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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/>.

New Beginnings and New Faces

There is something about spring that makes it the perfect time for a new beginning. Even mother nature is on board when her April showers bring May flowers! At Talquin, we are entering a new stage of life as we slowly emerge from the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic into our new normal and welcome some new faces to our Board and staff.



Tracy Bensley
General Manager

In 2021, we have seen many longtime Talquin employees retire (much like you will see later in this issue!) after many years of service to Talquin's Membership, and so far, we have nine new hires this year with more expected to join Team Talquin soon! In addition to Talquin employees retiring, cooperative attorney, Emily Waugh, is also retiring. Ms Waugh provided 19 years of dedicated service to Talquin as part of the Ausley & McMullen law firm before becoming Talquin's general counsel in 2018. Replacing Ms. Waugh as Talquin's general counsel is Kevin Forsthoefer of Ausley & McMullen, P.A.

As you may recall, former President Carrie Durden stepped down from elected service after 26 years, five of which she served as Board president, and she saw Talquin through some of its biggest changes and challenges. At the 2021 Annual Meeting's organizational meeting, Trustees selected Joseph Alexander to serve as Talquin's Board President. Mr. Alexander has served 21 years of elected service as a Trustee and served for many years as Secretary/Treasurer. We are looking forward to his further leadership as Board President. Cliff Bristol will remain Vice President of the Board of Trustees, and Billy VanLandingham will begin serving as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

In addition to new Board leadership, we welcomed two new Trustees in 2021. Representing District 6, southeast Leon County, and appointed following the departure of former District 6 Trustee, Doug Bruce, is Jason O'Steen. A Tallahassee native, Mr. O'Steen graduated from Florida High and earned a bachelor's degree in business management from FSU. He later obtained his Juris Doctor degree from the Florida State University College of Law and currently works as a full-time civil mediator. Mr. O'Steen is married to Chasity and enjoys spending time with their two children, Jackson and Ava, on their small cattle farm just east of Tallahassee.

During the 2021 Trustee Elections, Talquin Members voted for their Board representation by mail for the first time in Talquin's history. The Membership elected Gregory Winter to represent District 4, replacing Carrie Durden as Trustee for 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.

Congratulations to our new Board leadership, Trustees, attorney, and employees on their new roles at Talquin, and best wishes to our retirees in their new beginnings. For the first time in a while, the world feels brighter and we cannot wait to see what Talquin's new beginnings and new faces bring!



District 1 Billy VanLandingham

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. In Addition, he currently serves as Talquin's alternate member for the Florida Electric Cooperative Association (FECA). Mr. VanLandingham has been married to his wife, Vicki, for 42 years and they have two children, Allie and Russ.



District 2 David Wright

Dr. Wright is the Trustee from District 2, northwest Gadsden County where he resides with his wife, Debbie, and children. He is a Professor of Agronomy for the University of Florida's North Florida Research and Education Center in Quincy, holds a Ph.D. in Agronomy from Virginia Tech, and is a Credentialed Director through NRECA.



District 3 Joseph Alexander

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 President of Talquin Electric's Board of Trustees and is a Florida Electric Cooperatives Association Director.



District 4 Gregory Winter

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 5 Carla Pararo

Mrs. Pararo is the Trustee from District 5, northeast Leon County. She moved to Tallahassee in 1964, graduated from Leon High School, and attended TCC with an emphasis in business including real estate, insurance, and financial services. Currently, she is an independent subcontractor with the Social Security Administration. Mrs. Pararo has been a Talquin Member since 1992. She served the membership on the Talquin election committee for 12 years prior to her election to the Talquin Board of Trustees. Mrs. Pararo is a Credentialed Cooperative Director and holds a Board Leadership Certificate from the NRECA.



District 6 Jason O'Steen

Mr. O'Steen is the Trustee from District 6, southeast Leon County. A Tallahassee native, Mr. O'Steen graduated from Florida High and earned a bachelor's degree in business management from FSU. He later obtained his Juris Doctor degree from the Florida State University College of Law and currently works as a full-time civil mediator. Mr. O'Steen is married to Chasity and enjoys spending time with their two children, Jackson and Ava, on their small cattle farm just east of Tallahassee.



