

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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**THE CURRENT**  
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The TECI and TWWI Board regularly schedule their workshops on the 1st Monday of each month and meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Headquarters' Office in Quincy, FL at 6:30 pm.

Notice of any changes will be listed on the website.

## Powerful Connections

Electric cooperatives have a broad financial impact on the United States, directly or indirectly supporting nearly 612,000 jobs each year and contributing hundreds of billions of dollars to the economy over a five-year period, according to a new analysis. Between 2013 and 2017, co-ops employed an average of 67,800 people a year, hired about 100,600 contractors, and by extension helped provide jobs for about 170,300 people who supplied equipment and services, the report states. Another 273,100 jobs were supported through consumer spending by co-op employees, contractors and suppliers.



Carrie Durden  
Board President



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General Manager

"This report quantifies what many rural American families and businesses know well—electric cooperatives are powerful engines of economic development in their local communities," said National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) CEO Jim Matheson. "Affordable and reliable electricity is a key ingredient for a successful economy. Because electric cooperatives were built by, belong to, and are rooted in the communities that they serve, they play a vibrant role as economic cornerstones for millions of American families, businesses and workers."

The study, "The Economic Impact of America's Electric Cooperatives," was commissioned by the NRECA and the National Cooperative Services Corporation, an affiliate of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) and conducted by FTI Consulting Inc. The study utilized data from generation and transmission cooperatives as well as distribution co-ops.

The analysis found that from 2013 to 2017, co-ops contributed \$440 billion to the gross domestic product (GDP), \$881 billion to U.S. sales output and \$200 billion to the nation's labor income. In addition, people employed directly and indirectly by co-ops paid more than \$52 billion in federal taxes and nearly \$60 billion in state and local taxes over the five-year period, the analysis estimates. Electric co-op spending during the study period totaled nearly \$360 billion. Most—nearly \$274 billion—went toward operations, administrative costs, and fuel for power plants. Some \$60 billion was spent on capital investments, and more than \$20 billion on maintenance.

For decades, America's electric cooperatives have played a vital role in the U.S. economy, the report notes. "Electric co-ops...are locally-engaged in their communities, driving economic activity and fostering development." Co-ops that brought electricity to rural areas for the first time in the 1930s are now bringing solar energy and other utilities to their Members - much like in the 1960's when Talquin purchased a water system and built a waste-water treatment plant. With everything we have going on today impacting the community, Talquin is as relevant to our Members' quality of life as it was 79 years ago when we lit the first light bulb.

In 2009, Talquin created the Talquin Assistance Program (TAP), where Members can choose to round up their accounts to the nearest dollar on their monthly bill. Since then, Members have donated over \$134,000 to assist other Talquin Members who cannot pay their utility bill due to job loss, illness, or other crisis circumstances.

The economic impact Talquin and our rural cooperatives have on rural America is unquestionable. Our tools may expand to include other essential services, but our mission of community success has never wavered.

#### 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

# Talquin Board of Trustees



*Pictured from left to right: Joseph Alexander, Doug Bruce, Carla Pararo, David Wright, Sam Fenn, Billy VanLandingham, Carrie Durden, Clifford Bristol, and David Miller.*

## District 1 Billy VanLandingham

Mr. VanLandingham is the Trustee from District 1, southern Gadsden County. He is Vice-President/Agency Executive with McGriff Insurance Services in Tallahassee. He is a lifelong resident of the Juniper community and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Finance from FSU. Mr. VanLandingham is a Credentialed Director through NRECA.

## 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, Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Alexander is the Trustee from District 3, central Gadsden County. Prior to his retirement, he served the State of Florida, 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 and 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 4 Carrie Durden, President

Mrs. Durden is the Trustee from District 4, eastern Gadsden County and the Lake Jackson area of Leon County. Mrs. Durden holds a Master's degree from FSU and a C.L.U. (chartered life underwriter) designation. Her work on behalf of rural electric on the national level includes serving on the NRECA 21st Century Committee and earning the Credentialed Director and Board Leadership certificates. She currently serves as President of the Talquin Board of Trustees and is one of TEC's representatives on the Seminole Electric G&T Board of Trustees.

