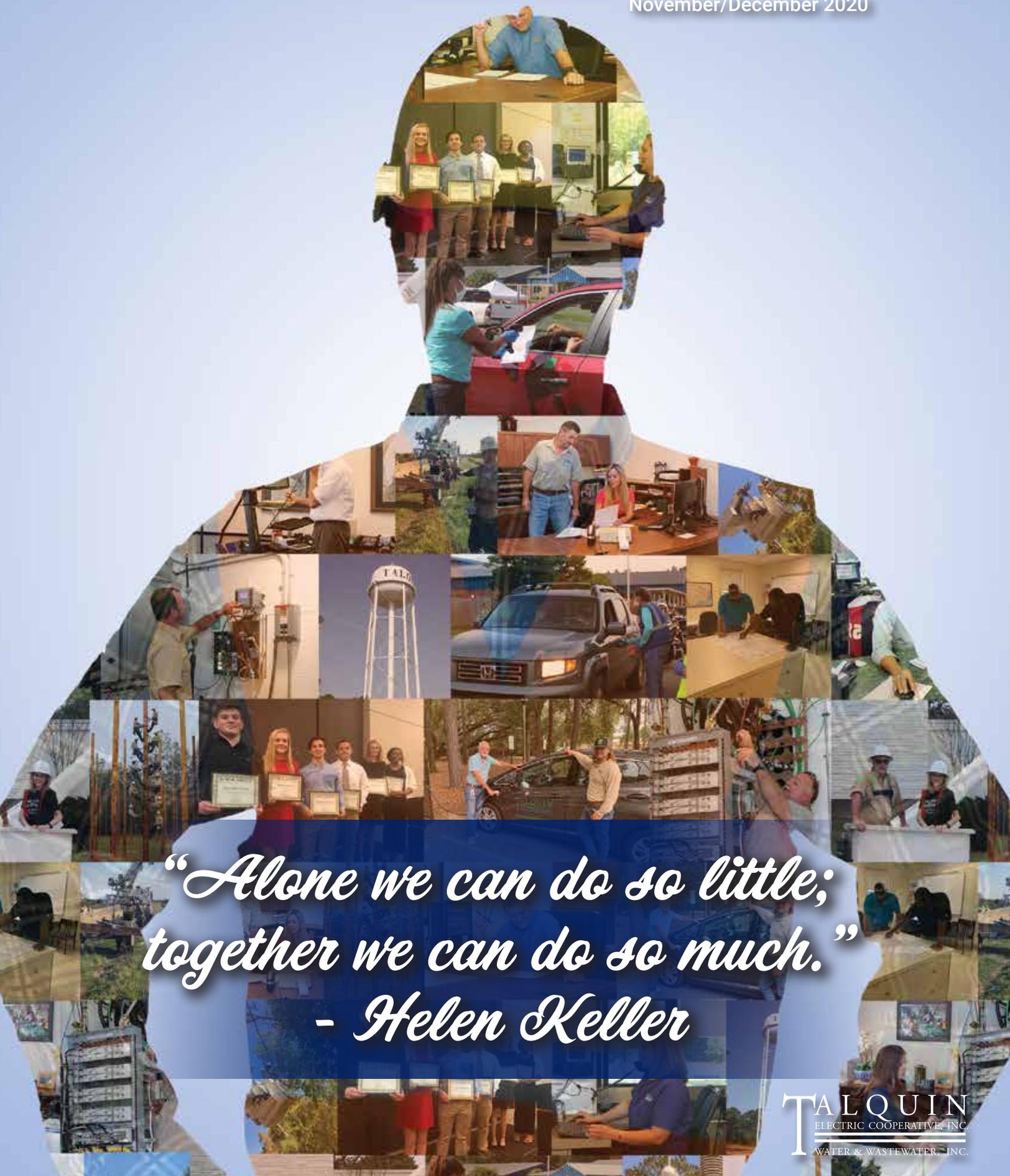


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together we can do so much.”*

- Helen Keller

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Our Biggest Challenges Can Lead to Our Greatest Success Stories

Clearly, the year 2020 has not been anything like we expected it to be. When we were setting our New Year's resolutions last year, we never considered how a global pandemic would influence our year. Just when we thought the universe had given us enough to deal with, mother nature decided to dial it up a notch and deliver us a record-setting Atlantic hurricane season, too. This year, 11



Carrie Durden
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named storms made landfall in the mainland United States, breaking a record set in 1916! Although this year was full of challenges, these difficult times have opened the doors to some of our greatest success stories at Talquin and in the greater community.

When thinking back on everything that we have experienced this year, it is easy to focus on the negatives, such as cancelled vacations due to the pandemic or losing power for a few hours when the outer edge of Hurricane Sally impacted our service area. Vacations can be rescheduled, and Talquin will always get the power up and running as soon as possible, but we can never replace the joy in having our families come home each day safe and sound.

