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The TECL 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.

Dear Members,

It's that time of year again when the temperatures outside begin to fall; when days get shorter and nights get colder. The coming of the cool crisp weather means it is also time to pull out the long sleeve shirts, sweaters, and jackets and bundle up to avoid the nip of the night air on your nose. While the sights and smells of the fall season can certainly evoke a sense of warmth and delight, the most exciting time of the fall season for most



Carrie Durden
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people is the joy that comes from spending time around family and friends. These occasions bring the opportunity to tailgate and watch football games all weekend, attend community parades or watch from the comfort of your home, catch up on much needed rest as you celebrate the days off work, or even participate in the forerunner to Christmas shopping: Black Friday!

CNN survey polls identified Thanksgiving as the 2nd most celebrated holiday by Americans, as people travel to spend time with their loved ones. In 2015, AAA Auto club reported that approximately 46.9 million Americans traveled more than 50 miles for Thanksgiving to celebrate with friends and family.

With so much to be thankful for, we wanted to ask you: What does Thanksgiving mean to you? To us, Thanksgiving can mean so much of the following:

Creating more priceless memories

Loving hands preparing for a grand, delicious feast

Gathering together to share thoughts of gratitude around the dinner table while enjoying a delightful

homemade Thanksgiving dinner

Sitting around the house basking in the aromas that fill the air; ones of warm pumpkin pie, peach cobbler, cranberry sauce, ham, turkey and dressing

It's hard to ever express what your friends and family truly mean to you, or the importance of gathering around the house with those close to your heart to reflect on events and share stories that happened throughout the year. Creating fond memories is priceless, but most of all, simply spending time together laughing and growing is how many of us express our sincerest appreciation for having our loved ones as an important part of our lives.

As we journey into the fall season, we would like to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” for your dedication and contribution to the success of Talquin Electric. We are grateful to have you as part of our family. May you and yours have a blessed fall season and Thanksgiving holiday!

Employee Spotlight

Tony Guillen joined Talquin Electric Cooperative in October 2016 as Director of Engineering and Operations. Tony has a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Florida and a Master of Business Administration degree from Florida State University. He came to Talquin with over 19 years of experience and leadership in the electric utility industry, which encompasses engineering, system control, and operations. Prior to joining the cooperative, Tony served as the Manager of Transmission and Distribution for the City of Tallahassee Electric Utility. Tony enjoys running, cycling and spending time with his wife Ann and their two sons.



Picture left to right: Tony Guillen and Blake Flowers

Blake Flowers joined the Talquin Electric Cooperative team in September 2016 as Director of Member Services. Prior to joining the Cooperative, Blake spent over 10 years at Georgia Power Company working in various departments including Land Acquisition, Procurement, Financial Management, Region Supply Chain Operations, and Sales. Most recently, he served as a Key Account Manager. Prior to that position, he served as a Supply Chain Operations Supervisor. Blake received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and Master of Business Administration

degrees from Georgia Southern University. In his spare time, Blake enjoys golfing and spending time with his wife, Jennifer, and their two sons.

Generator Safety

Be aware of the potential hazards of electric generators:



- Electric generators can keep your lights and appliances running during power outages — but they can also pose serious safety hazards if operated incorrectly. To ensure the safety of your family, neighbors, and Talquin Electric Cooperative employees, please read and follow the safety, maintenance, and testing instructions in the generator's operating manual.
- Use heavy-duty extension cords from the generator. Overloaded cords can cause fires or equipment damage. Don't use exten-

sion cords with exposed wires or worn shielding. Make sure the cords from the generator don't present a tripping hazard. Don't run cords under rugs where heat might build up or cord damage may go unnoticed.

- Never run an electric generator inside a building. Always ensure proper ventilation and airflow around the generator.
- Never add fuel to a generator while it's running. Avoid spilling fuel on hot components. Put out all flames or cigarettes when handling gasoline.
- Always have a fully charged, approved fire extinguisher located near the generator.
- Don't overload the generator. It should be used only when necessary, and only to power essential equipment.

- Keep children away from generators at all times.
- Plug appliances directly into the generator itself. Connecting the generator directly to your home's circuits or wiring must be performed by a qualified, licensed electrician who will install a transfer switch that will keep the generator from feeding power back into the distribution lines. If that happens, the power crews working to restore your electric service could be put at risk. In addition, if your generator is still hooked up when the power is restored, your generator and your household electrical system may be damaged as well.
- If interested in a [GenerLink](#) transfer switch, contact a Member Services Office to arrange purchase and installation of a unit for your home.

