

# THE CURRENT



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## TALQUIN'S 84<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

9:00 AM

**2024 Annual Meeting**  
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The Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Talquin Water & Wastewater, Inc. Boards 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 PM. If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in conjunction with any regular meeting, special meeting, or workshop. Notice of any changes will be listed at [www.TalquinElectric.com/About/Board-Meetings-Workshops/](http://www.TalquinElectric.com/About/Board-Meetings-Workshops/).

## STREAMLINING TRUSTEE ELECTIONS FOR A MORE EFFICIENT COOPERATIVE



Joe Alexander  
President



Tracy Bensley  
General Manager

As we approach Talquin's Annual Meeting of the Members on April 27, 2024, we want to share information on the event as well as some details about changes to the election process for Trustees. Last year as part of the Annual Meeting and elections, Talquin Members voted to make an amendment to the Cooperative Bylaws to introduce a more streamlined approach to Trustee elections when candidates run unopposed.

In the past, if only one candidate qualified for nomination from a district, the Bylaws required the formalities of an election, even when there was no opposition. This process not only incurred unnecessary costs, but it also extended the process without any real decision-making required. Recognizing the need for efficiency and cost-effectiveness, Members approved an amendment for the provision of "Unopposed Candidates" in Cooperative Bylaws.

According to Cooperative Bylaw Article IV, Section 3(e), "[i]f only one candidate qualifies for nomination from a District following conclusion of the nomination period, then that candidate shall be deemed to be elected pursuant to Section 425.10, Florida Statutes, without opposition and shall take office upon the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting. The name of an unopposed candidate for Trustee shall not appear on any ballot." This amendment, as part of Cooperative Bylaws, has eliminated the need for holding elections in cases where Trustees run unopposed.

In 2024, only one qualified candidate from each of the three Districts up for election (District 1, District 4, and District 7) filed a petition to run for Trustee election. Because all three Districts are uncontested this year, Talquin will not hold Trustee elections. This change aligns with our commitment to responsible governance and avoids unnecessary costs in years with no contested Trustee elections.

In light of the experiences gained during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, Talquin's Trustees recognize the importance of adapting to the changing landscape. As such, Talquin Members have approved changes to the Bylaws in recent years that allow for virtual Annual Meetings of the Members through communications media technology and conducting Trustee elections by mail-in ballot, providing a level of flexibility that can significantly increase Member participation in Cooperative activities. Additionally, changes approved by Members via Bylaw amendments last year eliminate the requirement of reading of unapproved minutes at the Annual Meeting. Instead, the Board will be authorized to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting at the next regular Board Meeting, with Members retaining the ability to make motions to amend previously-approved meeting minutes at subsequent meetings of the Members.

The Talquin Board of Trustees encourages Members to review the Cooperative Bylaws (available under Documents at [www.TalquinElectric.com](http://www.TalquinElectric.com)). Member engagement and feedback are important as we collectively work towards building a stronger and more adaptable Cooperative for the future.

Talquin strives to be an efficient and effective Cooperative, ensuring that we continue to serve Members at the highest standard of excellence.

See page 3 for more  
information on the  
Annual Meeting.

# ★ 2024 ANNUAL MEETING ★

The 84th Annual Meeting will be held and streamed live online on Saturday, April 27, 2024 beginning at 9:00 AM ET. An Annual Meeting notice will be mailed to Members via USPS.

Trustee nomination petitions were received from incumbent Trustees for District 1, District 4 and District 7 during the nomination period. No other candidates submitted petitions during the nomination period. Due to the 2023 Bylaw amendments approved by the Members, an election of Trustees is not required when there is only one qualified candidate from each District and the unopposed candidates will be deemed elected upon the conclusion of the 2024 Annual Meeting (Article IV, Section 3(e) Unopposed Candidates).

