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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.

# One Member- One Vote!

Where can you go to have fun, festivities, receive gifts, learn about innovative industry products and meet other Members - while participating in democracy? The 2017 TEC Annual Meeting!

Talquin's Annual Meeting, an event held once a year for all Members of the Cooperative to attend, is an event aimed at giving Members:



Carrie Durden  
Board President



Tracy Bensley  
General Manager

- A report on the Cooperative's activities and finances for the previous year
- A time to ask questions regarding Cooperative concerns
- An opportunity to participate in the process of managing the affairs of the Cooperative through the election of Trustees of the governing body for the coming year

The information gleaned from the meeting will be highly valuable and extremely useful for your investment in the decision-making process as attendance provides information about the Cooperative that could make a positive or negative impact on your investments. Given that democracy is a defining element of cooperatives, the democratic structure of a cooperative ensures that it serves its members' needs. The amount of a member's monetary investment in the cooperative does not affect the weight of each vote, so no member-owner can dominate the decision-making process. Considering the investment of your money into the Cooperative, we

encourage each Member to come take advantage of the wealth of information and resources provided. It only rolls around once a year so come let us hear your voice!

Join the fun of being in a cooperative. All work and no play can get old fast. Annual Meetings add a layer of enjoyment to managing your co-op. Mixing a social aspect into your voting and learning will enhance the value of your Cooperative.

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**Cover details**

From cover: Lineman Richard Green at Talquin's Quincy Operations Center. Inset photo was taken at same location, but date and person are unknown.

A little more history...

On January 2, 1942 - 145 miles of line were energized out of the Point Milligan Substation, serving 190 meters. Today we have 4,344 miles of line that serve around 53,345 meters!

## Word of the Month

**Vote:** /vōt/ (noun)

A precise indication of choice between two or more candidates or courses of action expressed typically through a ballot or a show of hands or by voice.

Synonyms: ballot, poll, election

Democratic Member Control is our cooperative principle that expresses the importance of our Members' vote. Please join us at our 77th Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, to cast your vote. Your vote is your voice!



**CO-OPS  
VOTE**

## Opinion Counts

Talquin will be conducting our annual telephone survey between the week of March 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> and will be using a company called Bellamy Research. The words "Opinion Counts" may show up as the caller ID code. All survey calls will originate from a 336 area code and will primarily take place during weeknights from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. No calls will be made on Sundays. If you are a Member and receive a call, please take the time to answer the questions. Our Members' feedback is extremely valuable to us and we take it seriously. If you have any questions regarding this survey, please call Maicel Green at (850) 627-7651.

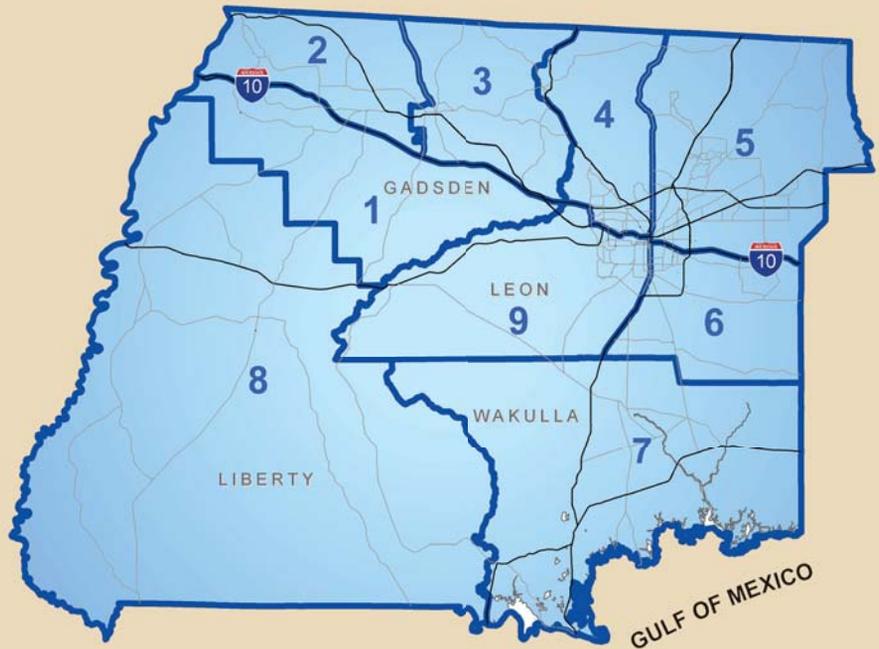
## Districts 3, 6, and 9 are up for election.

