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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 7:00 p.m. For specific dates, times and locations, please refer to our website at www.talquinelectric.com. Notice of any changes will be listed on the website.

Giving thanks for Our Cooperative

For many people, the things for which they are truly thankful are those they once had to do without.

Take electricity for example – A little over seventy five years ago, nearly 90 percent of rural America was living in the dark – forced to rely on iceboxes to cool food, kerosene lamps for light, and woodstoves for cooking.

Today, however, people rightfully expect electricity to be there at the flip of a switch. Think about how inconvenient it is when you have even the slightest power disruption – no television or Internet, no microwave or coffee maker. Electricity has forever changed our lives.

This is the time of year to express our thankfulness and gratitude. We at Talquin Electric Cooperative are appreciative of many things: you, our Members; our employees; our mission; the principles at the core of who we are and the history that reminds us of how we arrived at where we are today.

Cooperatives were born to fill an unmet need. Back in the early 1930s, electricity lit up America's cities, but in rural America, the end of daylight meant darkness. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, seeking to lift the country out of the Great Depression, looked to boost farm productivity. He created the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) in 1935 to offer low-interest loans to companies that would extend electric lines into the countryside.

Enter the farmers and countless other rural folks. They asked the REA if those loans would be available to them should they band together to form electric cooperatives focused on meeting the need, not making a profit. The answer was "yes." Across the nation, the countryside soon saw the light, and in 1940, Talquin Electric Cooperative was born.

Cooperatives are not-for-profit. This is one of the biggest differences between Talquin and investor-owned utilities. Increasing the bottom line isn't even a small part of what we're about. Our primary mission is to take the power generated by our wholesale power provider – Seminole Electric Cooperative (Seminole) – and deliver it safely, affordably, and reliably to our Members. There are no quarterly earning demands from faraway investors with little, if any, connection to our community.

Cooperatives are owned by those they serve. If you receive electricity from Talquin, you are more than a customer; you are a Member. As a Member, you are an owner of this cooperative and have a say in how it operates. Our Board of Trustees consists of Members just like you. All Members can either run for the Board or vote in the election at our Annual Meeting each April. We are a shining example of democracy in action.

Cooperatives cooperate. Cooperatives band together to help each other out. For example, if a storm hits our service territory, cooperatives from unaffected areas – even from other states – will send lineworkers to help restore power.



Carrie Durden, Board President



Tracy Bensley, General Manager

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The cooperation goes beyond just cooperative employees. The power of united electric cooperative members can influence the course of public policy too. Together, more than 42 million Members represent more than 900 electric cooperatives throughout the United States. That grassroots strength allows us to have our voices heard in state capitals and in Washington, D.C.

Cooperatives serve their communities with more than just electricity. Because we are local organizations with no faraway

shareholders and because those we serve are our membership, we are committed to our communities.

Often, you will find co-op employees giving back in various ways; anything from volunteering as Little League coaches (Tim Cole pictured right) to working with youth fairs, (Barbara Green pictured below).





Also, Talquin gives back to the community through programs such as the Talquin Assistance Program (TAP) and the Youth Tour (see cover and page 8). Recently at their annual picnic, Talquin employees

raised over \$1600.00 to donate to both Big Bend Hospice and Strides against Breast Cancer. Concern for community is part of who we are and we can be counted on for that!



Talquin's Alisia Hounshell presents money raised by Talquin's employees to Travia Cromartie for Big Bend Hospice.

So, as you sit down at the Thanksgiving table this year and think about the things for which you're thankful, we hope you'll include your electric cooperative on that list. At Talquin Electric Cooperative we are thankful for you, our Members, and the history that has brought us from darkness to light.

Congratulations and Thank You!



Talquin Electric Cooperative would like to recognize the outstanding leadership of Board Trustee and past Chairman, Mr. Mal Green, who will retire in April of 2016. Mr. Green has faithfully served the cooperative for over thirty years. In addition to serving Talquin, Mr. Green served as President of the Board of Trustees for Seminole Electric Cooperative

from 2006-2008 and as Vice President from 2003-2005. Thank you, Trustee Green, for your dedication and service to Talquin, Seminole and our membership!

Becoming a Prospect for Talquin's Board of Trustees

There are two methods for a Member to have his/her name placed on the ballot for a district's election at the Annual Meeting.