## 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 Director through the NRECA.

## District 6 Doug Bruce

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 is a graduate of FSU. He also is an alternate on the Florida Electric Cooperatives Association Board.

## District 7 David Miller

Mr. Miller is the Trustee from District 7, eastern Wakulla County. Mr. Miller, lifelong resident and third-generation Wakulla County educator, dedicated 39 years to the Wakulla County school system – 17 of which was serving as Superintendent of Schools. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from FSU, Master's degree from FAMU, and Doctor of Laws honor degree from Flagler. Through the NRECA, he holds a Board Leadership Certificate, is a Credentialed Director, and holds Director Gold Status. Miller has been married to his wife Dolores for 46 years and is an active member of Crawfordville United Methodist Church. They have three children, Derek, Danielle, and Dylan, as well as five grandchildren.

## District 8 Clifford Bristol, Vice President

Dr. Bristol is the Trustee from District 8, which includes Liberty and western Wakulla counties. He is a resident of Bristol and is 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.

Talquin Electric would like to extend congratulations to the successful candidates of the recent Board election:

District 2: David Wright

District 5: Carla Pararo

District 8: Clifford Bristol

# TECI System Financial Reports

<b>Balance Sheets</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Net Electric Plant (less Acc. Depreciation)	\$218,975,094	\$193,384,022
Investments and Notes Receivable	\$61,166,378	\$64,235,373
Accounts Receivable	\$14,895,283	\$16,115,885
Materials and Supplies	\$2,243,577	\$1,241,603
Other Current Assets	\$2,680,238	\$2,987,861
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$299,960,570</b>	<b>\$277,964,744</b>
<b>Equities and Liabilities</b>		
<b>Equities</b>		
Memberships	\$211,225	\$210,645
Patronage Capital	\$117,287,851	\$114,650,103
Other Equities	\$5,374,821	\$4,526,428
<b>Total Equities</b>	<b>\$122,873,897</b>	<b>\$119,387,176</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Long Term Debt	\$116,423,671	\$113,331,827
Accounts Payable	\$12,614,138	\$10,185,439
Members' Deposits	\$3,492,551	\$3,525,898
Other Current Liabilities	\$41,824,236	\$30,872,640
Deferred Credits	\$2,732,077	\$661,764
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$177,086,673</b>	<b>\$158,577,568</b>
<b>Total Equities and Liabilities</b>	<b>\$299,960,570</b>	<b>\$277,964,744</b>
<b>Statement of Revenue and Expenses</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$125,936,025</b>	<b>\$121,165,851</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Cost of Power	\$78,294,385	\$75,043,367
Operations, Maintenance and Admin.	\$30,934,023	\$31,036,544
Depreciation	\$8,558,168	\$8,434,833
Interest on Loans	\$4,758,020	\$4,740,499
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$122,544,596</b>	<b>\$119,255,243</b>
Operating Margins (Revenue minus Expenses)	\$3,391,429	\$1,910,608
Non-Operating Margins	\$1,442,733	\$4,485,540
Other Capital Credits	\$1,217,611	\$1,254,266
<b>Total Margins</b>	<b>\$6,051,773</b>	<b>\$7,650,414</b>

