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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 <https://www.talquinelectric.com/about/board-meetings-workshops/>.

#PowerOn Together!

To say 2020 has started off as we could have never imagined would be an understatement. It feels like the world as we know it has been turned upside down, and we are having to learn a new normal. Although we never expected the COVID-19 crisis, this is not the first time we have been tested by the unexpected.



Carrie Durden
Board President



Tracy Bensley
General Manager

Our community has learned to respond quickly and work together through three years of back-to-back storms when we were impacted by Hurricane Hermine (2016), Hurricane Irma (2017), and Hurricane Michael (2018). Additionally, although Hurricane Dorian did not make landfall in our territory in 2019, the threat of another Category 5 storm emboldened Talquin Electric and its Members to be prepared. The COVID-19 crisis is no different. We will get through this as we always have—together.

This is truly an unprecedented time. We have had to shake up how we do things at Talquin to ensure business continuity for our Members. Our Member Service offices have begun operating from the drive-thru windows only. It has taken some getting used to for Members and employees alike, but we are now able to do everything from collecting payments to service applications all from the drive-thru. Most importantly, this enables us to keep our Members and employees safe and healthy.

As much as things have changed at Talquin, we know the lives our Members have changed drastically as well. Many of our Members have begun working from home, all while homeschooling their children. Many of our Members have lost their jobs or are facing a loss of revenue at their businesses. We understand that times are tough right now, and Talquin is here to help. We implore any of our Members who are facing a financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis to contact Talquin for assistance. We will work with any Member who reaches out to us.

Although there is so much uncertainty in the world, there is one thing we know for sure. Our community is resilient, supportive, and most importantly, united. Much like we do in the aftermath of a storm, we will work together to get through this pandemic. Some days it feels like there is little good news left, but then you hear of the community coming together as one while still practicing social distancing to make a child feel special on their birthday or to make masks for our community's essential workers. Stories like these remind us that there is always something good in the world, we just have to look for it.

If we all keep working together and practicing social distancing, our lives will be back to normal before we know it. Until then, we will continue to work each day to serve our Members best and do what we can to help our community during this time. We will continue to #PowerOn!



BOARD OF TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

Per the by-laws of the Cooperative, each Member shall be entitled to only one vote per District – for a total of three votes. Joint Memberships are allowed only one vote, whether separately or jointly. Only persons who are Members of the Cooperative are allowed to vote. A spouse or family member cannot vote in the place of the Member.

The following candidates have been nominated to serve on the Board of Trustees and will be voted on:



District Three (3) Joseph Alexander

507 Deerwood Circle Quincy, Florida 32352

(Incumbent)

Mr. Alexander is the Trustee from District 3, central Gadsden County. Prior to his retirement, he served the State of Florida's Department of Children and Families as the Child Care Services Program Manager for the Northwest Region (a 16-county service area). Mr. Alexander is a Credentialed Director, holds a Board Leadership Certificate through NRECA, and is a graduate of Florida A & M University. Mr. Alexander currently serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of Talquin Electric's Board of Trustees and is a Florida Electric Cooperatives Association Director.



District Six (6) Doug Bruce

P.O. Box 10855 Tallahassee, Florida 32302

(Incumbent)

Mr. Bruce is the Trustee from District 6, southeast Leon County. Mr. Bruce is a lifelong Leon County resident who resides in southeastern Leon County. He has been active in state government during his career and works as a governmental consultant. Mr. Bruce is a Credentialed Director through NRECA and a graduate of FSU. He also is an alternate on the Florida Electric Cooperatives Association Board.



District Nine (9) Sam Fenn

3539 Lakeview Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32310

(Incumbent)

Mr. Fenn is the Trustee from District 9, southwest Leon County. Mr. Fenn is a graduate of Mercer University, School of Pharmacy, and is now retired after enjoying 50 years in pharmacy. Mr. Fenn is a Credentialed Director and holds a Board Leadership Certificate through NRECA. Mr. Fenn also serves on the Board of Trustees for Seminole Electric G&T.

TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

District	Current Trustee	Current Term Began (Year)	Next Election (Year)
1	Billy VanLandingham	2018	2021
2	David Wright	2019	2022
3	Joseph Alexander, Secretary/Treasurer	2017	2020
4	Carrie Durden, President	2018	2021
5	Carla Pararo	2019	2022
6	Doug Bruce	2017	2020
7	David Miller	2018	2021
8	Clifford Bristol, Vice President	2019	2022
9	Sam Fenn	2017	2020

2020 ANNUAL MEETING *Save the Date*

NEW DATE!

Where:

Gadsden County High School Gymnasium

27001 Blue Star Highway
Havana (Midway area)

When:

Saturday, September 26

Doors Open:
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Meeting Starts:
10:00 AM

The Annual Meeting has been postponed until **Sept. 26** for the health and safety of our Members and employees.

Storm Season – Are You Prepared?

Although our July/August issue of The Current is our storm edition, we want to remind Members that the 2020 Hurricane Season begins on June 1. The 2020 Hurricane Season is predicted to be more active than usual, and we implore Members to be prepared as storms can develop unexpectedly, much like our area experienced with Hurricane Michael in 2018. Be alert, be prepared, and be safe!

➔ PREPARE FOR A HURRICANE ➔

KNOW YOUR AREA, MAKE A PLAN!
Include more than one evacuation route.



PREPARE AN EMERGENCY KIT!
Prepare a kit with supplies for at least 10 days.



PREPARE YOUR HOME!
Install shutters, clean gutters and drains, trim trees and shrubs.






National Lightning Safety Awareness Week June 21-27, 2020

When it comes to lightning, go by the 30/30 rule:

- If 30 seconds or less from “flash to bang” – seek shelter
- Wait 30 minutes after the last lightning strike/thunder before leaving shelter

While this may seem conservative, keep in mind that even though Florida ranks 4th in the nation for lightning, we have the highest number of deaths by lightning strike due to our population density and time spent outdoors.

Shocking Facts About Lightning

- There are 25 million cloud-to-ground lightning flashes annually in the U.S.
- Every year, 300 Americans are struck by lightning.
- Of those struck, 30 are killed and others suffer lifelong disabilities.

Electrical Safety Month

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and this year’s theme is “Smart Home,” focusing on lifesaving devices that keep a home smart, safe, and secure.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

While Working From Home

Do you have a **home office** or **work from home**? Follow these **electrical safety tips** to keep you and your home safe from electrical hazards.



- 1


Avoid **overloading** outlets.

2


Unplug appliances when not in use to save energy and minimize the risk of shock and fire.

3


Regularly **inspect** electrical cords and extension cords for damage.

4


Extension cords should only be used on a **temporary basis**.
- 5


Never plug a space heater or fan into an **extension cord** or **power strip**.

6


Never run cords **under rugs / carpets, doors, or windows**.

7


Plug in **smartly**. Make sure cords do not become tripping hazards.

8


Keep papers and other potential combustibles at least **three feet away** from space heaters and other heat sources.
- 9


Make sure you use **proper wattage** for lamps / lighting.

10


Make sure your home has **smoke alarms**. Test them monthly, change batteries yearly, and replace the unit every 10 years.

TRADING POST

MISCELLANEOUS

100 Golf Balls: 25 cents each. 850-668-0879

AB Lounger: \$30.00, (4) Two Drawer Filing Cabinets \$10 each, 3 Wheel Handicap Stroller \$100, 17" Dodge Rim \$40, Bridgestone Tire 275-55R20 \$10. 850-524-8901

AKC Registered English Cocker Spaniel Puppies available after 4-1-20. 850-251-4771

Free Barn Cats: healthy, vaccinated, sterile, all ages, semi-feral or friendly, will setup in cage to acclimate. 850-980-9266 or barncats@yahoo.com

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery: Chatahoochee, Fl, Montford and Hollaway Drive, \$950 each, 4 or more \$850 each. Lots have perpetual maintenance. 850-933-7815, leave message or text.