The present incumbents are:

District 3 – Joseph Alexander

District 6 – Doug Bruce

District 9 – Sam Fenn



*This map is provided as a general guide only.*

*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. All questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon in person, except as otherwise provided by law, the articles of incorporation or these By-laws. No voting by mail or by proxy shall be permitted.

### ARTICLE IV

Trustees

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS AND TENURE.

To become or remain a Trustee, a person must meet the qualifications listed in the By-laws approved and amended effective September 27, 2008.

SECTION 3. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES (b) It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to appoint not less than forty-five (45) days, nor more than ninety (90) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which Trustees are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five nor more than eleven members, who shall be selected from different sections of the Project Area so as to insure equitable representation. No member of the Board of Trustees may serve on such committee. The committee

shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least thirty-five (35) days before the meeting a list of the qualified nominations for Trustees, but any fifteen (15) or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations, once the nominee(s) has been qualified in accordance with Article IV Section 2, at the same place where the list of nominations by the committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting, or separately at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of qualified Trustees to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates specifying separately the nominations made by petition, once qualified, if any. The nominations of any Trustee by the methods provided herein shall be and the same are hereby recognized as the only proper nominees to be voted upon at the meeting of the members. All candidates shall be residents of the voting districts for which they are nominated to serve as Trustees. Should a Trustee move his or her place of residence from his or her voting district, a vacancy in his or her office shall be declared by the Board of Trustees and the said Trustees shall select a Trustee from said district to fill the unexpired term. Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of Trustees.

For a full set of By-laws, contact (850) 627-7651 or read them at [www.talquinelectric.com](http://www.talquinelectric.com).

# trading post

## Miscellaneous

**Mother/daughter cleaning team.** We have yrs of experience and good references. We clean your way. 443-8414 for free estimate

**Kenmore gas stove** for sale one year old, use one time, \$300. 509-1263

**Housecleaning services.** 17 years experience.. excellent references.. dependable. 321-4181 for a free estimate.

**Memory Gardens North Monroe St.** 2-plots in The Garden of Devotion Lot 187-D 3 & 4 \$3,000 obo for both. 274-1409

**Smoked glass/chrome TV stand** for 60" diagonal TV, several shelves, 58.5" long, 24" deep, 22" tall. Cutaway for corners. Great condition, \$100 OBO. 668-2002

**Handyman/Honey Do List Guy:** I have over 20 years experience doing home improvement work. I can do 99% of any and all work myself. Make your list and I can do it. 933-1105

**MISC ITEMS:** Bevelled clear glass 19" x 50", Steel shelf glass top, Sturdy paintable table w/shelf, good kids table. \$10 ea. 414-4211

**Teak King size platform bed** with two under bed storage drawers and two matching teak nightstands with 3 drawers each. Excellent condition. \$500. 539-9405

**30000 BTU Vent-Free Gas Wall /floor mount heater with Blue Flame**, thermostat, front protective grill, user manual. \$90 firm. **Red fiberglass camper top** w/ slide open windows behind cab,. Fits small pickups \$250. 322-4342

**Medical Supplies:** digital blood pressure/pulse monitor \$20, wheeled oxygen cylinder tank cart \$15, quilted, waterproof backs/washable bed pads, large made by med supply co. \$5 ea (8). 385-8468

**HP Laser Jet M1522nf Multifunction Printer-CV534A** (\$149), **Zenith XBV343 Progressive-Scan DVD-VCR combo** (\$99), **King size bed frame** (\$10). All in excellent condition: 562-2086

**2 Twin size comforters**, pillow shams included. \$30. 877-2407

**Join us around the Sugar Kettle** at 7820 W Tennessee St. to catch up on some old fashion ways and items. Maybe have Hoecakes and Greens. Saturday March 11, April 8, 9-4. 575-1436 more info.

