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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 p.m.

Notice of any changes will be listed on the website.

Counties and Communities Coming Together for Economic Development

Talquin has long been a supporter of economic development in the four counties in which it serves. So when Gulf, Gadsden, Liberty, and Franklin Counties announced the establishment of the Gulf to Gadsden Freight Logistics Zone (FLZ) in August, Talquin was happy to show support for the project. An FLZ is a grouping of activities and infra-



Carrie Durden Board President



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structure associated with freight transportation and related services that can become a platform for broader economic development. Establishment of the FLZ can provide the counties with priority for funding and incentives from the State when pursuing certain projects within the FLZ. The four counties created a strategic plan for the attraction of business to the zone that was accepted by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in each county

"The new Freight Logistics Zone will connect communities, improve infrastructure for freight transportation and strongly impact the local economies," said Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Executive Director Cissy Proctor. "We are proud to work with this team to create a positive effect on economic development and job growth across these counties."

Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin, and Gulf counties share a common transportation asset in the Apalachicola Northern Railway, owned by St. Joe Company and operated by a subsidiary of Genesee & Wyoming, Inc. The railroad connects the port of Port St. Joe in Gulf County with the CSX Class I railroad in Gadsden County, thereby providing for the movement of goods across the nation. A number of industrial sites have been identified and qualified by Enterprise Florida's Strategic Sites program along the railroad and proximate to additional transportation assets. Interstate 10 and major arterial roads like Highways 65, 71, and US 98, together with the Apalachico-

la Regional Airport in Franklin County, comprise a transportation network that is valuable to the growing industries of transportation, logistics, manufacturing, and distribution.

"We are delighted about this partnership between several counties in North Florida to establish the Gulf to Gadsden Freight Logistics Zone," said Senator Bill Montford. "It will provide a much-needed boost for our rural counties and with our local leadership, I am confident we will be successful in providing more job opportunities and a better local economy."

*Gulf to Gadsden Freight Logistics Zone



*Picture Left to Right: Tracy Bensley - Talquin General Manager, Senator Bill Montford, and Representative Ramon Alexander

Hurricane Irma No Match for Florida Co-op

Power Restoration and Annual Meeting Too

By Derrill Holly, NRECA

Hurricane Irma knocked 90 percent of Florida's Tri-County Electric Cooperative's meters offline, but that didn't disrupt plans for the co-op's 77th annual meeting, thanks to a lot of cooperative help.

Just five days after the storm's 135 mph winds plowed through, more than 500 members and their families filled a high school gym to nearly standing-room-only capacity. Meeting attendance was the co-op's second-highest ever, eclipsed only by the 2016 gathering, which occurred two weeks after Hurricane Hermine knocked out 12,000 meters.

"With 16,000 meters without power we made the decision to continue with our meeting while restoring electricity as quickly as possible," said Kaitlynn Culpepper, community relations specialist for the Madison-based distribution coop. "Neighboring co-ops' office employees volunteered to come over and help us set up and staff it."

"Talquin Electric Cooperative and Seminole Electric Cooperative, our generation and transmission cooperative, sent member services and communication crews," said Culpepper.

"With their help, we were able to give our community a day of fun and fellowship after a week of very trying circumstances."



Talquin employees Marie Hayes, Cindy Brandon, and Traci Sansom giving out goody bags to Tri-County members.

Lisa Johnson, Seminole's CEO and general manager, underscored that "with all the extra time our member co-ops' employees were putting in to restore their members' service, it was the least we could do." The Tampa-based G&T serves power to nine distribution co-ops—all hit by Irma—in 42 Florida counties.

Talquin EC, headquartered in nearby Quincy, completed restoration work to more than 32,000 of its meters with mutual aid in two days. Immediately afterwards, TEC sent line crews to several other Florida co-ops.

Cindy Brandon, Talquin EC's coordinator of payroll and taxes, was among 15 employees who helped Tri-County with its annual meeting. "I can't help another co-op restore power, but this is a way that I can personally give back," she said.

Family members of the co-op's beleaguered staff filled many key annual meeting support roles.

"Volunteering to help was the least I could do to show appreciation for all their hard work," said Bubba Carroll. His wife Stephanie Carroll is the co-op's manager of corporate services and worked long hours at the co-op's headquarters throughout the restoration effort. "If it meant it would help get

my wife and all of the men and women who have been working around the clock, home one minute sooner, I was ready to do it," said Carroll, who shuttled members from the parking lot to the gym in a golf cart and directed traffic before and after the meeting.