This year, our service territory was spared from a direct hit by a hurricane, but our neighbors to the west in the Panhandle, Louisiana, and Texas were not as lucky. One of the best aspects of an electric cooperative is being guided by the 7 Cooperative Principles—one of which is Cooperation Among Cooperatives. This principle means that it was Talquin's turn to return the favor we received in previous years and provide mutual aid to other cooperatives whose systems were decimated by storms.

Our crews were able to assist co-ops across the south in getting their Members back up and running like they have done in the past for us. The days and nights were long, but because Talquin and other co-ops across the country sent help, the cooperatives impacted by this record-breaking hurricane season were able to get their Members up and running as safely and quickly as possible. Like the saying goes, teamwork makes the dream work!

Another challenge that ended in success was Talquin's Annual Meeting. In our 80-year history, the Annual Meeting has never been cancelled. When we made the difficult decision earlier this year to postpone the meeting originally scheduled for April, we had no idea if we would even be able to hold a meeting this year. Like always, Talquin and its Membership proved their resiliency and made this year's drive-thru meeting our largest meeting to date! This year's meeting saw over 1,400 Members drive out to Gadsden County High School to cast their vote in the Trustee elections and on By-law changes. This meeting was yet another example of a Cooperative Principle in action with our Members exercising their right to Democratic Member Control. With the passing of the By-law changes, Talquin will now be able to hold mail-in voting in the future at the Board's discretion.

When you feel like you are being delivered back-to-back blows and setbacks, you may find it easy to focus on everything that is going wrong. Although it may sound cheesy, there is truly a silver lining to every challenge. When we work together, be it through providing mutual aid to other cooperatives or our Members coming out in troves to make their voices heard, our biggest challenges can open the door to our greatest success stories. Bring it on, 2021!



District 1 Billy VanLandingham

Mr. VanLandingham is the Trustee from District 1, southern Gadsden County. He is Vice-President/Agency Executive of 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's Department of Children and Families as the Child Care Services Program Manager for the Northwest Region (a 16-county service area). Mr. Alexander is a Credentialed Director, holds a Board Leadership Certificate through NRECA, and is a graduate of Florida A & M University. Mr. Alexander currently serves as the 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's 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 and has 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 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, a 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 College. 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 47 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 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.

Thank you

to our incredible sponsors for supporting Team Talquin in the American Heart Association's 2020 Big Bend Heart Walk. Because of their support, Team Talquin was able to raise over \$26,000 for the American Heart Association!



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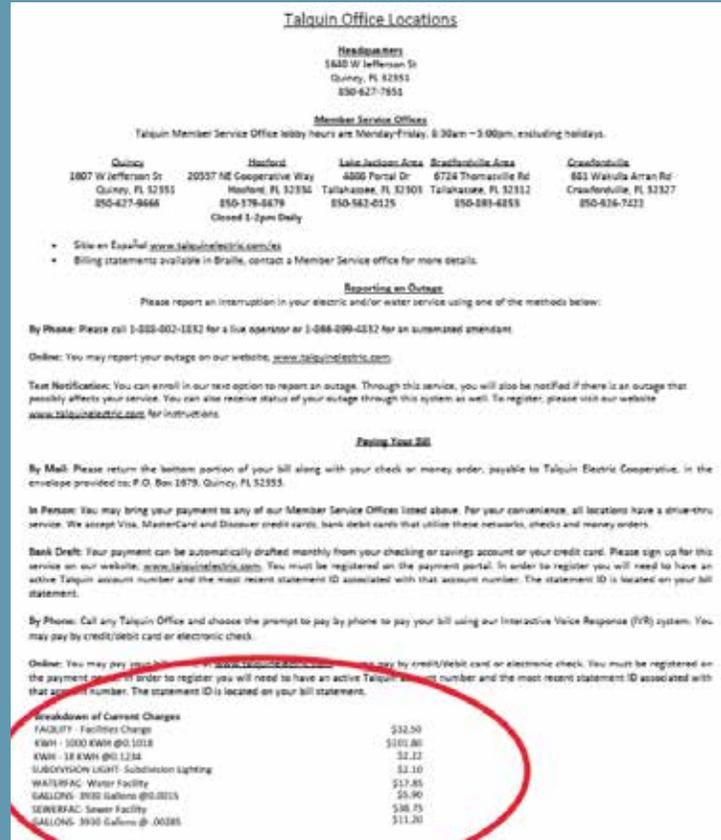
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Updated Billing Statement



Talquin has updated its billing statements to include a breakdown of current charges. Beginning in January, this breakdown of charges will be found on the back side of your Talquin billing statement!