Smooth Fitness CE 3.2 Elliptical Trainer: Excellent Shape, very sturdy. Must disassemble some to remove from bedroom, \$300. 850-926-9040

Portable Fish- Cleaning unit: aluminum framed, insect screening, 2X4 table & sink with faucet. The easy way to clean your catch, \$995.00. 850-454-4960

Used Walk-in 11 door Commercial Refrigerated Cooler. New compressor 1 year ago. Has been in use until Lake Talquin Liquors closed in January. Building is being sold. \$4,900 OBO. Must be disassembled and picked up. denredd@hotmail.com

Otto Schumacher Dressage Saddle: Black Leather, 18-inch tree, Wide Dressage Saddle. Great Condition w/ some cosmetic wear. Well-made saddle from West Germany. Paid \$2,850, asking \$1,185 OBO. 850-228-6147

EasyBird Auto-Feed Trap- 50 Clay magazine: 150' release cord w/foot pedal, 65-yard range, operates off a standard 12-volt battery, like new \$350. 850-228-6091

Garage Sale Items: Antique Dishes, Baking Pans, Microwave Stand, Receiving Hitch, Towing Mirrors, Antique Lamps, Kitchen Cast Iron Sinks, Electric tools, Ty Beanie babies. 850-575-6013

1998 Kawasaki 1500 Vucan: Classic, JKBVNaE 1, \$3,500. 575-6013

3 Family Super Sale, Large Selection of Really Good Items! Home Decor, Kitchen, Collectibles and much more, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM. 7765 Havana Hwy

AUTOMOTIVE

2003 Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS: Reliable, \$2,500. 850-933-

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**

*Deadlines are the first day of the month preceding the month of publication (For example, April 1st is the deadline for the May/June edition.)

Mail ads to: "The Current", Talquin Electric Cooperative PO Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32352-1679 or email to: tradingpost@talquinelectric.com

8332 or 850-294-6897

2016 Jayco Greyhawk Class C Motorhome: 15k Miles. 850-209-3711

2008 Chevrolet 3500HD: 4, 65K Miles, 4 door- \$27K. 850-209-3711

Bridgestone Wheels & Tires: 245 75R 17, set of four from a 2020 Jeep Gladiator- less than 200 miles. \$1,500. 850-228-0242

1984 Chris-Craft Cuddy Cabin: 1994 150 Mariner, Shoreline Trailer, Eagle Electronics. \$4,500 OBO. 850-539-5641

Cargo Liner (used), 3rd row grey leather seat & 2006 Highlander Hybrid. Make an offer, need out of the garage. 850-933-0933

2005 Chev Impala Sedan V6: beige w/excellent leather interior. Runs great and no rattles, tires good, 1 owner, 100K miles, \$2,500 firm. 850-545-9219

2004 Keystone Travel Trailer 26': 2 Slide Outs, Kept under Trailer Port, New Fridge.

\$8,500 OBO. 850-933-7595

REAL ESTATE

For Rent-Beautifully Furnished Rooms: In E TLH, Private Bath, Everything included (Utilities, Dish TV, Safetouch Security, Shared kitchen and Common Spaces, WFI, Linens), \$300 Dep- 7mth lease minimum. Available Now! 850-284-4892

Fish/Hunt Cabin: On "BIG" River, 1-2 miles to ramp & Natl Forest, 2Br/1Bh w/Garage, 10 Mil Bristol- \$60,000- 850-933-0041

Room for Rent: Crawfordville, country setting, Wifi, utilities, Shared Bath, Kitchen, Common Areas, \$375 month. Horse Pasture also available \$195 month. 850-296-5874 or 850-443-9741

TOOLS

Utility Trailer: 2016, 6ft X 12ft w/spare tire, \$1,100 OBO. 850-251-2134

Generator: Predator 4000 like new-used 100 hours- \$250. 850-210-8812

Mower: Black & Decker 18" Mulching Rear Bag Mower use w/ extension cord, used only 4 times, \$95.00 OBO. 850-668-1871

Pump Jacks: 6 lightly used \$180. 850-510-8239

Craftsman Limited Edition 10" Table Saw w/stand and Dewalt 12" Construction Table saw w/ stand. Both \$400 each, never used. 850-926-5018

Blue Hawk Tractor Sun Shade \$45. 850-926-5018

Mower: Toro 42in Zero-Turn, 1 owner residential use only \$1,500- Homelite Pressure Washer, Edger, Weed Wacker, Misc Garage items, Make Offers. 850-212-5904

WANT TO BUY

Looking to buy: In Good condition Extended/Passenger Van- older model, Need used Fridge, Older Chest Freezer in Good Condition. Used Toyota pickup truck in good condition. Older Hoover upright vacuum. 850-879-5509



Single-use wet wipes have gained popularity in recent years. Many of these products are marketed as flushable, but often times they are not compatible with sewer systems and infrastructure. Other products are not intended to be flushed but end up being improperly disposed of in the toilet. Flushing these products presents an increasing problem for property owners, sewer systems, and ratepayers, since wipes often do not break down after being flushed. Wipes can accumulate with fats, oils, and grease and become large obstructions in the pipes. Further down the line, they weave together and create giant rags which get stuck in pumps, collection systems, and motors, causing backups and equipment failures.