Method One: A nominating committee is formed before each Annual Meeting which is comprised of Talquin Members. This committee reviews prospective candidates for the districts that are up for election. The nominating committee members' contact information is published in our February edition of The Current and on Talquin's website. Members should contact the nominating committee members to request to be placed on the ballot. The committee will recommend one or more prospects to place on the ballot. The prospects will then be subject to the screening criteria listed in Talquin's bylaws for a potential Board Member. There are time deadlines prescribed in the bylaws which should be carefully reviewed.

Method Two: A Member who would like to be placed on the ballot for their district's election who was not nominated by the nominating committee process must have a petition signed by at least 15 Talquin Members. The petition must be received at the Talquin Electric Cooperative headquarters office at least 30 days prior to the upcoming Annual Meeting. Once a petition is validated and other requirements are met, the candidate may be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting.

Be sure and review the bylaws provided on the website or get a printed copy from any area office or headquarters.

24-Hour Automated Payment Option

Talquin is proud to announce that we will be implementing a 24-hour automated payment option by phone in November. This transition will help reduce our call volume and allow for payments to be made at any time, day or night. The automated payment system will take E-Checks or credit card payments for no additional fee. Account numbers are required to be provided when making a payment - electric and water payments will be two separate transactions. Payments must be made in full to avoid being disconnected or to issue a reconnect. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (850) 627-7651.

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trading post

Miscellaneous

Harley-Davidson ladies leather motorcycle jacket "The Great American Freedom Machine" Size: XS. Never worn. \$95. International Doll Collection (46 dolls) representing USA, Europe, The Far East, South America, The Caribbean. \$55 294-0554

Mother/daughter housecleaning. We clean according to your needs. We have excellent references. 8 yrs. experience. 443-8414

TEMPUR-PEDIC adjustable bed king size or single very good condition \$200. 574-OO26/567-9101

Mausoleum for two @ Culley's on Timberlane. Includes open/close & monument. Market Value \$21,500. Sell for \$15,500. 814-2410

SOLAR POOL COVER fits 16x 32 foot pool. 12 mil. Like new. Paid \$120. Sell for\$50 or best offer. 893-4466

Beretta A391 synthetic stock Shadow Grass 12 Ga. auto shotgun. \$750 528-8379

12 Foot Prelit Slim Christmas Tree perfect condition. \$100. 385-4431

Seasoned split oak firewood. Free litered wood & delivery. Call or text 850-210-9404

Pool table 7 foot \$250, **ping pong table** \$75, **14 foot canoe** \$200 926-3466

Christmas is coming! Give them old-fashioned jams and preserves, made from locally-grown produce. Scuppernong, mayhaw, strawberry, blackberry, Vidalia onion and hot pepper. 562-5038

Handyman/Carpenter - crown molding, doors and locks, furniture assembly, tile, painting, remodel, honey-do list. 30 years experience. References. Call or text 954-439-0949

English (Llewellin) Setters, FDSB Registered, 6 months old. Wonderful as pets or hunting. Bargain at \$300. Phone 850-459-5573

Light green vert blind's w/ valance \$ hardware, 6 fits 30" window 63" long; 1 fits 40" window 52" long. \$50 take all. 926-2727

24' Werner Aluminum extension ladder \$150 CASH. 866-2782

Corelle Christmas Holly dishes: 20 dinner plates, 20 dessert plates, 8 salad bowls, 8 mugs, 1 cream & sugar, 2 gravy boats, 18 goblets. \$100. 926-5667 Burgundy **recliner** \$50, blue swivel **rocker** \$50,

3 pc luggage set \$25, sofa table \$40. 877-2407 Mausoleum Crypt for two. Culley's Meadow Wood Memorial Park. 491-2693/926-1356

Loving, experience female caregiver seeking full or part time position; has reliable transportation; dependable w/ glowing references; also great with pets. 878-2870

Estate & Garage Sale: antique dishes, fish cooker uses propane gas, cast iron skillets, metal bed frame full and twin sizes. Large pressure cookers and mason jars, antique lamps, kitchen counter top & sink, cast iron sinks, TY beanie babies. 575-6013

Real Estate

Adorable 2bd/2bth townhouse w/ new roof; new bedroom carpets, fresh paint, and tiled floors; private patio & deck \$63k. 2340 San Mateo Ct, 491-8577

Home For Sale/Rent: 3bd/2bth, 2 car garage, large fenced back yard, Lake Jackson in Tallahassee.