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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 by mail to 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 by email program_intake@usda.gov.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Michael W. Temple, Director of Administration 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.

2020 Annual Meeting Results

Election Results

- District 3 - Joseph Alexander (incumbent)
- District 6 - Doug Bruce (incumbent)
- District 9 - Sam Fenn (incumbent)

By-Law Amendments

Approved by Talquin's Membership

Grand Prize Winners

- Daniel Noyes
- Brodie Smith
- Robert Sailor
- A Reeves
- Diane Wunderlich
- Joe Goff
- Shelah Frizzell



TRADING POST

MISCELLANEOUS

Artists & Teachers: Box full of covers cut from used greeting cards for your projects plus another box of cellophane film negatives. FREE. Leave message 850-508-5649.

Deer blinds/stands: Aluminum framed deer blinds and stands 4x5 and 4x6 available; 850-445-4960

AKC German Shepherd puppies: Health certificates and pedigree. Ready end of November. Parents on site. \$850-1,200. Call 850-933-6801

Misc.: Shoe spoon, 29" long \$10; Quilted cotton water proof backed washable, 32" x36"; bed pads non-smoking home, no stains \$5 each; Men's Jobst medical compression knee high stockings, 20-30 mmhg, size L, new in box, beige or black. \$4/pair. 850-567-6176

Electric wheelchair: Invacare R51 "Nutron" in great shape. Brand-new batteries and armrests. Seat width is 19 inches. Includes charger and all manuals. \$1,500. 850-566-7486

Cemetery Plot: In Devotion Garden Tallahassee Memory Gardens, \$975 (regular price \$1,200), please call 850-510-7869 for more info

Cats: Looking for loving homes for several amazing cats with delightful personalities. 850-879-5509

Exercise bike: Old condition exercise bike with speedometer, still looks average, works well! Asking \$12. 850-756-5570 or 850-559-8497

Battery-powered Wheelchair: Allure HP 6. Like new condition, new battery charger. Asking \$800; Gate leg table \$50; Call 850-545-6956

Dock Space for Rent: Shell Point, \$125/month. 25' space with light, water, and power available. 200 yards from entrance to Apalachee Bay. Call 817-757-3420 or email wlee2630@comcast.net.

Dummy Launcher: Retrieve-R-Trainer Dummy Launcher with custom stock, six Retrieve-R-Trainer dummies, approximately 240 launcher blanks, and seven hand throw dummies. Everything is well used but works perfectly. \$125. Text 850-228-6091

Massage Table: Oakworks Prolux Electric Lift Massage Table (foot pedal raises it). Comes with headrest and bolster \$850.00 Ex. condition 850-320-2765

Church Hammond organ: In good condition asking \$400. You can see it at St. Joseph PB Church, 122 Lonnie Clark Rd., Greensboro FL. Call 850-574-0026 or 850-567-9101

FURNITURE

Headboard: Full size bed cherry wood headboard. \$100 or best offer. Great condition. 850-556-8821, evenings.

Vintage drawers: Historical, vintage drawers (~1950-1960) thick, metal printer's cabinet from the Tallahassee Democrat. 31 W x 37 D x 40 H. Asking \$450, cash only, but negotiable. Text for pictures. 850-556-7116

Dresser: Four drawer dresser, dark wood, good condition, \$40; 850-756-5570 or 850-559-8497

Trading Post Guidelines

In order to continue to provide The Trading Post in every issue of The Current, we ask Members to adhere to the guidelines listed below when submitting an ad. If an ad does not meet the criteria, it will not be published. Talquin provides "The Trading Post" ads for the convenience of our Members. Talquin is not responsible for the content of the ads. Talquin does not endorse or warrant the products or services offered in the ads. There is no cost to place an ad in The Trading Post.

- **Members may submit one ad per issue (six times a year)**
- **Ads must be twenty-five words or less**
- **Must be typed or printed legibly in ink**
- **No registered businesses may run an ad**
- **No changes after ad submission**

*Deadlines are the first day of the month preceding the month of publication (For example, October 1st is the deadline for the November/December edition.)

Mail ads to: "The Current", Talquin Electric Cooperative PO Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32352-1679 or email to: tradingpost@talquinelectric.com

TOOLS

Electric service pole and wheel weights: 100 amp service pole for new construction or for a camper hook-up, never used; \$350. Wheel weights from a 5205 John Deere tractor 4 in all, complete with nuts & bolts. Possibly fit models 210, 300, 830, 990, 1010, 1020, 1250, 1450; \$425. Call 850-576-6705 or cell 850-508-9651.

