight some of our previous Youth Tour students by featuring them in *The Current* from time to time. We are proud to introduce Taylor Hall as our first Shining Star. In addition to being one of our 2015 Youth Tour alumni, Taylor has a resume that is impressive, to say the least. A recent graduate of Lincoln High School, she has over 350 volunteer hours, took ten AP classes, received seven scholarships, was student body president, is active in Life Deliverance Ministries and recently was awarded the Best & Brightest Leadership award. These are a few of the things she has accomplished in her four years of high school. Needless to say, we are very proud of Taylor Hall and cannot wait to see what she accomplishes after high school and where she will lead us from here!

Word of the Month

Preparedness: pre-par-ed-ness (noun)

A state of readiness.

Preparation is the best protection against the dangers of a storm. For more emergency **preparedness** information, please visit our website www.talquinelectric.com.



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 (850) 562-0125

Bradfordville

Member Services Office

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

**Service Interruptions (Outages)
 Should Be Reported To**

1-888-802-1832
 (live operator)

1-866-899-4832
 (automated systems)

Visit us and report and view
 outages on the Web at
www.talquinelectric.com

Sign up for text outage notification
 at www.talquinelectric.com to
 report your outage quickly and to
 receive outage information.

Thank You First Responders

With storm season upon us, we would like to thank all first responders. These men and women are always there for our communities in our times of need.

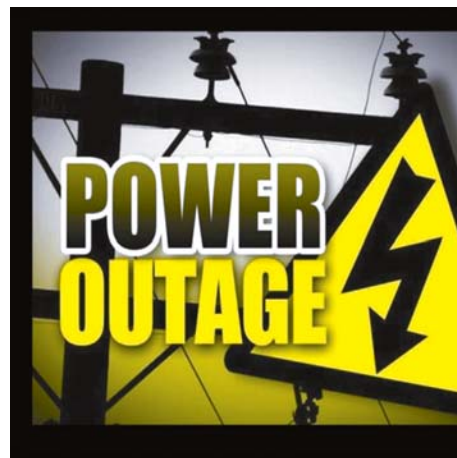
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FREE Energy Analysis!
 Commercial & Residential



Call & schedule yours today!
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In order to ensure that Talquin knows when your power is out, **ALWAYS** contact us in one of the following ways if you experience an outage:

Website

www.talquinelectric.com

Phone

Automated System: 1-866-899-4832
 Live Operator: 1-888-802-1832

Text Message

Register to report your outage via text on our website.
 Text #OUTAGE to 85700 to report outages once you are registered and receive updates when power is restored



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