Members, including some who were in shelters days before or just returning from inland evacuation sites, filled the bleachers and every seat on the gym floor, Sept. 16. "We were wondering if this annual meeting was too much to bite off," Julius Hackett, the co-op's CEO, told the crowd, before giving them the good news. "Power to all TCEC meters was restored as of Friday night, two days before our projected restoration time."

While all power had been restored, the co-op's operations and engineering personnel were occupied with post-storm cleanup and unavailable for the meeting.

"We have been coming to the Tri-County Annual Meeting for 20 years; it is always on our agenda," said Jimmy Dixon, a longtime member of the co-op who attended the meeting with his wife, Hilda. "After the hurricane, our power went out for about 15 hours and then again for 24 hours, but it was ok. There is nothing you can do but be patient, we [always] know y'all will get us back on soon."



Talquin employees Mike Grice and Dan Ard, directing traffic at Tri-County's annual meeting.

Hackett praised the mutual aid crews from Texas, Mississippi, Missouri, Alabama, Florida, and Tennessee that pitched in to help rebuild the lines, adding that volunteers at the annual meeting made a huge difference, too.

"Mutual aid means more to co-ops then just going to assist during major events to help restore power," said Tracy Bensley, general manager of Talquin Electric Cooperative. "This is what cooperatives are all about. It is the cooperative way."

Attention, High School Juniors!

Are you a leader in your school, community or church?



tudents, are you making a difference in your community? Talquin Electric Cooperative is looking for leaders like you to serve as delegates in the 2018 Talquin Youth Tour. Chosen representatives will visit the Florida state capital for a two day overnight conference February 7 - 8. While in Tallahassee, student's will be introduced to the cooperative business model and Florida's legislative process while visiting the state's capital. Students 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 9 - 14, 2018. 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 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.

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.



Talquin Youth Tour Application 2018

Personal Information				
Name				
Address		City	State	Zip
Date of Birth		Phone #		
Email Address				
Special Dietary Needs/Allergies				
Parent Information				
Parents' Name			Phone #	
Parents' Name			Phone #	
School/Extracurricular Information				
Name of School				
Grade	G.P.A	Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL		
Career Interests				
List all School Related Activities and Year of Participation (use additional paper if needed)				
Extracurricular Activities and Years of Participation				
Public Speaking Experience				
Talquin Member Info				
Family Member Name (parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle)				
Address			Account Number	

Interested students should complete this application and include a 250-500 word essay titled, "Why I want to be a Talquin Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Representative." A letter of recommendation from a school counselor, teacher, pastor, community leader or administrator is also required. For video coverage of the Youth Tour go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muDSv7j_Qfw

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

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email alisia.hounshell@talquinelectric.com

Submit application, essay, and letter of recommendation to any Talquin Member Services office, email to alisia.hounshell@talquinelectric.com or mail to:

Youth Tour

c/o Talquin Electric Cooperative PO Box 1679

Quincy, FL 32353-1679

Deadline: December 8, 2017

Applications may be downloaded at www.talquinelectric.com/about/talquin-youth

Youth Tour

Landing in D.C. and getting off the plane with 30 excited students is exhilarating, but that doesn't compare to the week ahead! Pictured below, are Talquin's delegates from the 2017 National Youth Tour (pictured left to right are Zach Karpinski, Maclay; Melanie Clark and Christie Salters, Leon High School; and Emilee Straughn, homeschool). Every summer, Talquin sponsors four high school juniors to attend the National Rural Electric Cooperative 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 Museums, a sunset Marine parade, a day visit to Mt. Vernon, and a cruise on the Potomac, just to name a few of the highlights on 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 homeschool;
- 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 area: Leon, Liberty, Gadsden, and Wakulla Counties

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trading post

Miscellaneous

Ruth Reasonable Rates Housecleaning and more! 566-7283

Raw Wildflower Honey For Sale \$5 half pint, \$10 pint, \$20 quart. 926-2658

New Isabell American Girl doll \$150 OBO. 868-0370

MOVING SALE: 4 pcs bedroom set, 2 beds \$100; 2 Lazyboy swivel recliners \$65 ea; sofa, 2 end tables & cocktail table \$100; xmas tree & decorations \$40. 539-9036

Tin Lizzie Long Arm quilting machine w/ 9 ft Falcon quilting frame. Near new condition. Additional features, call for list and for details. 765-7323

Sewing machine, Bernina 930 record, case, sewing platform, walking foot, many additional feet and attachments, plus all instructions.\$650.