Trading Post Guidelines

In order to continue to provide The Trading Post in every issue of *The Current*, we ask Members to adhere to the guidelines listed below when submitting an ad. If an ad does not meet the criteria, it will not be published. There is no cost to place an ad in The Trading Post.

- Members may submit one ad every three months (four times a year)
- Ads must be twenty-five words or less
- Must be typed or printed legibly in ink
- No registered businesses may run an ad
- No changes after ad submission
- Deadlines are the first day of the month

Mail ads to: "The Current", Talquin Electric Cooperative P.O. Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353-1679 or e-mail to: tradingpost@talquinelectric.com

No pets. \$1200.00 a month rent. HUD accepted. 765-7749

Lot for sale: Short Avenue, Havana. 50'x90' cleared, level, on paved road. \$2,400 or best offer. 364-0283 **28x64 General MH** 3/2, gas stove, fireplace, A/C, refrigerator, red metal roof. Shed for cars, shed for storage valued at \$130,000. Asking \$95,500 negotiable. 576-0698

87.7 aces Quincy, FL (\$2,00 an acre); 747 Old Federal Rd, Quincy, FL asking \$75,000 or make an offer. 875-8473

Building for Lease: Blue Star Hwy in Midway (next to Ring Power and Lawson's Body Shop). Owner prefers daycare or beauty salon. 556-0459/539-1272 for additional info

Automotive

2007 Yamaha Roadstar Midnight Silverado 1700cc, 52,000 miles, has lots of extras, \$4,800. 575-5109 2 motorcycles for sale. 2007 Kawasaki Vulcan, \$5000 and 2009 Harley Davidson Road Glide \$16,000. Bike lift included with Harley. Both bikes garage kept. Price firm. 942-3954

2003 Fleetwood, Flair 31A, Motorhome Class A, Gas, 23,500 miles. New electric leveling jacks (2015), new Wireless back up camera & monitor (2015). 2 slideouts, QN island bed & sofa/bed. Lots of basement storage. Asking \$45,000. 926-9264 Mechanics Special: Snap-On Tool Box model KRSC40APES with Snap-On, Mac and Matco Tools - \$1,955 for more info call 850-879-2959

preceding the month of publication (For

example, December 1st is the deadline for

number, and account number. No email

Members must provide name, phone

the January edition.)

addresses will be published.

1976 Bluebird School Bus: like new 350 long block 4 bolt main. Ready for woods, camping, hunting or festivals. Great sound system, fresh water tank, shower, AC, bunk. UNIQUE! \$3,500 firm. 766-8509

Farm/Garden

Manure spreader model 25 G: excellent condition: T-Rod Links, web slats replaced (new) March 2015, not used since replaced. Under cover, excellent tires. New \$2800. Sale \$1300 OBO if reasonable. 878-0126

Marine

Outboard motor Nissan N5SB 1995 5-hp 2-stroke. Starts easily, runs smoothly. Only 35 hrs run time, mostly in barrel to keep in tune. Original prop. Stored indoors. Nadaguides.com retail \$595 926-5989. Calls screened – caller must say "about motor"

Wanted

Coins & Currency. U. S. & Foreign. Buying entire collections. 766 -2272 evenings 15 PASSENGER or CARGO EXTENDED 350-360 1 TON VAN. Older Canister Vacuum, Metal Hoover Upright, Refrigerator, In Good Condition. 879-5509

Refinancing Debt Lowers Operating Cost

Over the past few years, interest rates have been at historic lows, which followed the Great Recession. Lower interest rates have allowed many families, businesses and Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. to refinance their loans. One of the best reasons to refinance debt is to lower the interest rate on your existing loan and lower the interest cost. Since interest cost is an operational expense, it helps Talquin Electric lower its interest expense and reallocate the saving to other operational needs. In 2014, Talquin Water & Wastewater refinanced several loans and lowered the interest rate from an average of 6.0% to 3.90%, saving members thousands of dollars in interest cost. Talquin Electric has also refinanced debt and lowered interest rates from 5.125% to 3.90%. Talquin Electric continues to work diligently to evaluate all operating processes to help control cost in an effort to provide the lowest possible rates for our membership.