**Did You  
Know?**

Direct & Indirect Jobs

**303**

Miles of Line

Electric: **4,234**

Water & Wastewater: **818**

Property Taxes Paid  
in 2018

**\$1.8** million

# TWWI System Financial Reports

<b>Balance Sheets</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Net Water/WW Plant (less Acc. Depreciation)	\$63,549,763	\$62,351,016
Investments and Notes Receivable	(\$1,378,981)	(\$6,499,832)
Accounts Receivable	\$1,142,461	\$1,278,669
Materials and Supplies	\$388,610	\$441,089
Other Current Assets	\$464,253	\$352,368
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$64,166,106</b>	<b>\$57,923,310</b>
<b>Equities and Liabilities</b>		
<b>Equities</b>		
Memberships	\$1,615	\$1,600
Patronage Capital	(\$2,319,899)	(\$2,628,486)
Other Equities	\$25,581,076	\$25,424,349
<b>Total Equities</b>	<b>\$23,262,792</b>	<b>\$22,797,463</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Long Term Debt	\$36,962,170	\$32,127,601
Accounts Payable	\$287,533	\$281,792
Members' Deposits	\$289,737	\$280,630
Other Current Liabilities	\$3,363,874	\$2,435,824
Deferred Credits	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$40,903,314</b>	<b>\$35,125,847</b>
<b>Total Equities and Liabilities</b>	<b>\$64,166,106</b>	<b>\$57,923,310</b>
<b>Statement of Revenue and Expenses</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$12,097,894</b>	<b>\$11,938,271</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Cost of Power for Pumping	\$770,020	\$762,450
Operations, Maintenance and Admin.	\$6,881,705	\$6,838,575
Depreciation	\$2,415,589	\$2,319,034
Interest on Loans	\$1,906,173	\$1,777,721
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,973,487</b>	<b>\$11,697,780</b>
Operating Margins (Revenue minus Expenses)	\$124,407	\$240,491
Non-Operating Margins	\$50,622	(\$116)
Other Capital Credits	\$334,961	\$281,423
<b>Total Margins</b>	<b>\$509,990</b>	<b>\$521,798</b>

# of Meters  
**Electric: 54,046**  
**Water: 22,304**

Square Miles  
 Served  
**2,600**

# of Calls Answered  
 in 2018  
**150,624**

# of Social Media  
 Engagements  
**2 million**



# Watts Happening

## Leon County Senior Outreach:

Leon County Senior Outreach: Explore "Lunch and Learn" to stay connected. No reservations needed to join the fun. Each event is from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM and features a delicious catered lunch for \$6 per plate. Call 850-891-4065 for more information.

- Miccosukee Community Center – June 6 & August 1
- Bradfordville (Wildwood Presbyterian Fellowship Hall) – June 12 & August 14
- Woodville Community Center – June 13 & August 8
- Fort Braden Community Center – May 21 & June 18
- Lake Jackson Community Center – May 16, June 20, & August 15
- Chaires Community Center – May 28 & June 25

## Children's Business Fair – Tallahassee Museum:

**Saturday, May 18 (8:30 AM - 11:30 AM)**

**Tallahassee Museum (3945 Museum Dr. – Tallahassee, FL)**

Observe the opportunity for children to launch their very own startup business! Kids ages 6-14 develop a brand, create a product or service, build a marketing strategy, and then open for customers at our one-day marketplace. There will be no entrance fee to the Museum during the hours of the event, so this will be truly FREE to attend by all. Be sure to invite friends and family to see your child's business in action! Kids get to keep 100% of the money they make from their sales! Last year, most kids walked away with over \$100! Something new this year... we want to promote the importance of giving back to the local community. Each child will be encouraged to choose a local charity to donate their choice of percentage of proceeds to. This event is hosted and sponsored by Fun4TallyKids.com, an online resource for families looking for things to do with and for their kids in the Tallahassee area.

## Florida Folk Festival

**Friday, May 24-26 (9:00 AM - 11:00 PM)**

**Stephen Forster Folk Culture Center State Park**

**11016 Lillian Saunders Dr/US HWY 41 – White Springs, FL**

With the best of Florida's music, arts and culture there is something for everyone! You are sure to hear plenty of wonderful music, enjoy delicious food, join a jam session, take a workshop, do a little shopping, and pay tribute to Florida's land, people and diverse cultural heritage. Visit FloridaFolkFestival.com for more information.