4 MEN'S COATS: "Marlboro Man" style leather/ sheepskin - \$100; Burberry trench w/zip lining - \$150, 1 lined & 1 unlined trench - \$75 ea. Call/ text for photos & sizes. 510-0412

Licensed CNA Private Senior Care also Childcare provider. Day or Night. 557-6518

Two double windows by Simonton: Size 2'8 x 5'6 or width = 64' and length = 66' .893-5241or 264-5477

Mother daughter residential cleaning team. Locally owned and operated. 20yrs experience. We clean your house your way. 443-8414

Vintage GM Frigidaire (Made only by General Motors) in working condition. \$300 OBO. 273-

Generator used last for Irma. Don't lose your lights or food. Leave message at 421-1534

Honey Do List Guy: Over 20 years of experience doing home improvement work, can do all trades - carpentry, electrical, painting, etc. & do 99% of work myself. Simply make your list & "Let's get our done". 933-1105

Seasoned Split Oak Firewood for sale. Free Delivery, stacking, and fat lightered wood. Call or text 210-9404

One Burial Plot for sale in Riverside Memorial Park, Jacksonville, FL. Located in the Garden of the Last Supper. Unit No. 19-A, Lot No. 170, Grave No. 2. 878-7137

New 15'X 8" flex. stainless Duravent flue liner \$200; Used 3-36" triple wall stainless stove **pipe** with support box, roof flashing, and cap \$400. 442-3471

Oak table sits 6 w/ two captain chairs and leaf \$300; Custom made wood cabinets, pine light stain finish, best offer; antique mahogany **loveseat & chairs**, need refurbishing, predates late 1800's early 1900's. 933-3644

MISC ITEMS: new toddler's tricvcle \$40: 2 new hand motion towel dispensers \$18 ea; 2 tall wrought iron flower stands \$13 ea; 1 flower stand w/ 6 tiers \$13; antique white oak bed (ft & headboard), nightstand and chester \$625; antique white oak mirror \$45; sm & lg antique rocking chairs \$55 & \$65. 442-6332

Square dance clothes - ladies size med & lg, also crinolines. Men's pants, size 36 waist, shirts size med & lg. 519-6507

Taekwondo/Karate equipment: like new, yellow break board \$10; helmet w/ metal face

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.

- 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
- Members may submit one ad every three
 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.

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

guard \$25; foot protectors \$20; gloves \$15; nanchakus \$10. 274-8750

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

48 pc set Heritage Hall English Ironstone dinnerware, includes gravy boat, sugar bowl, creamer, serving platter, excellent condition, no chips or cracks - \$399, 668-1871

Need to sale vaults and funeral plots 7D-3&4 in the Garden of peace located at Abbey Funeral Home. 4037 N Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32303. 544-1092

Two cribs for sale, w/ mattresses, dark in color, one converts to a full size bed (conversion kit sold at Babies R Us). Make an offer. 875.1654

Automotive

2017 B Class Thor Compass, 23 Ft. w/slide, Ford Diesel, Loaded-3 TVs, low mileage, 1 owner. MSRP \$105,502-Asking \$72,900. 544-2288

2010 EDDIE BAUER FORD EXPLORER. White, leather, 3rd row seat, heated seats, V-6 Automatic, CD Player, good rubber, 100, 800 miles. Very Clean \$8,500. 524-4558

P275/65R18 Goodyear Wrangler Ford Premium Wheels w/tires (Havana). Used (30,000 miles) raised white letters, lots of tread left, 6 lug, excellent condition. \$550 OBO. 408-4989

Four - 15 in. spoke hub caps off of Mustang \$40.576-3000.

Like new pick-up truck Tonneau cover for 6 ½ ft bed \$175.877-5995.

Real Estate

Gretna - Fully renovated well maintained house for rent \$750.00 monthly. 3bd/1bth, gas fireplace, washer, sunroom, front deck, AC/ heat. 856-5068

Mobile home with large out building on 2 lots in Ochlocknee Estates, Havana. Both mobile home & out bldg need major work. \$18,000. 519-6837

Beautiful 10.5 acre Homesite on Old Fed. Rd. tractor shed and power. \$8,500/acre. 875-3439

Shell Point Beach FL, coastal home: completely furnished, decorated, landscaped. Includes 22 ft sail boat & jet ski. Perfect get away, rental, or year long living. \$249,900. 566-2886

Farm/Garden

Club Cadet SC500z Self Propelled 21" Push

Mower. \$200, Castor wheels, mulch bag or side discharge. Purchased 03/2015, \$399 only used twice. Serviced 09/05/2017. 509-4791

Diehl straight line rip saw for sale, worked when stored, cuts a whole sheet of plywood \$3500/OBO. 228-5300

(2) adjoining undeveloped lots for sale. .68 acres each. 1/2 mile from Blount Creek/Lanier boat landing. \$11k each or both for \$20k. 556-8305

Marine

Fly Rod and Reel: G-Loomis GL3 - 9' - #9 line, Lamson LP3.5 Reel, Original box and case. Excellent condition \$350. 574-4441

Wanted

Looking for pet lover to take care of 7lb Mal**tese** at your home during my traveling. Please email TLHome4u@gmail.com for your address, fees, experience and reference.