Cooperative Trustees and key staff will attend the business portion of the Annual Meeting in-person. Members may also attend the business portion of the Annual Meeting in-person at the Lake Jackson Member Services office (4808 Portal Drive, Tallahassee FL 32303); however, **no bill credits or door prizes will be offered to Members for in-person attendance.**

Officer's Report



Financial Report



Cooperative Update

Links to the live stream will be available on Saturday, April 27, 2024  
on the website, [www.TalquinElectric.com](http://www.TalquinElectric.com), and on Talquin Electric's Facebook page.

## ★ BOARD OF TRUSTEE CANDIDATES ★

*The following candidates have been nominated by petition and qualified to serve on the Board of Trustees:*

### DISTRICT 1

**Bill VanLandingham (Incumbent)**

519 Telogia Creek Road, Quincy, Florida 32351

Mr. VanLandingham is the Trustee from District 1, southern Gadsden County. He is a lifelong resident of the Juniper community and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Finance from Florida State University. He served as Vice President/ Agency Executive with McGriff Insurance Services in Tallahassee and retired after 41 years. Mr. VanLandingham is a Credentialed Director and holds a Board Leadership Certificate with the NRECA. Mr. VanLandingham currently serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of Talquin Electric's Board of Trustees. Mr. VanLandingham has been married to his wife, Vicki, for 45 years and they have two children, Allie and Russ, and one granddaughter.



### DISTRICT 4

**Gregory Winter (Incumbent)**

260 River Bluff Drive, Havana, FL 32333

Dr. Winter is the trustee from District 4, eastern Gadsden County and the Lake Jackson area of Leon County. He attended North Florida Christian School and Lincoln High School, before attending Florida State University and the University of Georgia, where he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. Upon graduation, Dr. Winter returned home to the Big Bend area where he has practiced veterinary medicine primarily in Leon and Gadsden Counties for the last 30 years and in 2000, he opened the Winter Animal Hospital. Dr. Winter is married to Amanda, a police officer, and they have two daughters, Lyla and Reagan.



### DISTRICT 7

**David Miller (Incumbent)**

227 Buck Miller Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327

Mr. Miller is the Trustee from District 7, eastern Wakulla County. He is a lifelong resident and third-generation Wakulla County educator. Mr. Miller dedicated 39 years to the Wakulla County school system, including 17 years as Superintendent of Schools, and was named Superintendent of the Year for the State of Florida in the 2003-2004 school year. He holds a bachelor's degree from FSU, a master's degree from FAMU, and a Doctor of Laws honor degree from Flagler College. While in college, Mr. Miller proudly served in the Florida Army National Guard. He is a Credentialed Director with a Board Leadership Certification through the NRECA and also serves on the Board of Directors for the Florida Electric Cooperatives Association. Mr. Miller is married to his wife, Dolores, and is an active member of Crawfordville United Methodist Church. They have three children and eight grandchildren.



If you have questions, please call (850) 627-7651, email [MemberFeedback@TalquinElectric.com](mailto:MemberFeedback@TalquinElectric.com) or post a question on the Annual Meeting page at [www.TalquinElectric.com](http://www.TalquinElectric.com).



## Talquin Electric Cooperative Empowers Local Youth with Educational Tour

Thirteen high school juniors from Gadsden, Liberty, Leon, and Wakulla Counties were selected to participate in the Talquin Youth Tour February 7th through 8th. The two-day Youth Tour included a visit to Florida State University, where students had the opportunity to tour the campus and engage with college admissions representatives. The highlight of the tour was a visit to the state capitol on Thursday, where the students had the opportunity to participate in a "mock" House and Senate session and learn about Florida's legislative process.



*Pictured above, left to right; Front row: Vanessa Foreman, Harley Edenfield; Second row: Amyah Wilkins, Madelynn Grace Richter, Kaitlyn Lackey, Lenna Gayhart; Third row: Addison Green, Ella Wren Moody, Avary Duggar, Juliette Shuler, Zorianna Starks, Caroline Fraser, Claire McCormick.*

Out of the thirteen outstanding participants, four student delegates and two alternates were selected to represent Talquin Electric Cooperative at the National Rural Electric Association's Youth Tour in Washington D.C. in June and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for college or post-secondary education. These students will serve as delegates, showcasing their leadership and community involvement on a national stage. The national delegates are Juliette Shuler, Liberty County High School; Caroline Fraser, Lincoln High School; Vanessa Foreman and Ella Wren Moody, Wakulla High School. The alternates are Lenna Gayhart, Leon High School; and Addison Green, Lincoln High School.