## Shade Tobacco Museum:

**Open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays (Free admission, donations appreciated)**

**204 Second St NW – Havana, FL**

If you did not make it out to see the Smithsonian exhibit Crossroads: Change in Rural America, you can still make it to the museum to see exhibits created by local institutions – May Nursery, IFAS, and Talquin Electric Cooperative (yes we have our own exhibit!!!). Stop on by, check it out, and learn a little history about our community.

## Country-Black Tie Bingo:

**Saturday, June 22 (6:00 PM - 9:00 PM)**

**Wakulla County Community Center**

**318 Shadeville Road – Crawfordville**

Come out and play America's favorite game, BINGO!

This will be a night to remember! Everyone is encouraged to come dressed in your best Country or Black Tie attire. There will be a CASH BAR and live entertainment from The Wakulla Line Dancers! Get your tickets while you can (Wakullarotary.eventbrite.com). All money raised will go towards scholarships for area youth! Sponsored by Rotary Club of Wakulla.

## TRADING POST

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Smooth Fitness CE 3.2

**Elliptical Trainer.** Excellent shape, very sturdy. Must disassemble some to remove from bedroom. \$500. 926-9040

**F1 Goldendoodle** puppies \$1,100. 576-2701

**Honey Do List Guy:** I have over 20 years of experience doing home improvement work. I work all trades - carpentry, electrical, plumbing, painting and so much more. You simple make your "to do list" and I can "get er done" for you. Just call or text 933-1105

**Inspirational Bookmarks and Books:** They are available for purchasing, so please feel free to contact 893-0558.

**MISC ITEMS:** Leather Coat w/ Fur Collar – pd \$1,800 – sale \$200, beautiful must see; Dresses SM & MED - \$5 ea, perfect condition; Skirt \$1; Daniel Steel Books - \$1 ea. 878-5081

**Epiphone Hummingbird Acoustic Guitar** includes case, cables, stand, strap & electronic tuner, like new \$325. 570-6677

**Mother/Daughter residential cleaning.** We've been in business for 13 yrs. Excellent references. We clean your way. 443-8414

**2 Car Seats.** (1) Rear/ Forward facing. 5 to 40 lbs. Brown camouflage \$35. (2) 22 to 40 lbs. Brown with multi-stripes \$30. 539-5641

**2 Burial Plots** in Tallahassee Memory Gardens, Last Supper section. Valued at \$1,600 ea, asking \$2,000 for both. Email CathiFSU@aol.

## 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**
- **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

com or call 591-3930

**Big Green Egg:** Medium, 15" grid, has stand with wheels \$400; Home Gym, by Tuff Stuff, CFM 490: Weight stack 200lbs, 10lb increments Excellent Cond. \$400. 570-4415

**Handy Man:** 25+yrs exp., Carpentry, flooring, painting, much more. 566-5318

**Housecleaning Services**

with 20 years' experience, excellent references. Dependable. 321-4181 for a free estimate.

**Armadillo traps.** Humane, 2 - door. Pressure treated wood construction. Pre-scented. No bait or funneling required. \$70. 383-6380. Keep, pass along this ad

**Wedding Items:** cake stands & toppers, lighted rose garlands, wedding set and

more; **Southern Bell Dresses:** size 14/16, 1 Gone with the Wind all white w/ ruffles, 1 white jacket and skirt w/ black trim, black lace around bottom of skirt, also have different color skirts. 442-4159

**Guns:** M-1 Garand #5878290 circa 1959; Winchester model 94 #1876124, 1952, collector interest; Winchester model 12, 12 ga, 1954, #1605671, w/cuts compensator; Remington 12 ga, automatic

#153101 Browning Patent.  
Tallahassee. 765-7566

**Garage Sale Items:** antique dishes, microwave stand, receiving hitch, towing mirrors, full sz metal bed frame, antique lamps, kitchen cast iron sinks, electric tools, Ty Beanie Babies. 575-6013