District 7 David Miller

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. Mr. Miller 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, a Doctor of Laws honor degree from Flagler College, and is a Credentialed Director with a Board Leadership Certification through the NRECA. Mr. Miller has been married to his wife, Dolores, for 48 years and is an active member of Crawfordville United Methodist Church. They have three children—Derek, Danielle, and Dylan—as well as three grandchildren.



District 8 Clifford Bristol

Dr. Bristol is the Trustee from District 8, which includes Liberty and western Wakulla counties. He is a resident of Bristol and a Board Leadership Credentialed Director through NRECA. He is a graduate of Clemson University, the University of Miami, and TMRMC Family Practice Residency. Dr. Bristol practiced medicine in Blountstown for 36 years before retiring in 2016. He currently serves as the Vice-President of Talquin Electric's Board of Trustees.



District 9 Sam Fenn

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.

Retirements



Billy Johnson

Talquin Electric appreciates the value Billy Johnson has added to our cooperative and the dedication he has demonstrated to help us achieve our reputation for excellence and service to our Members. Billy has worked in every area of our service territory and held many different roles at Talquin. Billy finished his career at Talquin as a Meter Technician II out of the Lake Jackson office. After 27 years of service, Billy is ready to move on to the next phase of his life. Billy will enjoy playing softball and golf, going fishing, and traveling with his wife. While we all wish Billy the best retirement, he will leave a void with his vast knowledge and experience. If you see Billy, congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement!



Gary Hadland

After over 40 years of service, Gary Hadland is retiring from Talquin Electric. Gary started his career at Talquin in 1980 and he has held many positions at Talquin including Inventory Clerk, Rodman, and Truck Driver III in the Right-of-Way department. Gary spent five years with Talquin's Right-of-Way department out of the Hosford office before his promotion to Crew Chief at the Bradfordville office, where he spent the next 26 years of his career. Gary's last role at Talquin was serving as a Line Technician. Gary has been a great asset to Talquin and he will be greatly missed. In his retirement, he is looking forward to spending time with his grandchildren and family. He also plans to do more fishing and spend some time relaxing on the beach. "I'll also have more time to complete all the things on my honey do list," Gary said. Best of luck in your retirement, Gary!



Michele Powell

After 40 years of serving Talquin's Membership, Michele Powell is retiring from Talquin. Michele has worked in Information Services handling crucial responsibilities with Talquin's billing system. Michele has seen many changes over the years and has always played an instrumental part in making transitions successful. Michele is looking forward to some much needed rest and relaxation and spending time with family. With her many years of dedication and service, she is going to be greatly missed. Congratulations Michele, you have earned it!



Stanley Cmiel

Stanley Cmiel spent his 20-year career at Talquin assuring that the water and wastewater infrastructure was built to the highest standard and would last well past his tenure. Prior to serving as Talquin's Water Services Inspector, Stanley spent 10 years at the City of Tallahassee and another 15 years with a private contractor building much of the current water and wastewater infrastructure we use today.

Stanley is looking forward to taking it easy in retirement, spending time with his two children and three grandchildren, and maybe getting back to fishing. Talquin will forever be grateful to Stanley for his dedication to quality control during the construction of our infrastructure, and the impact of his hard work will be realized for years to come. Thank you, Stanley!

Talquin Electric Awards Scholarships to Youth Tour Students

Twenty-four high school juniors from Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla Counties participated in the 2021 Talquin Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Each student who participated received a \$2,500 or \$500 scholarship for college or post-secondary education. Talquin selected students from its membership to participate in the Youth Tour based on academics, leadership, communication skills, and volunteer service in their schools and communities.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic led to the cancellation of the traditional Tallahassee Youth Tour, Talquin's leadership decided to host a scaled-down version of the Youth Tour at Talquin's facilities. In addition to visiting Talquin sites, such as a substation, water tower, and wastewater treatment facility, Talquin's student representatives met with State Senator Loranne Ausley and State Representative Jason Shoaf to discuss the issues affecting the students and educate the students about the importance of using their voice to shape our democracy.