Place these items in the trash, not the toilet:

- Disinfecting wipes
- Paper towels
- Baby wipes
- Towelettes
- Mop refills
- "Flushable" wipes



FLUSHED WIPES
Flushing wet wipes down the toilet can clog plumbing systems, leading to expensive repairs. Many people don't know that wipes shouldn't go in the toilet and pose a risk for sewer infrastructure.



CLOGGED SEWER LINES
Wipes make their way into private sewer laterals, septic systems, and sewer lines and can cause extensive harm and result in overflows and property damage.



SEWER OVERFLOWS
Once wipes make it to the sewer collection system, they can catch on roots that infiltrate pipes, weave together to form large rags and attract fats, oils and grease. This can result in blockages and sewer spills.



ENVIRONMENTAL HARM
Even when wipes filter out of the wastewater stream, small microfibers and microplastics can shed off wipes. These fibers can't be captured and can make their way into the environment.



DISRUPTED TREATMENT PLANTS
Oftentimes, masses of wipes manage to make it through the collection system and end up at wastewater treatment plants, which can result in significant damage to treatment infrastructure and recurrent disruption of the treatment process.



DAMAGED COLLECTION SYSTEMS
Most collection systems rely on pumps to move wastewater to treatment facilities. Wipes can clog these pumps, resulting in spills, system failures, increased maintenance requirements and damage to expensive equipment.

TECI System Financial Reports

Balance Sheets

	2019	2018
Assets		
Net Electric Plant (less Acc. Depreciation)	\$235,123,779	\$218,975,094
Investments and Notes Receivable	\$67,353,621	\$61,166,378
Accounts Receivable	\$16,163,357	\$14,895,283
Materials and Supplies	\$1,598,345	\$2,243,577
Other Current Assets	\$2,474,723	\$2,680,238
Total Assets	\$322,713,825	\$299,960,570
Equities and Liabilities		
Equities		
Memberships	\$211,890	\$211,225
Patronage Capital	\$121,664,658	\$117,287,851
Other Equities	\$5,500,293	\$5,374,821
Total Equities	\$127,376,841	\$122,873,897
Liabilities		
Long Term Debt	\$119,567,579	\$116,423,671
Accounts Payable	\$10,335,292	\$12,614,138
Members' Deposits	\$3,474,784	\$3,492,551
Other Current Liabilities	\$54,708,553	\$41,824,236
Deferred Credits	\$7,250,776	\$2,732,077
Total Liabilities	\$195,336,984	\$177,086,673
Total Equities and Liabilities	\$322,713,825	\$299,960,570

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

	2019	2018
Revenue	\$128,105,496	\$125,936,025
Expenses		
Cost of Power	\$75,787,165	\$78,294,385
Operations, Maintenance and Admin.	\$35,249,924	\$30,898,339
Depreciation	\$8,676,890	\$8,558,168
Interest on Loans	\$4,688,463	\$4,758,020
Total Expenses	\$124,402,442	\$122,508,912
Operating Margins (Revenue minus Expenses)	\$3,703,054	\$3,427,113
Non-Operating Margins	\$2,916,346	\$1,407,049
Other Capital Credits	\$1,219,413	\$1,217,611
Total Margins	\$7,838,813	\$6,051,773