**48 pc set Heritage Hall English Ironstone Dinnerware.** Includes gray boat, sugar, creamer, serving platter. Hand decorated w/ homes of various section of our nation. Like new. Dishwasher safe. \$300. 668-1871

**4 Cemetery Plots:** Abbey Memory Gardens & Funeral Home, Garden of the Apostles, lot #2 spaces 1-2-3-4. \$1,150 ea or \$4,000 for all 4. 421-1792 or pfhendrick@yahoo.com

**Singer 401A Sewing Machine** in table w/ sitting stool that holds fixtures, sewing, etc. \$250; **Gold Silverware** \$300. 562-9720/510-4507

**Family Yard Sale:** Saturday, June 1 from 8 AM-2 PM at

92 Tommy Trail, Quincy off 267 & Sadberry Rd south of Wetumpka Volunteer Fire Dept. Look for yard sale signs. 694-8835

**Artic King 5.2 cubic ft chest freezer**, black \$100; **Frigidaire 3.1 cubic ft compact fridge**, silver & gray \$35. 584-5653

**36" Round solid oak table** and two chairs. \$50. 843-495-7527

**Loving, Experienced Female Caregiver:** seeking full/part-time position, reliable transportation, dependable, w/ glowing references. Background check. Pet lover and non-smoker. 878-2870/728-2600

**Cemetery Plots:** Culley's Meadowood on Timberlane. Plots are located in Garden of Memories 266d 5&6, 2 plots together are valued at \$11,290. Asking \$7,000 for both. 519-5716

### AUTOMOTIVE

**1977 T-top Corvette**, fully restored mechanically. \$5,500. 656-1640

**2006 Lincoln Town Car** – Cream color, Good condition, 102k miles, \$5,000 firm, Serious Inquiries only. Text only 803-528-1795

**2006 Chevrolet Uplander:** Maroon, Good Condition, Air Conditioning, FM/AM Radio CD Play, Leather Seats, Second Row Captain's Chairs - \$3,500. 766-5858

**1963 Beautiful Red Ranchero** \$12,000; **2015 Honda 150 Scooter**, barely used \$2,500. Both garaged kept and maintained. 562-3472

**5ft. x 8ft. trailer.** Asking \$400. 933-0067

**Warn 12 volt Winch:** 9,000 lb cap. w/ remote control. Excellent cond. \$285. 510-1405

### REAL ESTATE

**1999 Triple-wide manufactured home** on 4.83 acres. Gadsden County near Midway, FL. 273-2684

**Lake Talquin Vacation Home!** Create lake memories and enjoy the beauty at "Remember

When"! Clean and updated! Info and rates at [www.VRBO.com/765447](http://www.VRBO.com/765447)

**76 acres in Madison County for sale.** Hunting, fishing or home site. Already has electric, well and septic. Highway and lake frontage. \$215,000. 656-7348

**2 sets of mobile home steps for sale.** Measuring 32.25 inches from ground to top step. Double handrails on one set and right side handrails on the other set. Asking \$100 per set. 510-7563

### FARM/GARDEN

**Pea Sheller** – good condition \$150. 539-6553

**Young Donkeys** to good homes, ages 5 months to 4 yrs. 442-6986

### MARINE

**22' Hurricane FunDeck Boat** Good Condition \$15,000, with 135 Mercury and Trailer. Garage kept and maintained. 562-3472

**20' Pontoon**, 50 hp motor and trailer as is \$2,000; 14'

Alum Boat, motor and trailer \$800 OBO. 545-0454

**Shoreline erosion stoppage mesh** 6'wide x 80' long. Flexible underlayment for shoreline buildup to control erosion. Pail \$100 new, never used, will sell for \$50 cash (firm). 627-7003

**Water Quest 3 seat canoe.** Good condition. Asking \$400. 933-4758

### FREE

**Free Barn Cats:** healthy, vaccinated, sterile, all ages, semi-feral, will setup in cage to acclimate, get as many as you need. 470-303-1507