From this outstanding group of leaders, Talquin selected six students to receive a \$2,500 scholarship to go towards college or post-secondary education. Talquin typically selects four delegates and two alternates to represent Talquin at the Washington D.C. Youth Tour in June, but the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) cancelled the event due to the pandemic. The following Talquin student representatives received \$2,500 scholarships: Aubrianna Jackson, North Florida Christian School; Carson Bentley, Liberty County High School; Giselle Rodriguez, Amos P. Godby High School; Jordan Bartlett, Florida Virtual School Flex; Leah Patel, Lawton Chiles High School; and Ryan Brown, Wakulla High School.



Pictured above, from left to right: Ryan Brown, Aubrianna Jackson, Jordan Bartlett, Giselle Rodriguez, Leah Patel, and Carson Bentley. Each student received a \$2,500 scholarship from Talquin Electric Cooperative to go towards college or post-secondary education.

Talquin would also like to congratulate the following \$500 scholarship recipients: Aliyah Clemons, Emily Clark, Hannah Todd, Kadence Marshall, and Margaret Driscoll-Sadusky, Wakulla Christian School; Allie Nutting, Brooke Roddenberry, Grace Cordell, and Victoria Dichio, Wakulla High School; Dillon Carter, Elijah Duckworth, Renee LaBarre, and Tyler Carver, Lawton Chiles High School; Ansley White, St. John Paul II Catholic High School; Jessica Sumner, Liberty County High School; Michael Francis, Amos P. Godby High School; and Talia Evans, Florida State University Schools.

Congratulations to each student who participated in the Talquin Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. These future leaders are truly amazing and are all great representatives of their schools, Talquin, and the state of Florida!

Balance Sheets**Assets**

Net Electric Plant (less Acc. Depreciation)	
Investments and Notes Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	
Materials and Supplies	
Other Current Assets	

2020**2019**

\$217,949,492	\$209,536,275
\$70,622,421	\$67,353,621
\$23,496,540	\$37,985,197
\$1,547,681	\$1,598,345
\$2,009,144	\$2,474,723

Total Assets**\$315,625,278****\$318,948,161****Equities and Liabilities****Equities**

Memberships
Patronage Capital
Other Equities

\$214,715
\$124,962,701
\$5,959,557

\$211,890
\$121,664,658
\$5,500,293

Total Equities**\$131,136,973****\$127,376,841****Liabilities**

Long Term Debt
Accounts Payable
Members' Deposits
Other Current Liabilities
Deferred Credits

\$140,737,101
\$6,229,245
\$3,563,752
\$32,747,192
\$1,211,015

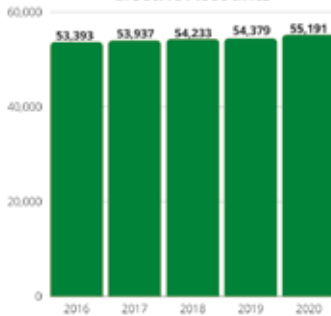
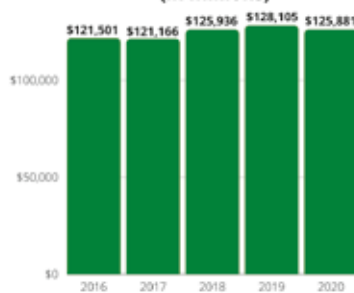
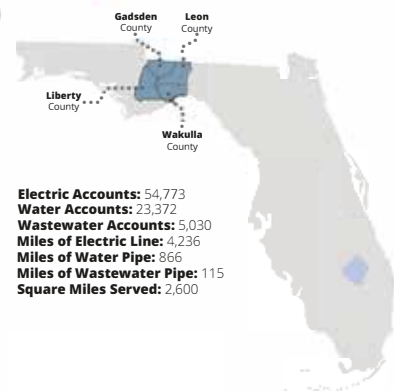
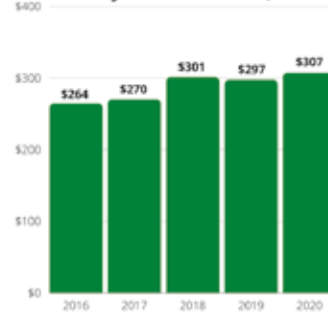
\$119,567,579
\$8,469,628
\$3,474,784
\$59,596,923
\$462,406