We're More Than a Team,



TWWI System Financial Reports

Balance Sheets	2019	2018
Assets		
Net Water/WW Plant (less Acc. Depreciation)	\$64,951,054	\$63,549,763
Investments and Notes Receivable	(\$4,137,270)	(\$1,400,561)
Accounts Receivable	\$1,166,104	\$1,142,461
Materials and Supplies	\$370,420	\$388,610
Other Current Assets	\$482,372	\$464,253
Total Assets	\$62,832,680	\$64,144,526
Equities and Liabilities		
Equities		
Memberships	\$1,640	\$1,615
Patronage Capital	(\$1,678,995)	(\$2,341,479)
Other Equities	\$25,597,669	\$25,581,076
Total Equities	\$23,920,314	\$23,241,212
Liabilities		
Long Term Debt	\$34,457,681	\$36,962,170
Accounts Payable	\$279,381	\$287,533
Members' Deposits	\$294,885	\$289,737
Other Current Liabilities	\$3,214,419	\$3,363,874
Deferred Credits	\$666,000	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$38,912,366	\$40,903,314
Total Equities and Liabilities	\$62,832,680	\$64,144,526

Statement of Revenue and Expenses	2019	2018
Revenue	\$12,694,718	\$12,097,894
Expenses		
Cost of Power for Pumping	\$811,744	\$770,020
Operations, Maintenance and Admin.	\$7,122,941	\$6,881,705
Depreciation	\$2,129,949	\$2,415,589
Interest on Loans	\$2,028,651	\$1,906,173
Total Expenses	\$12,093,285	\$11,973,487
Operating Margins (Revenue minus Expenses)	\$601,433	\$124,407
Non-Operating Margins	\$10,425	\$50,622
Other Capital Credits	\$312,120	\$334,961
Total Margins	\$923,978	\$509,990

We're Family.

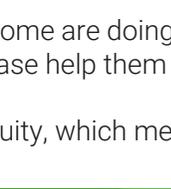


CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The COVID-19 pandemic has altered everyone's routines in some way or another, including at Talquin! In the interest of our Members' and employees' safety and health, we have made some changes to how we conduct our day-to-day business.

- We implore Members to utilize Talquin's contactless payment methods, such as our online payment portal, mobile app, mail, or IVR (phone) payment methods. This is the best way to ensure Talquin Members and staff are safe.
- Talquin Member Service office lobbies are closed to the public. For Members who prefer to conduct their business in person, Member Service office drive-thrus remain open for payments, service applications, etc.
- Talquin continues to work with Members facing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis on a case-by-case basis. Please reach out to Talquin at (850) 627-7651 so we can assist you.
- Talquin employees who have the ability to work from home are doing so. For employees who cannot, such as our Member Service Representatives and line workers, please help them continue working in a healthy manner by practicing social distancing. This will help keep you safe, too.
- Our main goal during this pandemic is business continuity, which means keeping the power and water on for our Members while keeping our employees safe!

WAYS TO CONTACT TALQUIN

 TalquinElectric.com Make a payment Apply for service News & updates Report an outage	 Talquin Mobile App Make a payment Notifications View bill Report an outage
 Phone (850) 627-7651	 Talquin Social Media Facebook: Talquin Electric Instagram: @TECTWWI Twitter: @TECTWWI
 Email memberfeedback@talquinelectric.com	 Text to Report an Outage Text #outage to 85700 (must register on website for this service)
 Mail P.O. Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353-1679	

Safety Tip

While working from home, follow these electrical safety tips to keep you and your home safe from electrical hazards.

1. Avoid overloading outlets.
2. Unplug appliances when not in use to save energy and minimize the risk of shock or fire.
3. Regularly inspect electrical cords and extension cords for damage.
4. Extension cords should only be used on a temporary basis.
5. Never plug a space heater or fan into an extension cord or power strip.
6. Never run cords under rugs / carpets, doors, or windows.
7. Plug in smartly. Make sure cords do not become tripping hazards.
8. Keep papers and other potential combustibles at least three feet away from space heaters and other heat sources.
9. Make sure you use proper wattage for lamps / lighting.
10. Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Test them monthly, change batteries yearly, and replace the unit every 10 years.

Wherever you work, it is always important to be safe.

Energy Tip

As American families and businesses transition to remote work, they may see a surge in home energy use – and in upcoming electric bills. Simple money-saving steps can help lower monthly electric bills without jeopardizing safety or comfort.