The students who will receive a \$500 scholarship for representing their schools at the Talquin Youth Tour in Tallahassee are Zorianna Starks, Gadsden County High School; Kaitlyn Lackey, Lawton Chiles High School; Madelynn Grace Richter, Liberty County High School; Harley Edenfield, North Florida Christian School; Claire McCormick, St. John Paul II Catholic School; Avary Duggar, Wakulla Christian School; and Amyah Wilkins, Wakulla High School.

## Meet The Team!

### Engineering Department

Talquin's engineering department plays a crucial role in ensuring the efficient and reliable delivery of electricity to Members. This team is responsible for designing, planning, and maintaining the Cooperative's electrical infrastructure, including power distribution systems, substations, and transmission lines. In collaboration with other departments, they assess energy demands, plan for system upgrades, and implement new technologies that enhance the grid's performance. Our engineering department's expertise is essential in addressing challenges, optimizing the grid, and ensuring a consistent and reliable power supply for Cooperative Members.



*Pictured above, left to right; Front row: Pedro Siman, Stacy Collins; Second row: Mark Taylor, Terrance Roberts, Ryan Dodson*



# Levelized Billing

Dealing with fluctuating energy bills due to seasonal temperature changes? Levelized Billing is the solution that will bring stability to your monthly budget.

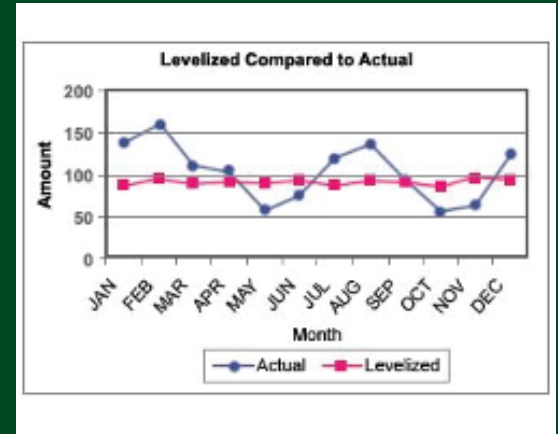
## Predictable Payments, No Surprises

Temperature shifts in summer and winter can lead to unpredictable spikes in energy use and billing. Levelized Billing can help by averaging current electric usage with the previous 12 months, resulting in a more consistent monthly amount. The Levelized Billing amount may change slightly each month depending on usage. No more surprises – just straightforward, dependable billing.

## Eligibility Made Simple

- Talquin Members with:
  - ▶ Residential rate
  - ▶ 13 months of established billing history at location
  - ▶ Good credit
  - ▶ \$0 account balance at enrollment
- Complete Opt-In form (available at [www.TalquinElectric.com](http://www.TalquinElectric.com))

If interested, contact Member Services for more details by emailing [MemberFeedback@TalquinElectric.com](mailto:MemberFeedback@TalquinElectric.com) or calling 850-627-7651.



*Pictured above: Wesley Vernon*

## 2024 FLORIDA LINEMAN RODEO

In February, ten apprentice linemen and nine linemen from Talquin Electric participated in the annual Florida Lineman Competition Rodeo hosted by the Florida Municipal Electric Association. Over 215 electric utility workers from across the state gathered in Jacksonville, Florida, to showcase their skills and represent their communities. We greatly appreciate all the linemen and apprentice linemen who proudly represented Talquin Electric at the competition this year. A special congratulations is extended to Jackson Rudd for achieving first place in the Mutual Aid Event, and to Wesley Vernon for securing second place in both the Overall Apprentice category and the Secondary Lead Change-Out category!