Total Liabilities**\$184,488,305****\$191,571,320****Total Equities and Liabilities****\$315,625,278****\$318,948,161****Statement of Revenue and Expenses****2020****2019****Revenue****\$125,880,701****\$128,105,496****Expenses**

Cost of Power
Operations, Maintenance and Admin.
Depreciation
Interest on Loans

\$73,372,634
\$34,838,774
\$8,964,033
\$4,697,307

\$75,787,165
\$35,249,924
\$8,676,890
\$4,688,463

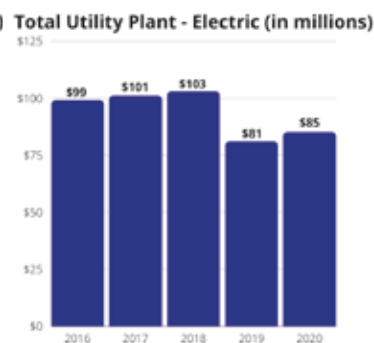
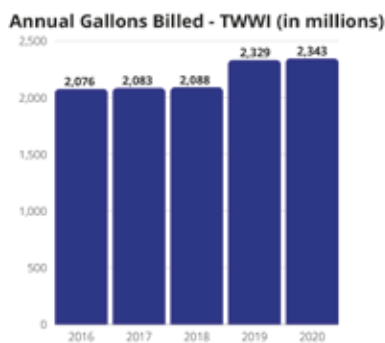
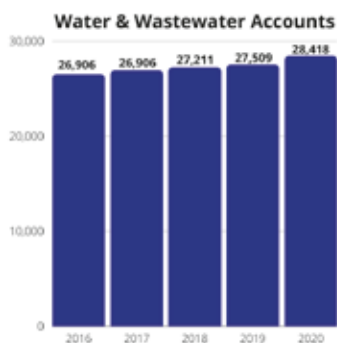
Total Expenses**\$121,872,748****\$124,402,442****Operating Margins (Revenue minus Expenses)****\$4,007,953****\$3,703,054****Non-Operating Margins****\$1,387,243****\$2,916,346****Other Capital Credits****\$1,611,426****\$1,219,413****Total Margins****\$7,006,622****\$7,838,813****Electric Accounts****Total Operating Revenue - Electric (in millions)****Total Utility Plant - Electric (in millions)**

Balance Sheets

	2020	2019
Assets		
Net Water/WW Plant (less Acc. Depreciation)	\$66,541,543	\$64,951,054
Investments and Notes Receivable	(\$6,785,176)	(\$4,137,270)
Accounts Receivable	\$2,154,724	\$1,464,012
Materials and Supplies	\$334,117	\$370,420
Other Current Assets	\$149,024	\$184,464
Total Assets	\$62,394,232	\$62,832,680
Equities and Liabilities		
Equities		
Memberships	\$1,735	\$1,640
Patronage Capital	(\$527,135)	(\$1,678,995)
Other Equities	\$25,570,199	\$25,597,669
Total Equities	\$25,044,799	\$23,920,314
Liabilities		
Long Term Debt	\$31,962,968	\$34,457,681
Accounts Payable	\$252,926	\$279,381
Members' Deposits	\$306,844	\$294,885
Other Current Liabilities	\$3,003,970	\$3,214,419
Deferred Credits	\$1,822,725	\$666,000
Total Liabilities	\$37,349,433	\$38,912,366
Total Equities and Liabilities	\$62,394,232	\$62,832,680