Recommended energy-saving tips include:

- **Program your thermostat to maximize energy savings.** Setting your thermostat one degree lower when heating or one degree higher when cooling can reduce energy use by up to 5 percent.
- **Do full loads of laundry and wash with cold water.** Using warm water instead of hot can cut a load's energy use in half, and using cold water will save even more.
- **Air dry dishes.** This step can cut your dishwasher's energy use by up to 50 percent.
- **Substitute LEDs for conventional light bulbs.** Lighting can amount to up to 12% of monthly energy use. LED bulbs can cut lighting costs by 75%.
- **Unplug appliances and electronics when not in use.** Small appliances and electronics use energy even when not in use. When powered on, game consoles, televisions and similar electronics are responsible for up to 12 percent of energy use.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Talquin would like to take a moment to recognize some of our Members who are doing their part to make a difference during the COVID-19 pandemic. Angela Rowan of Greensboro and Elizabeth Tucker of Quincy, along with Elizabeth's nephew Aaron Dixon, have been making homemade face masks to send around the world to help as many people as possible. The art of sewing has gone to the wayside in modern times, but talented seamstresses like Angela and Elizabeth have become essential workers during this pandemic.

Angela, a retired private investigator and quilter, and Elizabeth, a massage therapist, get together seven days a week, including on Easter, from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM to work on the masks. They also supply the materials to make the masks themselves, spending as many as two hours at JOANN Fabrics to get supplies. The ladies are making so many masks that they have had to send a sewing machine in for repair twice! Normally, sewing machine repair can take over a week, but Bernina Connection in Tallahassee is working hard to get their machines up and running during the same day so Angela and Elizabeth can keep making masks for the community.

So far, the team has sent shipments to New Zealand, Ireland, Texas, Wisconsin, Utah, Crawfordville, Havana, Tallahassee, Satellite Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Tampa, and Melbourne. They are making masks for nurses, doctors, hospice care facilities, and as many friends and family members as they can. Locally, they have provided masks for Riverchase Health and Rehabilitation Center, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Capital Regional Medical Center, the Gadsden County Sheriff's Department, and the Leon County Clerk of Courts.

If you would like a mask from Angela and Elizabeth, please contact Angela at (850) 251-1578 or join their Facebook group, Ohana Mask Makers. Angela and Elizabeth are buying supplies for the masks with their own money, so please consider making a donation to them in exchange for masks. Any donation will be used to make more masks. If you are unable to donate, the team will still supply you with a mask!

If you are interested in making your own face mask to help protect against COVID-19, please see the step-by-step guide from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).



Angela (in red) and Elizabeth (in purple) show off the masks they made.



Elizabeth's nephew, Aaron, who has autism, hard at work making masks for the community.

Sewn Cloth Face Covering

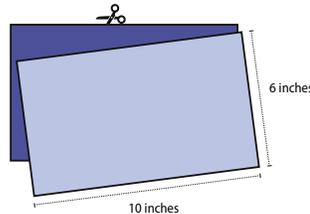
Materials

- Two 10"x6" rectangles of cotton fabric
- Two 6" pieces of elastic (or rubber bands, string, cloth strips, or hair ties)
- Needle and thread (or bobby pin)
- Scissors
- Sewing machine

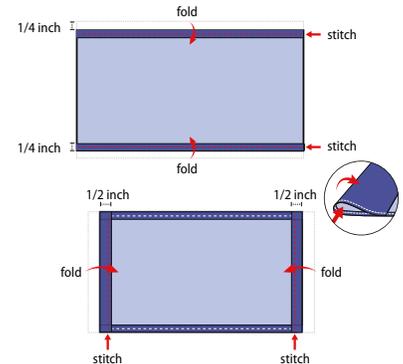


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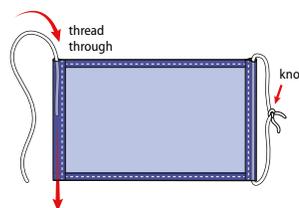
1. Cut out two 10-by-6-inch rectangles of cotton fabric. Use tightly woven cotton, such as quilting fabric or cotton sheets. T-shirt fabric will work in a pinch. Stack the two rectangles; you will sew the cloth face covering as if it was a single piece of fabric.



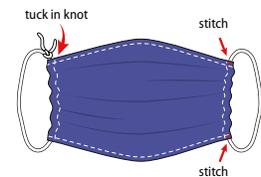
2. Fold over the long sides 1/4 inch and hem. Then fold the double layer of fabric over 1/2 inch along the short sides and stitch down.