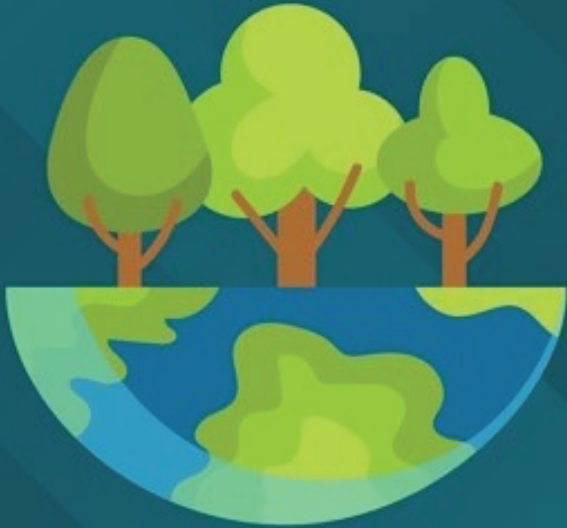
*Pictured above: Jackson Rudd*



EASY WAYS TO

# CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

APRIL 22, 2024



1. Conserve water by taking showers instead of baths.
2. Turn off all lights when you leave a room.
3. Bring your reusable bags to the market and other stores when shopping.
4. Go paperless. Pay as many bills as possible online.
5. Ditch the car and walk when possible.

## 5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Careless digging poses a threat to people, pipelines and underground facilities. Always call 8-1-1 first. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:



### 1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before your work begins. The operator will notify the utilities affected by your project.

### 2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for affected utilities to respond to your request. They will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.

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### 3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



### 4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. The markers are your guide for the duration of your project.



### 5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project location.



Source: [call811.com](http://call811.com)



## WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK

APRIL 15-19, 2024



National Work Zone Awareness Week is an important time to show support of the roadway safety industry. Please remember to slow down and stay focused when approaching roadside work zones. Let's all do our part to keep roadside crews, drivers and passengers safe during the busy construction season.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

A well-designed landscape can add beauty to your home and reduce home heating and cooling costs. Plant deciduous trees with high, spreading crowns to the south of your home to block sunlight in the summer and reduce the need for air conditioning. Deciduous trees lose their leaves in the winter, allowing sunlight to warm your home.

Plant evergreen trees and shrubs with low crowns to block winter winds. Dense evergreen trees and shrubs planted to the north and northwest are the most common type of windbreak and can help lower energy used for home heating.

Source: [energy.gov](https://www.energy.gov)



## Happy Retirement!



Wayne Barrow began his career with Talquin Electric in 1989 as an entry-level Serviceman and worked his way up to a Metering & Service Technician III. He worked his first few years at the Crossway Road location before moving to the Wakulla Area Office. Wayne has been an asset to the cooperative and has provided invaluable guidance and knowledge to others throughout his time here. He plans to spend his retirement enjoying life with his family, spoiling his grandchildren, fishing, hunting, and woodworking. Thank you Wayne, for 34 years of excellent service to our Membership!





## TRADING POST

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Ameristep Two-Man Ladder Stand, 15'** Model #ASLS-501, Antique Dishes, Microwave Stand, Mens 10 ½ FSU Seminole Boots and 9 ½ Harley Davidson Boots, Receiving Hitch, Towing Mirrors, Antique Lamps, Cast Iron Sinks, Electric tools, Ty Beanie Babies 850-575-6013

**Metal & Oak Daybed & never-used twin mattress** \$200. Small buffet table with cabinet & drawer: top slides open for bar \$50. 850-544-5799

**Brand new cream leather lift chair** with tags still on it. Paid \$1,100 for it. Text or call Laura Brinkley at 904-612-1753 for pictures and to offer a price.