For more information call a Member Services Office at (850) 627-7651.

trading post

Miscellaneous

Honey Do List Guy: Over 20 years of experience doing home improvement work. Simply make a list of the work needed and I will be able to complete 99% of the work. 933-1105

NEW Total Gym Platinum –Never used. It comes with DVD's and a variety of attachments. \$150 or OBO 688-0335

2004 Quickie S-646SE Power Wheelchair w/ Rear Wheel Drive, Power Tilt, Charger and Batteries. Everything is in good working condition. Fast chair \$500. 539-9706 leave message

Tallahassee Memory Gardens-Abbey Funeral Home. 2 in Four Apostles for \$3000 FIRM 2 in Garden of Devotion for \$2400 FIRM. 421-3495

Two Cemetery Plots: side-by-side plots; Culley's Meadowood Memorial Park; Prime plots in the Peace Garden, Section 1: 5 and 6; \$7,200 for both; 556-1697

Electric Invacare Model 5490 Hospital Bed like new- with overhead assistance bar, mattress, half side bars. \$500. 765-9082

Ruger Talon .177 Air Rifle 1200FPS -New in Box. Never Fired, includes Silencer, Rifled Barrel, Fiber Optic Sights, Picatinny Rail & More. \$130. 442-9235

Wood Exterior Door w/Top Window Fan, 36"X80", **BRAND NEW-UNUSED**-Beautiful Natural Pine-\$225; Give **ELVIS** @ Christmas-15 Collectible LPs -\$99/all. 459-9594

Housecleaning services. 17 years experience.. excellent references.. dependable. 321-4181 for free estimate

Howard Baldwin piano. Very good condition & beautiful tone. \$300 OBO; **Disney** holiday collectible figurine \$60 (worth more) can email/text pictures; Petticoat to be used under a wedding dress or formal. 906-9383

Power Lift Recliner: \$350, good condition, medium blue fabric, emergency battery backup runs on two 9-volt batteries in case of power outage: 328-0431

Lakewood Village PROGRESSIVE YARD SALE- event will be held Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016. 8:00AM – until. Maps will be available. For info, call or text 510-2951

Seasoned Split Oak Firewood. Free delivery and lighter'd wood. Text or call to 210-9404

MISC ITEMS: 4 cu. ft. chest freezer \$50; Metal 12 gun cabinet lockable \$50; Small boy/woman's size 8 hunting clothes, size 6 Timberland Boots \$150; Archery Traditions, Dan Quinlan Cane Break recurve 62" 40lb w/ arrows \$150 firm. 544-9980

Perfect Christmas gift for budding photographer: Kodak Z730 zoon digital w/ charging dock and Kodak printer \$25 OBO. 212-945

Black & Decker 10" **compound miter saw** w/ sliding fence \$100; **air framing nail gun** \$28; 3 speed drill press **deli meat slicer**. 539-6553

Keyboard like new w/ case, adapter, stand \$200; **guitar** acoustic w/ built in recorder 16 watt amp, case, and strap \$200; **keyboard** w/ case & stand

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 preceding the month of publication (For example, December 1st is the deadline for the January edition.)
- Members must provide name, phone number, and account number.

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\$200. 656-6455

Garage Sale Items: antique dishes, fish cooker propane, Tree climbing stand, microwave & stand, receiving hitch, towing mirrors, cast iron skillets & sinks, full sz metal bed frame, mason jars, antique lamps, 2 kitchen counter tops & sink, Ty Beanie Babies. 575-6013

White princess style wedding dress has lots of sequins and pearls very pretty

size 4 paid \$1200. Asking \$300. Can send photo. 643-5011

Loving, Experienced Female Caregiver, non-smoker, seeking full or part time position; reliable transportation, dependable with glowing references, also great with pets. 878-2870

1- **Electric lift/recliner chair,** brown fabric, used 1 month, \$800 OBO; 1- **larger rolling walker** with large wheels, basket, seat, and hand brakes. Brakes recently redone. \$125 OBO. 556-0454 and leave a message

Automotive

1982 FJ40 Landcruiser- Tan, four speed, PS, PB, AC. Asking \$33,500. 997-1604

2005 Dodge Neon SXT 4drive Sedan good condition inside, out well maintained. AC, PS, Automatic 114000 miles \$1600. 636-5069

Vintage Hubcaps (4) - fit 14" wheel - 1960's era. Chrome w/spinners - Very Nice Condition - \$120. 459-9594