**Registered Siamese Kittens** \$500, parents are show cats. Litter due around Valentine's Day. Taking deposits. 877-2467

**Caucasian Christian lady experienced in elderly care**, light cooking and cleaning, will sit with your loved one in your home, have references. Awaiting your call. 627-1981

## 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**

## Automotive

**2012 Keystone Outback Camper**, bumper pull, 32ft. 3 slide-outs, outdoor kitchen and awning. Sleeps 6 comfortably. Very clean and kept under shed. \$27,000. Call or text 643-7829

**Must See - Vintage Car:** 1979 Ford LTD II - 4-Door, A/C, Radio, P/S, Original Motor/Interior Low Mileage - 26,000; 4 Door, AM/FM Radio. 9H31F170318 - VIN Number. \$4,500. 766-5858

**2008 Mercury Grand Marquis LS**, well maintained by one owner, Flex Fuel, New Tires; 250k all highway miles \$3400. 997-0473 evenings

**2007 Honda 600 Shadow**, 4,400 miles, windshield, Good condition, garage kept. Asking \$2,900. 544-1496

**2013 Colman CTS192RD, Camper.** 22" pull behind, includes towing stabilizer, call to see or photos. \$10,500 OBO. 627-8000

**Honda Shadow VLX 600**, 2004 silver, new tires, low miles, like new. \$2800. 321-3191

**1993 Buick Roadmaster** - wht 160k \$2300; **1998 Ford Escort wagon**, wht auto-rack 160k \$1900; New Honda pressure washers 3200 psi \$250, 2800 psi \$200; push mower 22" \$125; 3 pt hitch scrap blade 8' 360° turn radius heavy duty \$250. 567-1387

## Real Estate

**Live on Capital Circle Northside.** Purchase Renovated Mobile home \$22,000, then rent the lot for \$300 monthly or move the home. 408-8128

**GET-A-WAY:** small but nice cottage in Savannah Lakes Village, McCormick, SC. Rural, active planned community. Call for info. 926-9254

## Farm/Garden

**Angel Trumpets**, many colors, limited supply; **Citrus Trees** many varieties - Satsuma tangerine, oranges, lemons, limes, grapefruits, different sizes. All on cold weather hardy trifollic root stock. 591-2100

**Chickens and rabbits for sale:** 2 yr. old laying hens \$10, 2-5 mo. old rabbits. \$5-\$10. Tallahassee. 562-2904

**Flight condition Bobwhite Quail.** Quincy. \$400. 545-2534

## Marine

**12 ft. aluminum John boat** & trailing A-1 condition for \$1200, Man's hip boots size 12 never used for \$75. 668-3669

**FLATS BOAT** - 18 ft. Express, Good Condition, ready to GO, 60 hp Yamaha, Hydraulic Jackplate, Radio, Lowrance GPS/depth, all safety stuff, ladder, Trailer \$4500. 442-4888

**1995 Key Largo**, 18-6, 90 hp mercury, Magic Tilt trailer. Am/fm radio, 2 12 volt batteries, depth finder, bimini top, anchors, life vest. Ready to fish!!! \$8000. 274- 8484

## Wanted

**MISC ITEMS:** Qualified home based mechanic, riding mower, push mower, deep freezer, Hoover upright vacuum, canister vacuum, and refrigerator. 879-5509

Want to purchase an **electric power "lift"** for scooter. Fits on the "hitch" of a car. 926-9671 or pmanley@comcast.net

## FREE

4 boxes of #5 (200x4=1000) 11x16 inches, **padded mailing envelopes.** 668-9281

**Books:** Official Guidebook & Map to Colonial Williamsburg, Guide to Florida Historical Walking Tours by Roberta Sandler: 562-2086



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## Department Spotlight

Meet the Talquin Electric Cooperative Right of Way Department! Talquin Electric Cooperative has two employees certified as arborists and two contracted arborists. As a group, they have over 65 years of experience. The cooperative utilizes approximately 20 contract cutting crews and three contract utility arborists every year.