3. Run a 6-inch length of 1/8-inch wide elastic through the wider hem on each side of the cloth face covering. These will be the ear loops. Use a large needle or a bobby pin to thread it through. Tie the ends tight. Don't have elastic? Use hair ties or elastic head bands. If you only have string, you can make the ties longer and tie the cloth face covering behind your head.



4. Gently pull on the elastic so that the knots are tucked inside the hem. Gather the sides of the cloth face covering on the elastic and adjust so the mask fits your face. Then securely stitch the elastic in place to keep it from slipping.



Desserts - Simply Sweet!

One-Ingredient Ice Cream

*From: Food52

Ingredients:

1 bunch of bananas



1. Peel your bananas.
2. Cut them into small pieces.
3. Freeze for just 1-2 hours on a plate or tray. (Or leave them in the freezer indefinitely -- just let them thaw a little before making the ice cream.)
4. Blend, blend, blend in the food processor -- scraping down the bowl when they stick.
5. Enjoy the magic moment when they turn into ice cream! Try mixing in other fruits, nut butters, or chocolate.
6. Freeze any leftovers and process again when ready to serve.

Three-Ingredient Peanut Butter Cookies

*From: Barefeet in the Kitchen

Ingredients:

1 cup sugar
1 cup peanut butter
1 egg



1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Stir the ingredients together until smooth. Scoop onto a parchment or Silpat lined baking sheet. (Roll into 1" balls with your hands, if you do not have a scoop.) Press down with the back of a fork and then press again from the opposite direction, to form the criss-cross pattern on top.
2. These cookies will not spread at all. You can bake the full recipe on a single tray if you would like. Bake for 12 minutes and then let cool on the tray for 1-2 minutes before removing to a wire rack to finish cooling. Store in an airtight container. Enjoy!

SUBMIT YOUR RECIPES

If you have some tasty recipes that you would like to share, submit them to us at TradingPost@talquinelectric.com, drop them off at any of our Member Service offices, or mail to us at PO Box 1679, Quincy FL 32353.

2020 Tallahassee Youth Tour Update

Twenty-one high school juniors from Gadsden, Liberty, Leon and Wakulla Counties were selected to participate in the Talquin Electric Cooperative Youth Tour at the state capital on February 12-13, 2020. Students were chosen from Talquin's Membership to participate in the Youth Tour based on academics, leadership, communication skills, and volunteer service in their schools and communities.

During the Youth Tour, Talquin's student representatives visited the Historic Capitol Museum, held a mock trial at the Florida Supreme Court, participated in a self-guided tour and scavenger hunt at the Florida History Museum, and held a mock Senate meeting and voted on legislation in the Senate Chamber, among other Youth Tour activities. Participants also met with State Representative Jason Shoaf, District 7, who educated the students about the importance of using their voice to shape our democracy.

From this outstanding group of leaders, four students and two alternates were selected to represent Talquin at the NRECA National Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. this summer and received a \$1,000 scholarship. The national delegates are Charles Latimer, St. John Paul II Catholic High School; Michael Carey, Rickards High School; Michael Sumpter, North Florida Christian School; and Molly Jones, Wakulla High School. The alternates are Maison Fulton, Liberty County High School and Ya'Mya Roberts, Gadsden County High School. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NRECA has decided to cancel the 2020 National Youth Tour, which usually occurs in Washington, D.C. in June.

Talquin would also like to congratulate the following students: Anyysa Sims, Kaitlyn Damron, and Taylor Barrett, Wakulla High School; Austin Waller and Kacy Partridge, Liberty County High School; Cari McKee and Khalil Burton, Chiles High School; Chase Scott and Iyanti Fisher, Lincoln High School; Kameryn Davis and Sonu Patel, Maclay School; Kilana Blair and Phillip Harvey Jr., Rickards High School; and Parker McCranie and Zachary Wynn, North Florida Christian School, who were all selected to represent their schools in the 2020 Tallahassee Youth Tour and received a \$500 scholarship.

Congratulations to each student who was chosen and participated in the competition. These future leaders are truly amazing and are all great representatives of their schools, Talquin, and the state of Florida!