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

	2020	2019
Revenue	\$13,184,331	\$12,694,718
Expenses		
Cost of Power for Pumping	\$814,823	\$811,744
Operations, Maintenance and Admin.	\$7,768,289	\$7,122,941
Depreciation	\$1,795,314	\$2,129,949
Interest on Loans	\$1,955,130	\$2,028,651
Total Expenses	\$12,333,556	\$12,093,285
Operating Margins (Revenue minus Expenses)	\$850,775	\$601,433
Non-Operating Margins	\$210,672	\$10,425
Other Capital Credits	\$373,199	\$312,120
Total Margins	\$1,434,646	\$923,978



In Memory of Sharon Bentley (1946-2021)

It is with tremendous sadness that we share the news of Sharon Bentley's passing. Sharon began working at Talquin in 1967, and as most of us know, when you work with someone over an extended period, co-workers become family. Sharon was no exception, and she was a beloved member of the Talquin Electric family. Each and every one of her 19,710 days as a Talquin employee was spent in Dispatch, and Sharon was truly a part of the backbone of Talquin. Sharon was known for working the overnight and weekend shifts, and she weathered many storms during her time at Talquin. Sharon even retired in 2008, but soon returned to Talquin's Dispatch! Her quick wit, laugh, and knowledge will be greatly missed by the many lives she touched during her 54 years with Talquin.



54 YEARS OF SERVICE
19,710 Days
Countless storms
Unforgettable friendships
Everlasting memories
One amazing legacy



Congratulations
to our graduates, Matt Lanier and Garrett
Dunham, on completing the Lineman
Apprenticeship Program!



TRADING POST

MISCELLANEOUS

Misc.: Radio Shack weather radio, \$10; Minn Kota 35 portable trolling motor, \$150; Smoothie maker, unused, \$20; sealed box, 20 piece porcelain dinner set, \$15; 10 pcs, 4 in. x 20 ft. PVC pipes, \$450; Sony Walkman, 24 presets, \$30; Synergy Wheel chair cushion, 18"x19", \$20. CAN MEET IN PUBLIC PLACE (850) 567-6176

Misc.: Looking for forever, perfect match, loving homes for several amazing cats with delightful personalities. Also seeking a country setting for a wonderful family of 4 cats, the owner has health problems, he needs a good home for them. 850-879-5509

Misc.: Mantis tiller with kickstand, like new \$295; Triple dresser with mirror, \$395; matching queen/double headboard, \$75. Bat house, new, \$15. 850-877-5939

Stove: Vermont Castings Intrepid-II Wood Stove Model #1990. Main body intact. \$280 includes double walled stovepipe plus pipe cleaning kit. You pick up. 850-443-2758.

Vintage Soda Bottles: Approximately 150 vintage soda bottles including Coke, Pepsi, 7up, and many unique bottles. Plus one wooden soda crate, \$150.00. 850-321-2663

Misc.: Used white 30-gallon closed head polyethylene barrels for sale: \$20 each, two for \$35, or four for \$65. 850-443-2907

Rifle: Bushmaster M175 semi-automatic rifle .223 caliber with scope, Bushmaster magazine, and ammo. \$900 cash. Call 850-926-4814

Cats: Free barn cats, healthy, sterilized, and vaccinated. 850-756-9776 or barncats850@yahoo.com

China Set: 48 piece set Heritage Hall English ironstone dinnerware. Includes gravy boat, sugar bowl, creamer container, serving platter, etc.