Coming  
June 1

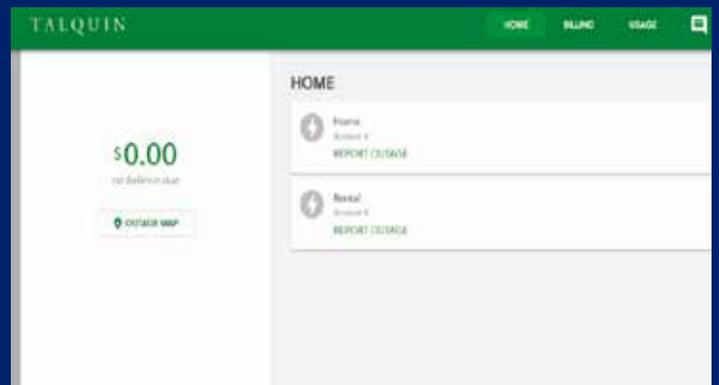


## NEW and IMPROVED Portal



**June 1** – Talquin will launch its new online account portal, [my.talquinelectric.com](http://my.talquinelectric.com), which will replace the current site at [billing.talquinelectric.com](http://billing.talquinelectric.com). Starting June 1, Members currently using the old site will have until August 30 to create a login for the new portal. If you are already using the Talquin mobile app, the same login credentials can be used for the new portal, [my.talquinelectric.com](http://my.talquinelectric.com). We will disable [billing.talquinelectric.com](http://billing.talquinelectric.com) effective August 31.

If you have any questions, please reach out to any of our Member Service Representatives at 850-627-7651 or visit us at any Talquin Member Service office.



## Storm Season – Are You Prepared?

With our new bi-monthly layout, the July/August edition of The Current will be our new “Storm Edition” each year. However, with the 2019 Hurricane season starting on June 1, we want to go ahead and remind you that NOW is the time to prepare. Though researchers are expecting a slightly less active season, Hurricane Michael has taught our area how fast some of these storms can form.

### National Lightning Safety Awareness Week June 23-29

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 due to population density and the time spent outdoors.

### National Electrical Safety Month

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and the theme for 2019 is “Electrical Safety During National Disasters”.

Before starting any project, be alert of where the power lines are located, and know where they are hanging. Whether you’re working on the roof, trimming trees, or repairing your siding, it’s your job to be aware and to alert others about nearby power lines.

1. Locate all overhead power lines
2. Stay at least 10 feet away from all overhead power lines
3. Do not touch anything in contact with power lines
4. Carry ladders and equipment horizontally
5. Stay at least 35 feet away from downed power lines and call 911 if you encounter one



## Fire vs. Pole...Fire Wins

Properly controlled burns can have many benefits for land owners. However, if these burns are not managed safely, they can cause property damage, power outages, injury, and even death. Talquin urges you to make safety a priority and be aware when burning around power lines.

First, make yourself aware of laws and regulations. Only those who are experienced with fire and burn paths should conduct a controlled burn. Burning near public roads can create a visibility hazard. Alert those who potentially may be affected by the burn—including neighbors, the local fire department, and law enforcement. Depending on local regulations, you may also need to obtain a burn permit.

Take special care when around power poles/lines. Damage to power poles could result in power outages. Cut down grass and brush, and water the area near the poles (3 to 5 feet around the pole). Be careful to keep water streams out of power lines. If a power pole catches on fire, call the fire department and alert Talquin to handle the possible electrical dangers. Even if you think the fire has been extinguished safely, alert Talquin to the fact that the pole may have been damaged. With all of the downed timber from Hurricane Michael, fires are more difficult to control. When burning, please consider environmental factors, such as temperature, humidity, and wind direction and speed as part of any controlled burn decision making. If you have any doubt at all, contact your local fire department before burning.



*Talquin power pole that was recently burned down during a controlled burn.*

## Keep Hydrants and Water Meters Clear

The safety of Talquin Members is our primary concern. Limiting access to a fire hydrant is a **SIGNIFICANT RISK** to people and property.