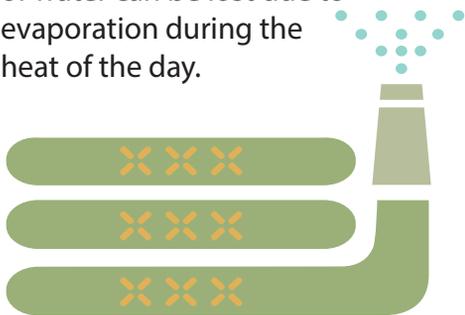
The Right of Way Department is responsible for cutting down trees, removing branches and limbs, and keeping our power lines clear of debris.

Trees and limbs are cut on a four year cycle. We have found this schedule to be the most effective and efficient way to maintain reliability while also keeping our costs reasonable for the Membership. The Right of Way Department maintains 2,800 miles of overhead power lines and usually cuts 700 line miles a year. Talquin Electric Cooperative has been awarded the Tree Line U.S.A accreditation for two consecutive years.

Talquin Electric also has a tree replacement program. This program provides Members with power line friendly tree species in return for cutting non-friendly trees down on their property. Members should refrain from planting trees within the right of way easement or 7.5' on either side of the utility pole. We carefully balance our Members' need for reliability and reasonable cost with our desire to protect the urban forest.

## Water Tip

It's best to water lawns and landscapes in the early morning and evening, after the sun goes down, because significant amounts of water can be lost due to evaporation during the heat of the day.



## Energy Tip.

Unplug electronic devices. Unplug small appliances, such as cell phones and iPad chargers, when they're not in use. Almost anything with a power supply/adaptor draws a surprising amount of power. This includes printers that you might use only occasionally, video game consoles, and laptops. You should unplug those, too. Some devices have both a standby and an off mode—using the off mode will save energy.



# 2016 Online Survey....the Members have spoken....

## MORE RECIPES!!

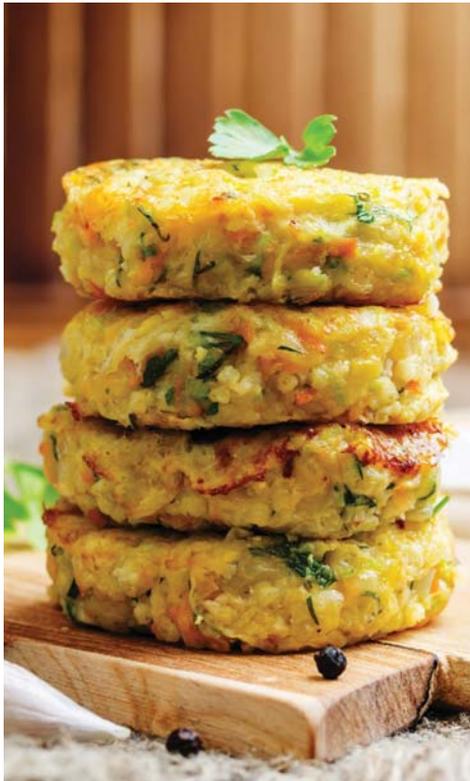
### Native Florida Fry Bread

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup zucchini or yellow squash, seeds removed, chopped fine**
- 1 cup snap beans, diced small**
- 1 cup corn, shucked, kernels removed from cob**
- 1 cup natural flour**
- 1 cup cornmeal**
- 1 tablespoon fresh sage, chopped fine, or 1 teaspoon dried**
- 1 teaspoon baking powder**
- 1 cup garbanzo beans, cooked and mashed**
- slightly warm water, as needed**
- vegetable oil, for frying**
- sea salt to taste**
- fresh ground pepper to taste**

#### Directions:

In a large mixing bowl, combine cornmeal, flour, baking powder and sage.