Pictured above; front row, left to right: Anyysa Sims, Iyanti Fisher, Taylor Barrett, Molly Jones, Charles Latimer, Khalil Burton, and Cari McKee; middle row, left to right: Kacy Partridge, Kameryn Davis, Kilana Blair, Kaitlyn Damron, Sonu Patel, Phillip Harvey Jr., Ya'Mya Roberts, and Maison Fulton; back row, left to right: Michael Sumpter, Michael Carey, Austin Waller, Parker McCranie, Zachary Wynn, and Chase Scott.

At-Home Camping:

June is National Camping Month, so why not go all out with some at-home camping?! You can set up your campsite in your backyard if you want to be one with nature or in your house if you're not a big fan of the outdoors. If you have a tent already, you are all set, but you can easily make a tent out of a large sheet, chairs, and pillows and blankets for inside. Plan campfire activities such as roasting marshmallows, telling stories, and flashlight tag. If you make an indoor campsite, create a model fire out of construction paper and paper towel rolls!

Cooking Competition:

Create your own version of your favorite cooking competition! For example, your family could square off in a Chopped-style competition. If you are not familiar with Chopped, it is a cooking show where chefs compete against each other to be the Chopped Champion. Contestant chefs do not know what ingredients they will be using until they open their Mystery Box and see what is inside. Then, they must create a dish using the Mystery Box ingredients. Pick some challenging ingredients that may not initially seem like they go together to put in your Mystery Box for a more difficult contest. Choose a judge or panel of judges to decide who is your family's Chopped Champion!

Family Talent Show:

Host a family talent show live from your living room! For an even larger talent pool and audience, invite family and friends to join in on a video call. You can sing, dance, act, tell jokes, etc. You can even include your family's pets in your routine!

Virtual Book and Movie Groups:

If you are already in a book or movie group, you can easily host your meetings virtually! Within your group, decide on which book or movie to read or watch, and then host a group video call or phone call to discuss. If you want to feel more connected to your friends and family, you can all agree to watch the same film or show at the same time while on a video call. Although it's not exactly the same as watching together in the same room, you can still discuss what is happening as it's happening, and feel connected to your loved ones!

Free Online Courses:

Colleges and universities around the world offer some of their academic courses online for free, including the Ivy League schools! A good starting point for finding a course that interests you is edx.org where you can access over 2500 courses from 140 top institutions such as MIT and Harvard. Courses are organized by subject and there is something out there for everyone!

Other Ways to Avoid Feeling Cooped-Up:

Let's face it, one of the perks of working in an office is getting to leave the familiar confines of our home. With a teleworking protocol – and a lack of incentive to spend too much of our free time out and about comes inevitable boredom. Here are some tips on what you can do to avoid the dreaded "Cabin Fever."

1. **Start a new hobby.** A few ideas include knitting, stained glass, Sudoku and fiction writing.
2. **Do a puzzle.** It's a little old-school, but still fun.
3. **Pull out some old board games or a pack of cards.** Everyone loves game night!
4. **Engage in some spring cleaning.**
5. **Rearrange your furniture.** Sometimes a few moves is all it takes to make your place look new.
6. **Plan your next vacation.** Thoughts of warmer days spent outdoors are nice to have when you are stuck at home.
7. **Research your family history and create a family tree.**
8. **Write a letter to touch base with an old friend or family member.** Everyone loves getting an actual letter that's not a bill or solicitation.

Backyard/Outdoor Scavenger Hunt:

Are you having trouble finding things to keep your kiddos busy? Well, this fun Backyard/Outdoor Scavenger Hunt Activity Sheet will get them outdoors and keep them busy for a decent amount of time. It's time to explore!



Spell Your Name Workout:

Looking for a fun way to get moving? Check out this super fun "Spell Your Name" workout plan!



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Holiday Office Closures

Talquin offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 26.

Talquin offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen on Monday, July 6.

Survey Coming July

In July, Talquin will be partnering with Seminole Electric Cooperative, our wholesale power provider, to conduct a survey of our Members regarding energy usage. This type of survey is conducted every three to five years to determine future demand for power. This online survey will be sent out via email to our Members.



This information is extremely helpful to our Planning and Design team and Seminole Electric so that we may provide the best services possible to our Membership. Thank you in advance for your help with this project.

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May 29 - June 4, 2020