1989 Chevrolet K-5 Blazer Silverado 4X4, Excellent Condition, \$16950; **1980 Monterey Boat** 23'; Original 454V-8, \$9500; **1999 Lincoln Town Car** Signature Series, only 131K miles, Silver, \$5,500. 212-9869

2001 GMC Truck Good Condition, Well maintained \$3800 539-4947

2007 Harley Davidson, Street Bob, Vance & Hines pipes, gray & black, 15K miles, excellent condition, \$6000, Serious inquiries only. 894-9222

1996 Chevy Monte Carlo 120k miles needs repairs, cosmetic & mechanical \$2000. Buyer must tow it out of my driveway. 321-1499 after 5 PM

2004 Ameri-Camp M-270 RKS Fifth Wheel, excellent condition. Length 28'x8'; 2 axels, 7405 lbs, self-contained, 1 slide, 30 amp power service.

766-4539/766-4540

RealEstate

Two lots on 2.3 Acres in Leon County that back up to the National Forest. Includes well/septic tank. \$20,000 (Negotiable). 322-1269

Jasmine Drive – close to 2 hospitals, 4 side brick, 3/2, upgraded w/ granite top. \$159k. 228-0868

Vacation Rental in Panama City Beach-Thomas Drive. Studio Unit directly on the beach! Fall & winter rates are \$80 /night plus taxes & cleaning fee. Email for more info pamelajoyner@comcast.net

Marine

Hobie 14' Pro Angler Kayak 2010 with New Mirage Drive (fins), new anchor, new Tbone truck extender, new kayak dolly, live well, life jacket, whistle and some tackle. \$2500. 524-6077

Farm/Garden

Small wooden animal hutch with sloped roof. Only used one week. Made by Trixie Pets. \$50 OBO 510-3141

Babydoll Sheep. 18 month old ram and ewe, 6 month old ewe. Registered OEBMSSR. Baby Nigerian/Pygmy goats. Available in October. 459-1094

HAY. Large 4x5 rolls, Well fertilized Tift 9 and Argentine Bahia grass hay. \$35 per roll. Greensboro, FL. 556-2431

Yard Machines MDT riding lawn tractor w/ bagger in great condition \$650. Haverty's bunk bed set custom w/mattresses in excellent condition \$550. Other items. 510-7185

Rabbits for sale, small, \$5, large \$10. 562-2904



Wanted

Female full bred Chocolate Lab – 10 months to 2 years old – to buy. 766-2201

Thanksgiving Menu

This Thanksgiving, take a look at Country Living's All-American Thanksgiving menu; it is full of delicious comfort foods like grits and bacon!



Perfect Roast Turkey

Roasted Sweet Potato Casserole with Praline

Marvin Wood's Brussels Sprouts, Red Pepper, and Avocado Salad

Potato and Celery Root Gratin

Green Beans with Bacon

Cracked Pepper Dinner Rolls

All-American Apple Pie

Pumpkin Pie with Walnut Crust

And...

Cheese Grits and Corn Pudding

Ingredients:

1½ c. whole milk

Salt

Freshly ground pepper

¼ c. grits

½ can Creamed Corn

3 oz. aged Cheddar

3 large eggs

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. In a small saucepan over medium heat, bring milk to a simmer. Add 1/2 teaspoon salt; then, stirring constantly, add grits in a slow, steady stream. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until grits thicken; approximately 25 minutes. Transfer to a large bowl and set aside to cool slightly.

Meanwhile, purée corn in a food processor. Then stir corn, Cheddar, and 2 egg yolks into grits. Season with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. In a large bowl and using an electric mixer, beat egg whites until stiff peaks form. Using a rubber spatula, gently fold egg whites, in thirds, into corn mixture. Divide mixture among eight 1-cup ramekins; set on a baking pan. Bake until puddings puff up, 40 to 45 minutes.

Visit www.countryliving.com to view all the above recipes!

Thanksgiving Water Saving Tips

1. Defrost items in the refrigerator or microwave. Do not defrost under running water.
2. Use a vegetable brush to wash vegetables and fruits in a bowl rather than letting the water run.
3. Substitute chicken broth for water in your mashed potatoes, rice and stuffing recipes. It'll taste better too!
4. Steam rather than boil vegetables. It takes less water to steam and it is healthier.
5. Skip hand-washing your dishes, dishwashers use less water.

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Talquin says thank you to the American Legion, AMVETS, VFW, and Veteran Service Organizations for inviting us to join them as they celebrated local utility employees and their families for all of their hard work during Hurricane Hermine.