Thanksgiving is a time when we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. At Talquin we realize that our best asset is our employees, employees like Kenny Chaganis. Recently Kenny came upon a Member who had been mowing her lawn and had accidentally run down into a ravine. She had started to panic when unable to get her tractor out by herself. Kenny stopped working and helped her rig a pulley system and the two of them were able to get the job done together. We found out when the Member called Kenny's supervisor to let us know what had happened and to tell us how much she appreciated the assistance. So we are thankful to you Kenny for being Member Minded and for perfectly demonstrating the 7th Cooperative Principle - Concern for Community.



The son of immigrants, Talquin Member Walt Dartland, has long been a defender of the people. He is nationally known for his expertise on matters such as consumer protection, insurance fraud, and public interest concerns. After receiving an engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a stint in the Marines, Walt went on to get his law degree from the University of Michigan. To put it mildly, he has put that degree to great use. He was elected District Attorney in Michigan, was a trial lawyer in Palm Beach, first consumer advocate in Dade County, became Deputy Attorney General in Florida, has served on numerous boards from Consumer Federation of

East, Coalition Against Insurance Fraud, Friends of Lake Jackson...the list goes on. Currently he is part of the Marine Corps League which is comprised of Marines Corps veterans, after all "Once a Marine, Always a Marine." Did you know that the league was chartered and approved by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the same man who helped create electric cooperatives? But most importantly, Walt Dartland is a husband, father of three, and grandfather of two who never forgot where he came from. Thank you for being a model for us all and exhibiting the true cooperative spirit in everything you do.

America, Consumer Federation of South

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Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TECI) is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, genetic information, disability or protected veteran status shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Kenneth A. Cowen, Director of Administrative Services of Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feel that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Washington, D.C. 20250 or call (800)795-3272 or (202)720-6382 (TDD). Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.



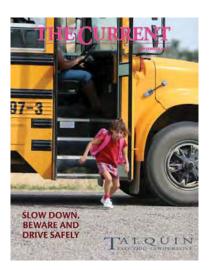
Water and Energy Tips

Plan to have a lot of Thanksgiving guests and a ton of dishes to wash in your future? To conserve electricity and water when using the dishwasher, wash full loads and use the light cycle. If possible, use the rinse only cycle and turn off the high temperature rinse option. When the regular wash cycle is done, just open the dishwasher door to allow the dishes to air dry.

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Watts Happening

Toys for Tots – drop off a new toy at any Talquin Member Service office to go to children in our community.

November 2nd - December 9th

Be a Santa to a Senior – choose a tag off a tree at any Talquin Member Service office and become Santa

for someone in our area in need. Drop the gift back off with us.

November 13th – December 17th

NRECA

Want to shake things up this Thanksgiving? Check out Food Network's All-Star Thanksgiving Menu from some of their top chefs.

Roasted Butternut Squash w/ Warm Cider Vinaigrette Brined Herb - Crusted Turkey w/ **Apply Cider Gravy** Parker House Rolls Baked Mashed Potatoes w/ Parmesan Cheese & Bread Crumbs Not Your Mama's Green Bean Casserole Macaroni & Cheese **Old School Sweet Potato** Soufflé Throwdown **Pumpkin Pie** Pecan Pie And...

Ride the Winter Wonderland Express

Veterans Memorial Railroad invites you to come ride a train over a mile a mile around the track as you view many beautiful scenes while listening to music. Thousands of lights will light the way. 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Eastern Time Dec. 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20 -Trains-Red/White/ Blue and Engine 59 \$5.00 per person/children 2 and under are free

Dec. 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 - coal-fired steam train

\$8.00 per person/children 2 and under are free

10561 NW Theo Jacobs Way (Road 12-behind the Civic Center) Bristol, FL 32321

www.VeteransMemorialRailroad.org

Havana Christmas Festival

Dec. 12, Snow activities, Lawnmower

Cranberry-Orange Sauce

Yield: 8 to 10 servings

Ingredients:

- 2 (8-ounce) packages cranberries, fresh or frozen
- 1 orange, zest cut into strips and juiced
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cinnamon stick

Directions:

Put all the ingredients into a saucepan over medium heat and simmer until the cranberries burst and the sauce thickens, about 15 to 20 minutes. Serve at room temperature or cool and refrigerate. Remove the cinnamon stick before serving.