Hand decorated w/ homes of various sections of our nation. Like new. Dishwasher safe. \$300. 850-668-1871

Garage Sale Items: Cherry China cabinet, antique dishes, microwave stand, receiving hitch, towing mirrors, antique lamps, cast iron sinks, electric tools, Ty Beanie Babies. 850-575-6013

Misc.: PPG Manor Hall Flat acrylic latex interior beige paint, 17 gallons, new condition, asking \$250 paid \$500 in September 2020. Call 850-668-9015

Painting: Artist's proof Karl Zerbe Painting. He was a former art professor at Florida State University in the 1970s. Framed picture is 36x23. This painting is from his bird series collection. Price is negotiable. 850-562-1008

Misc.: Pure copper rain chain 6.2 ft in length. Includes cross bar hanger for easy installation. \$15.00. 850-222-5985

Music Center: Innovative Technology Music Center. AM/FM radio, CD player/recorder, cassette, phonograph. Includes remote, 35 recorded CDs, 3 new needles. Like new. \$60 firm. 850-567-5203

Massage Table: Oakworks Hydraulic Massage Table: foot pedal, bolster and head rest. Excellent condition. \$900. 850-320-2765

Cemetery Plots: Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Chattahoochee, FL; Montford and Holloway Drive, 2, \$1200 each; 4 or more \$950 each. Lots of perpetual maintenance. 850-933-7815 leave message, text, or email CCorbett@leonarc.com

Misc.: V.C. Andrews Books, \$1/each; Long leather coat w/ fur collar, \$100; 2 pc. suit, size 8, \$5; 2 pc. long skirt w/ top, size 10, \$5; white gown and jacket w/feathers, size 8, \$10. Call 850-878-5081

Marine/Boats: Mohawk Canoe 12 ft. Fiberglass. Trade for Jon Boat and or just trailer. 850-875-1467 after 5:00 pm

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**

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FURNITURE

Daybed: White metal frame. \$75.00 and a membership with Bluegreen Resorts. Call 850-875-2627

Tables: Two wood end tables with glass tops, \$60 for both. Good condition; two table lamps, \$25 for both. 850-294-6897

Dresser/Nightstands: Four drawer Dresser, average condition, real dark wood. Approximately 30" across, 38" down; two nightstands, can be used in living room too, real oak wood, one drawer/table, in average condition. Call 850-756-5770, leave voicemail.

REAL ESTATE

Farmland: Twenty acres available in the Chaires area. Acreage can be used for sod, hay, trees, crops, or bee farming. Length and rent negotiable. 850-727-4701

TOOLS

Lawn Mower: 2016 Troy-Built Riding Lawn Mower. 42" base. Cracked engine block. Great deal for someone who is able to repair motors. \$200 or best offer. 850-345-6491

Trailer: For sale all steel box trailer single axle 5 ft. x 10 ft., sides 18 inches, some rust, good tires \$225. 850-519-3789

Gardening Equipment: One Rowe planter/fertilizer/distributor combined, good condition, standard three-point hitch connection; other gardening equipment. 850-627-1353

LOOKING FOR

Misc.: Used Toyota pick-up truck in good condition. Small

pick-up truck in good condition. Older Hoover upright vacuum and tank vacuum. Full size to larger refrigerator in Gadsden County. In good condition 1 TON EXTENDED/PASSENGER or CARGO VAN - older model. Used home/land security/lighting equipment. Please call 850-879-5509.

Lost dogs: 2 lost dogs Wetumpka/Quincy area. 1) Anatolian Shepherd, friendly, tan with black muzzle. 2) Lab/pit mix shy, brindle brown. Both spayed females. 850-228-4567

Sunbeam Stand Mixer: model #2345, #2346, or #2347. Please call and leave message. 850-878-7336

AUTO

1930 Ford Model A: Full frame off restoration in 2007 including engine rebuild. Needs a valve job but otherwise in very good condition. Will include 2 new powder coated rims and car cover. \$14,000. Email Kbaumgarder@comcast.net for photos or more information or call 850-766-4075

Honda Odyssey: 8-seat Honda Odyssey EX. Excellent Condition. <115,000 miles. Recent water pump and timing belt. Enhanced Transmission Cooler. No accidents/smokers. Minor body blemishes. Call 917-847-4981. \$11,500.