Two - 2016 SeaDoo's - GTI 130, reboarding ladder's white & manta green, only 17 hrs, Elite WC11 aluminum trailer, w/ extras. 656-3005

FREE

Scrap metal 385 Bob Miller Rd Crawfordville. 421-1926

Pecan wood from two trees that were cut down. You cut, you haul. 856-5894 or 273-1390 Cat/Small dog door for sliding glass door; garage door opener motor, never used. 339-5786

As of the close of business on December 29, 2017, Talquin will discontinue accepting payments made via American Express (AMEX). Talquin will continue to accept payments via VISA, Master Card, and Discover cards.

Roasted Brussels Sprouts

1 ½ pounds Brussels sprouts, ends trimmed and yellow leaves removed

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 teaspoon kosher salt

½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

 Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (205 degrees C).

2. Place trimmed Brussels sprouts, olive oil, kosher salt, and pepper in a large resealable plastic bag. Seal tightly, and shake to coat. Pour onto a baking sheet, and place on center oven rack.

3. Roast in the preheated oven for 30 to 45 minutes, shaking pan every 5 to 7 minutes for even browning. Reduce heat when necessary to prevent

burning. Brussels sprouts should be darkest brown, almost black, when done. Adjust seasoning with kosher salt, if necessary. Serve immediately.

*allrecipes.com



Energy Tip:

Before the heating season starts, turn up the thermostat that controls the system and make sure everything is working properly. The difference between the energy consumption of a well-maintained heat pump and a severely neglected one ranges from 10% to 25%.

*energy.gov



Water Tip:

Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the bowl without flushing, there's a leak. Fix it and start saving gallons.

*wateruseitwisely.com

Your Voice Matters!

Take our Member
Survey (now available
in Spanish!) and enter
the drawing for a \$100.00
VISA gift card! One survey
per membership is allowed. Each Member who
completes the survey and
provides the requested
contact information
will be entered into a
drawing for ten winners of a

drawing for ten winners of a \$100.00 VISA gift card. Winners will be randomly selected on December 30th and listed in an upcoming edition of The Current and on our website. The survey will close on **December 29**, **2017.**

The survey can be found online at www.talquinelectric.com. A printed copy of the survey is available at any Member Services Office. Members may also call Alisia Hounshell or Megan Smith at (850) 627-7651 to schedule a time to take the survey by phone or to request a copy by mail. We look forward to receiving your feedback and thank you in advance for your participation. Your Co-op, Your Voice!

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4808 Portal Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32303 (850) 562-0125

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6724 Thomasville Road Tallahassee, Florida 32312 (850) 893-6853

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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 16 Lake Jackson Community Center

November 28 Chaires/Dorothy C. Spence Community Center

December 7 Miccosukee Community Center

December 13 Bradfordville/Wildwood Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

December 14 Woodville Community Cen-

ter

Florida's Friendliest Small Town, Havana, is packed with events this fall. So stop on by and visit for a while! Check out www.havanaflorida.com for more details.

November 18 Classic Cars Rally

December 9 Holiday Festival & Lawn-mower Parade

December 16 Classic Cars Rally

The Polar Bear Express: Visit the Veterans Memorial Railroad in Bristol, FL and check out their park and trains. All Aboard!

December 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, and 23

(steam train available on dates in red)

\$10 ea (\$15 ea for steam train) & children under 2 ride free

10561 NW Theo Jacobs Way - Bristol

Christmas Open House: Erma Jean's Antiques & Gifts

November 17 & 18 (9 AM – 6 PM) 21539 Chester St – Hosford, FL 850-379-3323

Florida Baptist Children's Home Christmas Open House: Join us, bring your family and friends! Enjoy holiday treats, cottage tours and fun-filled family entertainment as our campus family celebrates with yours.

December 8 (6 AM – 8 PM) 8415 Buck Lake Rd – Tallahassee, FL 850-878-1458

Toys for Tots: Drop off a new toy at any Talquin Member Services office to go to children in our community.

November 1 – December 13

Be a Santa to a Senior: Choose a tag off a tree at any Talquin Member Services office and become Santa for someone in need in our area. Drop the gift back off with Talquin[©]

November 10 - December 15