Visit <u>www.foodnetwork.com</u> to view all the above recipes!

parade, Santa Clause and pictures on his sled, food and craft vendors, \$2 for adults and \$1 for children entry fee.

Leon County Senior Outreach: Explore Lunch and Learn to stay connected

No reservations needed to join the fun. 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Featuring a delicious catered lunch for **\$6 per plate**. Call **891-4065** for more information

Nov 24-Chaires/Capitola - Dorothy C. Spence Community Center

Dec 03-Miccosukee - Miccosukee Community Center

Dec 09-Bradfordville – Wildwood Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Dec 10-Woodville - Woodville Community Center

Dec 17-Lake Jackson - Lake Jackson Community Center Attention, High School Juniors! Are you a leader in your school, community or church?



tudents, are you making a difference in your community? Talquin is looking for leaders like you to serve as delegates in the 2016 Talquin Youth Tour. Chosen representatives will visit the Florida state capital for a two day overnight conference February 24-25. While in Tallahassee, students will be introduced to the cooperative business model and Florida's legislative process while visiting the state's capital. Students will vote on issues while visiting the House of Representatives' Chambers and attend a session in the Supreme Court. During this conference, four students will be chosen to represent Talquin in Washington, D.C. for the National Rural Electric Youth Tour held June 11-16, 2016. Students will fly to Washington, D.C. and the trip includes visits to the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, and many more historic sites with hundreds of other students from around the nation. More highlights include watching the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and the Silent Drill Platoon perform in the Sunset Parade at the Iwo Jima Memorial, and visits to the Smithsonian Museum and the Holocaust Museum. The trip is paid for by Talquin Electric Cooperative.

In order to qualify:

- Students must currently be enrolled as a junior in a local high school or home school;
- Students must have a close relative (parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle) who is currently a Talquin Member;
- Students must currently live in Gadsden, Leon, Liberty or Wakulla County.

Submit application, essay and letter of recommendation to any Talquin Member Service Office. Applications may also be mailed to Youth Tour c/o Talquin Electric P.O. Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353-1679, or emailed to alisia.hounshell@talquinelectric.com no later than December 10, 2015. Applications may be downloaded on Talquin's website at www.talquinelectric.com under "About/Youth Tour".

Name	
	State Zip Code
Name and Address of	amily Member (parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle) who is currently a
Members' Talquin Acco	
Name of School	
Grade	G.P.A Shirt Size S M L XL XXL
Career Interests	
List all School Related	ctivities and Years of Participation (use additional paper if needed)
Extracurricular Activities	nd Years of Participation
Public Speaking Experie	ICE
Special Dietary Needs of	Allergies
essay titled, "Why I y of recommendation f administrator is also For more informa	nould complete this application and include a 250-500 word rant to be a Talquin Electric Youth Tour Representative." A letter form a school counselor, pastor, teacher, community leader or equired. For video coverage of the Youth Tour go to ttp://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmZmGPiypcQ fon, call Alisia Hounshell or Megan Smith at (850) 627-765 or email alisia.hounshell@talquinelectric.com.
	of 15 Talquin Youth Tour Representatives



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Lawton Chiles High School

Lincoln High School

North Florida Christian

Lawton Chiles High School

Landing in D.C. and getting off the plane with 30 other excited students, most who have never flown before, is exhilarating but doesn't compare to the week that always awaits us! Pictured above are the Talquin delegates for the 2015 National Youth Tour. Every summer, Talquin sponsors four high school juniors to attend the National Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. in order to connect those students with a chance of a lifetime. This trip provides students with an opportunity to learn about our nation's history, the democratic process and the co-op business model. Meeting over 1,500 extraordinary students from around the country is only part of the week's journey. The excursion begins with a tour of the American History Museum and visits to many of the area's monuments. The week is full of rich experiences such as a moving visit to Arlington National Cemetery, a tour of the National Cathedral, browsing through the Newseum, a sunset Marine parade, a day visit to Mt. Vernon and a cruise on the Potomac, just to name a few of the highlights from the trip. These students are selected during the Florida Youth Tour, which is a two day leadership event held at the Florida state capital. Students apply by writing a short essay about themselves and completing the application on page 7 of this edition of The Current.