Motorcycle: 2005 Harley Davidson Road Glide Custom motorcycle; LED headlights, mustang seat, skull motif; 25k miles, \$6999. Also available Custom Corbin motorcycle seat for Honda ST1100 for \$300. 850-997-0473

VW Passat Wagon: 2003 VW Passat Wagon. 5spd. Needs work. \$650 OBO. 850-878-8425

RV: 2014 RV Discovery by Fleetwood. 18,000 miles, 40X, 3 slides, diesel, backup cameras, and more! Must see! 850-877-1003

Dodge Neon Sport: 1999 Dodge Neon Sport, 126,000, never wrecked, no rust, new tires, radiator, booster, tight motor/trans. No leaks, 33 MPG, \$1600. 850-875-1467

RV: 19' Dutchmen Coleman, sleeps up to 6, AC, heat, microwave, stove w/oven, fridge, tub/shower, battery, propane tanks w/coversings, new tires. 850-868-1655

Motorcycle: 1998 Kawasaki, 1500 Vulcan Classic, JKBVNaE 1, \$3500; 850-575-6013

RV: 2017 Forest River Vengeance 39ft. Toy Hawker. Kitchen, LR, Bedroom, Bath, 13 ft. Garage and 2 slides. Asking \$42k. Call 850-519-2624

SERVICES

Groomer: Nationally Certified Master Groomer servicing Leon/Gadsden Counties. Full-service van handling dogs under 40 lbs. CanineStylesTally.com or FB @ Canine Styles by Karen.

Cleaning: Mother/Daughter home and commercial cleaning team. Fully insured. Plenty of references. We use green clean products on request and have our own supplies. We just need YOU! Call Rhonda 850-443-8414. Look forward to hearing from you!

Caregiver: Compassionate, patient, Christian caregiver available. Many years' experience, personal care, meds, meals, laundry, light housekeeping, pet care. CPR certified. Reliable. Excellent references. Reasonable rates. 850-575-8906

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

A dirty filter causes your air conditioner to work harder than necessary. Remember to change your air filter every month (or every two months) to prevent dust buildup, which can lead to even bigger problems.

Source: www.energy.gov



Get smart about electrical safety. May is National Electrical Safety Month.



Avoid an electrical fire by making sure that all appliances are in good working order and no wires are frayed. Do not overload electrical outlets either. In fact, a smart practice is to unplug small appliances, like toasters, when not in use.

Fresh Spring Salad Recipes!

French Potato Salad

Recipes from Feasting At Home
<https://www.feastingathome.com/>

Ingredients:

2 pounds fresh potatoes, sliced
 ¼-inch thick (little, thin-skinned
 potatoes work best here)
 2 tablespoons of sea salt
 2 large garlic cloves



Dijon Vinaigrette:

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 ¼ cup champagne vinegar or
 white wine vinegar
 ⅓ cup olive oil
 ¼ teaspoon black pepper

Fresh Herbs:

¼ cup fresh flat-leaf parsley,
 roughly chopped
 2 tablespoons fresh tarragon,
 roughly chopped (or sub ¼
 cup dill or basil ribbons)
 2 tablespoons fresh chives (or
 sub green onions), minced

Instructions:

- Boil the Potatoes:** Place the sliced potatoes in a large saucepan cover completely with cold water. Sprinkle in salt and bring to a boil. Add the 2 cloves of garlic, reduce heat, and simmer 5 minutes or until potatoes are just tender.
- Make the Vinaigrette:** While potatoes are simmering, make the vinaigrette by whisking together Dijon, oil, vinegar, and pepper in a small bowl. Set aside.
- Assemble:** Drain potatoes and garlic. Place potatoes in a mostly single layer on a baking sheet to cool. Mince the cooked garlic and add to the vinaigrette. Drizzle the vinaigrette evenly over the warm potatoes. Let sit at room temperature for about 10-15 minutes.
- Serve:** Add to a serving bowl gently tossing with the chopped fresh herbs. Serve at room temperature or refrigerate and chill.

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.