The Uniform Fire Code places responsibility on property owners to keep vegetation, landscaping, and other improvements maintained at all times so as not to impede the clear visibility of hydrants from all approach directions. Furthermore, a minimum clearance of three feet shall be maintained around hydrants to allow safe operation by fire personnel, and there shall be nothing present which interferes with connecting hoses and operating hydrant valves.

### Landscaping and Clearance around Hydrants

- 3 feet of clearance is needed around the hydrant.
- 15 feet of clearance is needed above the hydrant to allow space for maintenance.

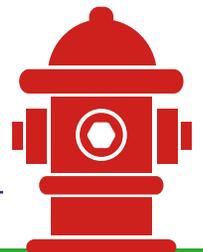
### Landscaping Guidelines

- Never paint a fire hydrant without consulting Talquin.
- Keep plants clear of hydrants as noted above.
- Avoid "hiding" fire hydrants with fences, bushes, earthen berms, rocks or other objects.

Talquin requests that proper clearance is maintained around all fire hydrants. If you notice a fire hydrant that does not have proper clearance or visibility, please contact Talquin at 850-627-7651.



3 feet of clearance



# It's Picnic Season!



## Upside-Down Apple Pecan Pie

Allrecipes.com

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup margarine, melted
- 1 pastry for a 9 inch double crust pie
- 6 cups Granny Smith apples – peeled, cored and sliced
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
2. In a 9 inch deep-dish pie pan, combine pecans, brown sugar and margarine; spread into a single layer. Roll out dough, and place bottom crust over pecan mixture.
3. In a large bowl, combine apples, sugar, flour, cinnamon and nutmeg. Pour into crust in pan. Top with second crust. Fold edges of crust over, and flute to seal edges. Make several small slits in the top to allow steam to escape.
4. Place pan on foil or cookie sheet during baking to guard against spillage. Bake in preheated oven for 40 to 50 minutes, or until crust is golden brown and apples are tender.
5. Cool pie in pan for 5 minutes. Place serving plate over pie, and flip to invert, being careful not to come in contact with molten sugar. If some of the nuts stick to the pan, remove them with a knife, and place on pie. Allow to cool for 1 hour.

May 11 - National Apple Pie Day



## Asian Style Soy Burger

Allrecipes.com

### Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons Kikkoman Less Sodium Soy Sauce
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced (plus extra for garnish)
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar
- 1 pound favorite ground beef mixture

1. Combine all ingredients with ground beef in a bowl and mix well.
2. Shape burger patties and grill burger following your favorite method.

May 28 -  
National Hamburger Day



## Blueberry-Mint Lemonade

Marthastewart.com

### Ingredients:

- 1 pint blueberries
- 3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (about 5 lemons)
- 1 & 1/3 cups Mint Syrup for Blueberry-Mint Lemonade (see recipe below)
- Garnishes: blueberries, lemon slices

1. Puree berries and lemon juice in a food processor.
2. Pour through a fine sieve into a bowl; discard pulp.
3. Transfer to a large pitcher. Stir in mint syrup and 2 cups cold water; add ice, and serve.

May 4 -  
National Lemonade Day



## Mint Syrup for Blueberry-Mint Lemonade

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 bunches mint, cut into 2 inch lengths

1. In a small, tall saucepan, combine sugar, mint, and 2 & 3/4 cups water; bring to a boil over medium-high heat.
2. Cook until the sugar has completely dissolved, about 1 minute. Remove from heat; let stand 30 minutes. Pass through a fine strainer set over a bowl, and discard mint.

Wanna go on a picnic?  
Alpaca lunch!