**LVS 32 Garmin Livescope Transducer.** \$375.00 kendukes@gmail.com PH 850-974-6768

**Armadillo traps** that work. \$100, Humane, 2-door, pressure treated wood construction. No bait needed. Pre-scented with armadillo odor. 850-566-0045 or 850-383-6380

**Size 91/2M.** 2 pair very good condition, odor/stain free. Durango and Dan Post. 1 with inlaid suede. Text for photos, call for info. 850-443-4675 Kathy

**Wurlitzer 4022D Organ,** good condition with manual, music. Free. Pro-Form 725

Treadmill with manual. \$100. Buyer must pickup either item. (Landline) 850-877-1312 (10am - 5pm)

**Commercial copier** \$250, dinner table with six chairs \$600, Mission set: desk, tables large or small, and table with drawer \$150 Call for details 850 345 8136

**Used PROPANE TANK.** A 120 gal tank in good condition. Will sell for \$200. Call 850-567-3633

**COCA-COLA items.** Downsizing our collection. We have a lot of fun stuff! Prices vary. If interested, we can send pics. 850-524-3415. Please text.

**Like new from remodel: kitchen sink, bathroom vanity top with faucets** \$50 each, real wood cabinets \$100 section, window \$25 text 8502749658 pictures available

**BIG GAME - Stealt XT Ladder Stand.** Model LS-3810, New- still In box \$100.00, Actiontec 300 Mbps Wireless N DSI Modem/Router Excellent condition, -In box \$100.00 (850) 402-0348

### SERVICES

**Compassionate, Christian caregiver available.** Many years of experience. CPR certified. Personal care, meds, meals, light housekeeping. Reliable, reasonable rates, excellent references. 850-575-8906

### 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. Talquin provides "The Trading Post" ads for the convenience of our Members. Talquin is not responsible for the content of the ads. Talquin does not endorse or warrant the products or services offered in the ads. There is no cost to place an ad in The Trading Post.

- Members may submit one ad per issue (six 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
- No event promotion of any kind
- No firearm sales of any kind

Mail ads to: "The Current", Talquin Electric Cooperative, PO Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353-1679 or email to: TradingPost@TalquinElectric.com

**Home companion:** services provided cooking, light cleaning, gardening, pickup food-prescriptions etc minimum of three hours Michael 850-7703

### CEMETERY/ BURIAL

**Cemetery Lot Culley's Meadow Wood Park Chapel Garden Center Section.** Current Value: \$5,895— Reduced to \$3,000 OBO. Owner pays deed transfer. 850-339-0154

**Culley's Meadowood Garden of Peace.** Lot 104D, plots #5&6. (Current cost is \$6,995 each.) \$6,500 for both. I will pay transfer fee. 850-228-0267.

**Two plots available** for \$2450 in Gardens of Serenity, Abby Funeral Home. Exact location to be picked by new owner. Contact David Arnold at Dwarnold3@hotmail.com.

**Culley's Meadowood Memorial Park- Three plots in the Garden of Peace,** Lot 50-D, 1,2,3. Current price per plot \$6995. \$5500 per plot or \$15,000 for all. Call or text (850)509-0192.

### AUTO & IMPLEMENT

**For Sale: 2017 Cherokee Grey Wolf 26RL with Slide Out,** Appraised \$15,990 OBO. 850-815-2225

**2015 Red Hyundai Tucson** 194,430 miles. Good condition with a lot of extras. \$4500 Hosford. 904-294-5712

**Used Farm Equipment.** Covington 2 row planter, \$1,200, Covington 2 row fertilizer distributor \$900, heavy duty 4 row bottom plow, 120 gallon boom PTO sprayer, much more. (850) 570-8484

**John Deere Z335 E zero tune, 42" mower** for sale. Very low hours hours mowing. Excellent condition, \$2500.00 firm. Call 850-428-2125.

**CARGO TRAILER: 7'x14' with 7' ceiling,** Dual axle electric brakes, White, 30 road miles, Full rear gate & side door, Like new, \$6900 OBO, 850-728-3014

### REAL ESTATE

**66 x 14, 1988 MH with Lake Talquin view.** 2 bd./ 2 full bath, all appliances, fireplace. Concrete front porch. Fruit trees and azaleas. \$150K no owner financing or renters. 850-443-0168

**Furnished Room with Private Bath.** Large Closet, SAFETOUCH Security, Wifi, Utilities, Oak Floors, Linens, Shared Kitchen and Living Room! Calls Only Please 850/284/4892! \$625/\$710 per month, 1 year lease. Strong work history and references required.