Carrot Salad with Quinoa and Almonds

Ingredients:

1 cup quinoa, uncooked
 1 ½ cups water, pinch salt
 3 cups carrots, grated or matchstick
 (about 8 ounces)
 1-2 cups celery, sliced
 3 scallions, sliced at a diagonal
 1 bunch cilantro, chopped (tender
 stems ok) or sub Italian parsley
 1 clove garlic, finely minced
 ½ cup chopped almonds, toasted
 ½ teaspoon cayenne or Aleppo chili flakes (optional)
 ½ teaspoon allspice, optional
 Salt, apple cider vinegar and pepper to taste



Raw Apple Cider Vinaigrette:

¼ cup raw apple cider vinegar (with the “mother” in it)
 ¼ cup olive oil
 1 ½ – 2 tablespoons raw honey (or maple syrup)
 ¼ – ½ teaspoon salt
 ¼ – ½ teaspoon pepper

Instructions:

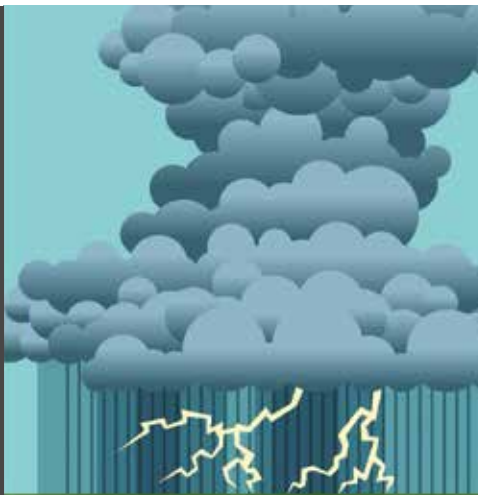
- Place 1 cup quinoa in a medium pot with 1 and ½ cups water and a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil, cover, simmer on low heat 12 minutes (or until water is gone). Turn heat off, let stand 5 minutes, then let cool uncovered.
- While the quinoa is cooking, make the raw apple cider vinaigrette. Place all ingredients in a small bowl and whisk, or in a small jar, sealed with a lid and shaken.
- Place carrots, celery, scallions, cilantro, garlic, and almonds in a large bowl. Toss with the vinaigrette and the cooled quinoa. Add more salt, pepper, and vinegar to taste. Sprinkle in the cayenne and optional allspice.
- Toss well and serve or refrigerate until serving.

National Lightning Safety Awareness Week June 21-25, 2021

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.

#StormSafety



Fort Braden Backwoods 5K

The Fort Braden Community is excited to host our first ever Backwoods 5K and One-Mile Family Fun Trail Run or Walk event in partnership with Pittman Roofing. Get ready to enjoy the outdoors, family, friends and some dirt!

You don't have to go far to participate! The race is free to participate and will be held in our community off West Joe Thomas Road, two miles to Forest Road 360 and 301. *Race contingent on National Forest permitting, tbd*

Location: West Joe Thomas Road, at Forest Road 360 & 301 Tallahassee, FL 32310

Date: Saturday, May 22

Time: 7AM Registration, 8AM One-Mile Fun Run, 8:30AM 5K

Registration: <https://fbcbbackwoods5k.eventbrite.com>



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HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Talquin offices will be closed on
Monday, May 31, in observance of
Memorial Day.
We will reopen on Tuesday, June 1.

Talquin offices will be closed on
Monday, July 5, in observance of
Independence Day.
We will reopen on Tuesday, July 6.

2021 Annual Meeting Results

Election Results

District 1 – Billy VanLandingham
(incumbent)

District 4 – Gregory Winter

District 7 – David Miller
(incumbent)

Grand Prize Winners

Church of Jesus Christ (Quincy)

Darlene M. Jennings

Nolan A. Posey

Robert B. Ferrell

Dolphus F. Banks

David F. Harvey

Johnny Capps

MAKE A HURRICANE PLAN.



[READY.GOV/HURRICANES](https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes)

Storm Season - Are You Prepared?

Although our July/August issue of The Current is our storm edition, we want to remind Members that the 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season begins on June 1. The 2021 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!

Hurricane Preparedness Week is May 9-15, 2021. Make a plan, prepare an emergency kit, and prepare your home!