Attention, High School Juniors!
Are you a leader in your school,
community or church?



Students, are you making a difference in your community? Talquin is looking for leaders like you to serve as delegates in the 2017 Talquin Youth Tour. Chosen representatives will visit the Florida state capital for a two day overnight conference February 8-9. 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 10-15, 2017. 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 9, 2016.
 Applications may be downloaded on
 Talquin's website at
www.talquinelectric.com under
 About/Talquin Youth.

Talquin Youth Tour Application 2017

Name _____

Student's Phone # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent's Phone # _____

Name and Address of Family Member (parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle) who is currently a Talquin Member _____

Members' Talquin Account Number _____

Name of School _____

Grade _____ G.P.A. _____ Shirt Size S M L XL XXL

Career Interests _____

List all School Related Activities and Years of Participation (use additional paper if needed)

Extracurricular Activities and Years of Participation _____

Public Speaking Experience

Special Dietary Needs or Allergies _____

Interested students should complete this application and include a 250-500 word essay titled, "Why I want to be a Talquin Electric Youth Tour Representative." A letter of recommendation from a school counselor, pastor, teacher, community leader or administrator is also required. For video coverage of the Youth Tour go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmZmGPiypcQ>

For more information, call Alisia Hounshell or Megan Smith at (850) 627-7651.

or

email alisia.hounshell@talquinelectric.com.



2016 Youth Tour Representatives



After 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 right, with U.S. Representative Gwen Graham, are the Talquin delegates for the 2016 National Youth Tour. Left to right are Anslee Williams, North Florida Christian; Craig Mitchell, Leon High School; David Sailor, East Gadsden High School; and Brandi Stevens, Wakulla High School. 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 Museum, 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 4 of this edition of The Current. In order to meet eligibility for the Youth Tour:



- Students must currently be enrolled as a junior in a local high school or home school;
- Students must have a close relative (parent, grandparent, etc.) who is a current Talquin Member; and
- Students must currently live in Talquin's four county service areas: Leon, Liberty, Gadsden, and Wakulla County



Ansee Williams Craig Mitchell Brandi Stevens David Sailor
 North Florida Christian Leon High School Wakulla High School East Gadsden High School

Word of the Month

Youth: /yoöTH/ (noun)

The period between childhood and adult age

Synonyms: youthfulness, next generation, young people

Cooperatives around the world operate under the guidance of 7 basic principles. One of those principles is Education, Training and Information – which is one of many reasons why Talquin Electric sponsors 4 high school juniors each year to participate in the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. To learn more, visit www.talquinelectric.com.



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1-888-802-1832
 (live operator)

1-866-899-4832
 (automated systems)

Visit us and report and view outages on the Web at www.talquinelectric.com

Sign up for text outage notification at www.talquinelectric.com to report your outage quickly and to receive outage information.

Watts Happening

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. Featuring a delicious catered lunch for \$6 per plate. Call 891-4065 for more information.

November 22 Chaires/Dorothy C. Spence Community Center

December 1 Miccosukee - Miccosukee Community Center

December 8 Woodville - Woodville Community Center

December 14 Bradfordville – Wildwood Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

December 15 Lake Jackson Community Center

December 20 Fort Braden Community Center

Cutback on Thanksgiving Energy Use

- Pre-Holiday Prep: Plan to cook oven dishes alongside the main course.
- Use the Microwave: They use less energy than the oven and slow cookers.
- Cooking: Use your oven's convection settings when possible.
- House Temperature: Lower the thermostat. The extra body heat and oven will help heat the house.
- Ceiling Fans: Circulate the heat from the kitchen with your ceiling fans.

The Polar Bear Express: All Aboard- travel 25 minutes around the park and see many outstanding scenes and thousands of lights. Children 2 and under are free.

Dec. 4, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23 - non steam trains - \$8.00

Dec. 4, 9, 10, 16, 17, 22, 23 - coal fired steam train - \$12.00

7 PM - 10 PM EST

Veterans Memorial Railroad
 10561 NW Theo Jacobs Way - Bristol, FL
 850- 643- 6646

Fast Track Tickets Available Online at www.VeteransMemorialRailroad.org

Christmas Open House: Erma Jean's Antiques & Gifts

November 18 & 19; 9 AM – 7 PM

21539 Chester St – Hosford, FL
 850-379-3323

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

November 1st – December 5th

Be a Santa to a Senior – choose a tag off a tree at any Talquin Member Service office and become Santa for someone in need, in our area. Drop the gift back off with Talquin☺

November 11th – December 16th



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