**Attic apt. for rent;** single occupant; 1Bd/1Ba, closet, kitchenette, liv. room; entrance via outside staircase; wooded grounds; lakeview. \$650/ mo. includes utilities. References required. Call (850) 544-2192.

### LOOKING FOR

**Looking for: Lemoyne Annual Christmas tree ornaments** to purchase. Call 850-668-7080 and leave a message.

**Handyman/Farmhand needed in Havana,** Salaried position, reliable pay, potential housing available. Must be able to run fencing, use tools, have drivers-license, be dependable. 850-854-3266

**Looking for pre 1980 sports memorabilia-** old sports photos, baseball/ football/basketball cards, autographs. Please text or call 850-508-8072.

**Lionel, American Flyer, Marx, HO & N Scale trains.** Any amount or condition. Call 850 893 8718



# Blooming Spring Recipes

## Zucchini Bread

Recipe from Talquin Member, Alan Herbert Whitehead

Total Time: 1 hour and 30 minutes / Prep Time: 30 minutes / Cook Time: 1 hour /  
Yield: 6-8 servings

### Ingredients:

3 eggs, beaten	½ teaspoon cloves
1 cup salad oil	½ teaspoon nutmeg
2 ½ cups sugar	½ teaspoon allspice
2 teaspoons vanilla	2 cups zucchini, grated
1 teaspoon soda	1 cup nuts, chopped
3 cups flour	1 cup dried apricots, chopped
1 teaspoon salt	
¼ teaspoon baking powder	
1 teaspoon cinnamon	

Note: If desired, more zucchini can be added before baking. Dried plums, raisins, etc., can also be used in place of dried apricots.



### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 325° degrees. Grease and flour loaf pan. Combine eggs, salad oil, sugar, vanilla, and soda in a large bowl. Set aside.

In a separate bowl, sift together flour, salt, baking powder cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, and allspice. Add flour mixture into the egg mixture and mix until well combined. Fold in zucchini, nuts, and apricots. Pour the batter into the greased and floured loaf pan. Bake for about 1 hour at 325° degrees.

## Spring Pea Pesto

Recipe from Feasting at Home: (<https://www.feastingathome.com/spring-pea-pesto/>)

Total Time: 10 minutes / Prep Time: 10 minutes / Yield: 4 cups

### Ingredients:

4 cups peas, either frozen and thawed, or use fresh English peas	2 tablespoons minced chives or green onion
1 cup fresh herbs (mint, tarragon or dill)	1 teaspoon salt
zest of 2 lemons	1 teaspoon black pepper
5 tablespoons lemon juice	¼ cup olive oil

### Instructions:

If using fresh English peas, blanch lightly in salted water, until vibrant and floating, strain and plunge into cold water. In a food processor add peas, fresh herbs, lemon zest, lemon juice, chives (or green onion), salt, pepper and olive oil. Pulse for a few minutes until the peas break down but are still textured. Serve immediately or store in the fridge for 3 days. Can be used as a dip, spread, or sauce for pasta.



### ATTENTION TALQUIN FOODIES: WHAT'S COOKING IN YOUR KITCHEN?

We are in the market for some of YOUR favorite recipes to be shared here in our bi-monthly newsletter. If you like to cook, bake, or have a scrumptious family recipe you'd be willing to share, please send it our way! Submit your culinary delights to us at [TradingPost@TalquinElectric.com](mailto:TradingPost@TalquinElectric.com), drop them off at any of our Member Services offices, or mail to us at PO Box 1679, Quincy FL 32353.