[www.freshfromflorida.com](http://www.freshfromflorida.com)

Stir in the mashed garbanzo beans and the squash, snap beans and corn.

Add 1 teaspoon of warm water (may need to add more, a little at a time) and mix until a dough-like substance is formed (mixture should be soft but not runny).

Form patties with the mixture or drop them with a spoon.

Preheat a medium-sized sauté pan.

Add 1 or 2 tablespoons of oil to the hot pan.

Form patties with the mixture or drop them with a spoon.

Cook the fry bread until crispy on both sides and done in the middle.

Remove from pan and let drain on paper towels.

Season the fry bread with salt and pepper to taste.

Continue this process until all the dough mixture is gone.

Serve warm.

### Florida Corn, Tomato and Avocado Salsa

#### Ingredients:

- 4 ears corn, roasted and kernels removed from the cob**
- 2 large tomatoes, diced**
- 1 large avocado, peeled, seeded and diced**
- 1/2 cup red onion, chopped fine**
- 1/2 cup bell pepper, chopped fine**
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, hand torn**
- 1 lime, juiced (plus more if desired)**
- 1 teaspoon powdered cumin**
- your favorite hot sauce (for heat)**
- sea salt to taste**
- fresh ground pepper to taste**



#### Directions:

In a medium-sized mixing bowl, combine all ingredients.

Stir to combine.

Taste and adjust seasoning with salt, pepper and hot sauce.

### Sweet Corn and Feta Dip

#### Ingredients:

- 4 ears sweet corn, shucked**
- 1 tablespoon olive oil**
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar**
- 2 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese**
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped**

#### Directions:

Cut kernels from corn.

Heat oil in a large skillet.

When oil is hot, add corn and simmer on medium heat for 4 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add vinegar, cheese and basil; mix well.

Remove from heat and serve immediately.

Serve with tortilla chips or toasted pita bread.





## Member of the Month

This month, we are spotlighting a Member who is truly vested in our community. Jeanie Booth is Director of Corporate & Community Events at Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend. We became associated with Jeanie through Talquin's participation in the Bowl for Kids' Sake event. We learned that she is proud to be a Talquin Member and understands that Talquin is not just about keeping the lights on. "I am proud of the fact that Talquin chooses to partner with human organizations, like where I work. I get to directly see how they impact the lives of children for a better forever." The same holds true for Jeanie and her position at Big Brothers Big Sisters: it's not just a job. She is on the Board of Directors for the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce and is a member of both the Gadsden and Leon County Chambers. Jeanie is a member of the Downtown Business Association, Leadership Tallahassee Class 32, Foundation of Leon County Schools, and the list goes on. Some commonalities between Jeanie and Talquin are our commitment to service and our investment in our Members and their future. So we are proud that Mrs. Booth is our Member, and we thank her for her commitment to our community and our future.



## Watts Happening

**St. Patrick's Day Festival and Parade:** Come join some fun at the day event sponsored by Crawfordville Lions Club.

**Saturday, March 18** (parade starts at 10:00 am)

Crawfordville, FL

**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 891-4065 for more information.

**March 21** Fort Braden Community Center

**March 28** Chaires/Dorothy C. Spence Community Center

**April 12** Bradfordville – Wildwood Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

**April 13** Woodville – Woodville Community Center

**April 18** Fort Braden Community Center

**The Flea Across Florida:** Jacksonville to Pensacola on Highway 90. RSVP call 850-575-1436

**April 7-8, 2017**

**Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival:**

This all-day celebration begins bright and early with a 5K race, then features a "Worm Gruntin'" demonstration and competition in the afternoon, and ends with live music late into the night. The event attracts nearly 100 food and arts and crafts vendors every year. The evening culminates with the Annual Worm Grunters' Ball, featuring a slew of live performances from local artists.

**Saturday, April 8th** (7 am – 10 pm)

Downtown Sopchoppy



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*Talquin*  
**Annual Meeting**  
 Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
 East Gadsden High School  
 Registration begins @ 8:30 a.m.



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