**Thank you to Representative Neal Dunn and Representative Al Lawson for giving us some of their time to hear about co-op issues, such as FEMA reimbursements relating to Hurricanes Hermine, Irma, and Michael.**



*Pictured left to right: Representative Neal Dunn and Tracy Bensley - Talquin General Manager*



*Pictured left to right: Maicel Green – Talquin Media & External Affairs Coordinator, Representative Al Lawson, and Tracy Bensley – Talquin General Manager*

## Youth Tour: 47 Years and Still Going Strong!

Since 1972, Talquin has sponsored the youth of our community in what most of the students call the “trip of a lifetime”.

Twenty-four high school juniors from Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla Counties are selected to participate in the Talquin Electric Cooperative Youth Tour at the state capital in February. These students are chosen based on academics, leadership, communication skills, and volunteer service in their schools and communities. They are the cream of the crop, the go-getters, the movers and shakers...basically just outstanding young leaders.

From this outstanding group of leaders, four students are selected to represent Talquin at the NRECA National Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. in June. These delegates travel to Washington, D.C. where they meet with approximately 2,000 students from all over the United States. They learn about our nation's history while visiting iconic landmarks such as the Lincoln Memorial and continue to learn about cooperatives and government during the tour.

Did we mention this is FREE, so there is no financial burden to the students' families?

This year \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to the national delegates Ariana White, St. John Paul II Catholic High School; Jacqueline Cruz, Leon High School; Alana Kornegay and Sriya Patel, Lawton Chiles High School, as well as the alternates Mason McCord, Wakulla High School and T'Onj McGriff, Gadsden County High School.

Talquin would also like to congratulate the following: Callie Bedenbaugh, Hannah Troop, Jackson Powell, and Katie Henning, Lawton Chiles High School; Elias Jaffe, Katherine Lyons, Lilly Simons, Madelyn Stout, and Molly Siddall, Maclay School; Denym Merritt, Wakulla High School; Cierra Owens and Jackson Reed, Leon High School; Zoe Doler, Wakulla Christian School; Perry O'Connor, St. John Paul II Catholic High School; Pierson Lashley, Robert F. Munroe School; Keyaira Frost and T'Erica James, Rickards High School; and Shaina Murphy from Tallavana Christian School, who were all selected to represent their schools in the 2019 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!

If you or someone you know is interested in the Talquin Youth Tour, please contact Talquin at 850-627-7651 or via [YouthTour@talquinelectric.com](mailto:YouthTour@talquinelectric.com).



*Pictured above; Front row, left to right: T'Onj McGriff, T'Erica James, Mason McCord, Katie Henning, Pierson Lashley, Elias Jaffe, Jackson Reed, Madelyn Stout, Zoe Doler, and Hannah Troop; Back row, left to right: Callie Bedenbaugh, Denym Merritt, Keyaira Frost, Molly Siddall, Shaina Murphy, Ariana White, Perry O'Connor, Alana Kornegay, Sriya Patel, Lilly Simons, Jacqueline Cruz, Katherine Lyons, Cierra Owens, and Jackson Powell.*

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outage information.**

## Congratulations to Ron Kelly for 38 years of service!



Ron Kelly started with Talquin in 1981, giving him 38 years of service with Talquin! While at Talquin, Ron worked as a Serviceman, a Member Service Office Manager, and then Manager of Fleet & Facilities. With that wealth of knowledge, you can imagine how much Ron was appreciated and now missed. However, we are all happy for Ron and know he is getting to enjoy some greatly deserved downtime with his family. Ron, we hope you do more catching than fishing, and come visit soon!



## Congratulations to Doug Goetschius for 28 years of service in Talquin's IT & Communications department!

Doug Goetschius started with Talquin in 1991, giving him 28 years of service in Talquin's IT & Communications department. While at Talquin, Doug wore many hats, but his most important accomplishment was spearheading the modernization of Talquin's computing environment. Doug's primary hobby is meteorology. He has a passion for keeping tabs on the weather, and he was our go to guy for predicting storms and their magnitudes. Hopefully nothing big will come our way for a while, but if it does – we know who to call. Doug, we hope you enjoy your retirement, and we appreciate all that you did for Talquin!!