  
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# EGGS-TRAORDINARY

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30, 2024 • 9:00am - 11:00am  
Messer Park North Sports Complex  
*Easter Bunny will be making an appearance!*

**9:15am - Field 1**  
Hunt begins for attendees  
*For all levels of ability & siblings are welcome*

**9:30am - Field 4**  
Hunt begins for persons with visual impairment  
*Find eggs using your ears*

**10:00am - Field 3**  
Hunt begins for persons using a mobility device  
*Hunt for Magnetic Eggs on rubberized field*

**10:15am - Field 4**  
Quiet hunt begins (sensory sensitive)  
*For those who prefer a quiet, calm environment*

## Harrell Memorial Public Library


### LEGO Club

  
LIBRARY SYSTEM  
[www.nwrts.com](http://www.nwrts.com)



**Thursday, March 21, 2024 | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
**Harrell Memorial Public Library**  
**13016 NW CR 12, Bristol, Florida**

Join up with friends for exciting monthly challenges along with free play! LEGOs provided by the library. (Ages 6 – 12)



**Saturday, April 13, 2024 | 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM**  
**Sopchoppy Depot Park**  
**33 Rose St, Sopchoppy, Florida**

Join us for the Annual Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival. This is a unique and lively event in Sopchoppy, Florida, where participants gather to celebrate the tradition of worm grunting, a technique used to lure earthworms to the surface for fishing.



**Saturday, March 30, 2024 | 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
**Havana Main Street**

Join us at the Havana Arts and Crafts Bazaar, where local artisans & crafters come together to showcase their unique creations in beautiful downtown Havana! You'll have the chance to meet the artists and crafters themselves, and learn about their creative process. Whether you're in the market for a special gift for a loved one, or just want to treat yourself to something unique, the Havana Arts and Crafts Bazaar has something for everyone.



# TALK WITH TALQUIN – MEMBER UPDATE EVENTS

We extend a sincere thank you to all Members who participated in recent Talk with Talquin-Member Update Events. Your presence and engagement greatly contributed to the success of these events. These gatherings provided a platform for Talquin Members to engage with the Board of Trustees, General Manager, and staff. Talquin presents this opportunity to Members to gather valuable feedback while addressing questions, sharing updates on significant developments, and strengthening connections across Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla Counties.

At all events, topics were discussed related to reliability, vegetation management, hurricane preparedness, and cybersecurity. In Gadsden County, key discussions revolved around proposed water infrastructure improvements and the review of new solar facilities. In Leon County, discussions on tree trimming, water-related upgrades, and enhanced communication channels were top priority. Discussions at the Liberty County event covered the recent acquisition of five water systems, progress in account sign-ups, and Talquin's renewable energy initiatives. In Wakulla County, discussions centered on water system improvements and construction plans, underscoring our dedication to community service.

To show our appreciation, everyone who attended a Talk with Talquin-Member Update Event received a \$10 bill credit for their involvement. In addition to the \$10 bill credit that everyone received, five lucky winners were chosen at each location to receive a \$100 bill credit!

We look forward to continuing this journey together and express our gratitude for your ongoing support. Thank you for being an integral part of our cooperative community.





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#### Lake Jackson Member Services Office

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#### Bradfordville Member Services Office

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Tallahassee, Florida 32312  
(850) 893-6853

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Monday - Friday  
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM,  
Closed for Lunch 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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### Report an Outage

#### Via Mobile App

Download the Talquin mobile app on your iOS  
or Android device to report outages and receive  
updates. All with the click of a button!

#### Via Text

Text #OUTAGE to 85700  
to report electric outages.

If not registered, visit our website at  
[www.TalquinElectric.com](http://www.TalquinElectric.com)

#### Via Phone

Automated System:  
1-866-899-4832

Live Operator:  
1-888-802-1832



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## BLOOD DRIVES!

Each successful donor will receive  
an eGift card, OneBlood t-shirt, and  
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Appointments are encouraged!  
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### Quincy

Monday,  
April 1, 2024

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

1607 West  
Jefferson Street  
Quincy

### Crawfordville

Monday,  
April 1, 2024

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

681 Wakulla-  
Arran Road  
Crawfordville

### Lake Jackson

Monday,  
April 1, 2024

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

4808  
Portal Drive  
Tallahassee

# TALQUIN'S 2024 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

## Saturday, April 27, 2024 ★ 9:00 AM

Links to the live stream will be available  
on the website, [www.TalquinElectric.com](http://www.TalquinElectric.com),  
and on Talquin Electric's Facebook page.

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