Welder: Lincoln Electric "Buz Box" Welder with a 100 ft (plus/minus) heavy-duty extension cord w/Range Plug. \$250. 352-634-2249

DR Powerwagon: Fully functional; starts up every time. Gas powered, Intek 6.75 OHV engine, key start. Hauls up to 500 lbs. Easy dump mechanism. \$500 OBO. 850-528-2611

LOOKING FOR

Female Donkey: Needed - One more Jenny to help protect small herd of cattle. Will pick up. Call 850-519-0108

Handy Men: Will hire handy men at reasonable price to install a wire farm fence on property in Havana. I have materials. Call or text (850) 556-3866

Misc.: Home/ Land Security/ Lighting equipment you may have upgraded and no longer use; In Good Condition 1-ton

extended/passenger or cargo van-older model. Used Toyota pick-up truck in good condition. Older Hoover upright vacuum & tank vacuum. Please call 850-879-5509.

Want to buy: Adult-sized tricycle and 9ft Cultipacker (will consider smaller than 9ft) 850-385-3962

AUTO

1994 Chevrolet Silverado 1500: Green 2-door, extended cab, aluminum Toolbox, spray line black bed. Original transmission, needs tires. Asking \$1,500. Call 850-345-9178.

2003 Chevrolet Impala: Excellent running condition had new engine replaced less than a year ago. Mechanic will vouch for workmanship. Asking \$1,200. 850-274-2102

SERVICES

Caretaker: Experienced in personal caregiving for Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, etc., years of experience and references, available Monday-Friday; 850-386-3562

Important Notice About Capital Credits

Annually, the Board of Trustees vote to retire capital credits. Currently, the Cooperative retires capital credits on a 15-20 year cycle. In March, Talquin's Board of Trustees approved changing the general retirement capital credit minimum amount to print a check from \$10.00 to \$35.00. Going forward, Members with capital credit retirements amounting to less than \$35.00 will receive a credit on their account. For amounts \$35.00 and above, the Member will receive a check.

2021 TALQUIN YOUTH TOUR + SCHOLARSHIP Application



Up to \$15,000 in scholarships to be awarded!

Talquin Electric Cooperative is looking for leaders like you to serve as delegates in the 2021 Talquin Youth Tour. Chosen representatives will visit the Florida state capital for a two-day overnight conference February 17-18, 2021. While in Tallahassee, students will be introduced to the cooperative business model and Florida's legislative process while visiting the state's Capitol. 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 16-21, 2021. 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 Cooperative. **Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, there is a possibility that the 2021 Youth Tour could be cancelled and/or modified to ensure the safety of all involved.** If cancelled, Talquin will still strive to provide participating students with a comparable experience in lieu of the in-person program. **Scholarships will still be awarded.**

Qualifications

- Students must currently be enrolled as a junior in a local high school or home school;
- Students must have a close relative/guardian who is currently a Talquin Member;
- Students must currently live in Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, or Wakulla Counties.

Applications

Interested students should complete and turn in the following by:

- Application
- 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.

Deadline

Completed items must be received by Talquin no later than **5:00 PM Friday, December 18, 2020**. Either mail the application to Talquin Electric Cooperative, (Attn: Communications & Outreach, PO Box 1679, Quincy, FL, 32353), drop off at any of Talquin's Member Service office locations, or email youthtour@talquinelectric.com.

Notification

Qualifying students will be notified via mail the first part of January 2020. Scholarship winners will be chosen during the February overnight conference.

Disbursement

The scholarship funds will be provided to the students their senior year for the use of continuing to post-secondary training/college.

If interested in applying, the application can be found on our website at www.talquinelectric.com under Talquin Youth, at any of our Member Service Offices, or by emailing youthtour@talquinelectric.com.

TALQUIN
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
WATER & WASTEWATER, INC.

What To Do When a Precautionary Boil Water Notice is Issued for Your Area

When there is a loss in water pressure, due to either a broken water pipe or a scheduled outage for repairs, a Precautionary Boil Water Notice (PBWN) will be issued. A PBWN is issued out of abundance of caution and not because known contamination of the water. If the number of affected Members is small, then each Member will be informed individually using a printed notice hung on the front door. Otherwise, the notice will be provided for broadcast from the local radio and/or television station.

Water pressure keeps unhealthy pollutants from entering the underground pipes that bring drinking water to your house or business. When the pressure is lost, contaminants could potentially enter into the pipes. The loss of pressure might allow pathogens (disease-causing organisms) into the water that can cause illness if consumed through drinking or food preparation. As a precaution, disinfect tap water to kill any bacteria or viruses that may have entered the water.

Under a PBWN, water used for consumption can be disinfected by any of the following methods:

- Bringing the water to a rolling boil and holding it there for one (1) minute.
- If you cannot boil water, such as during a power outage, use a disinfecting chemical. You should put eight (8) drops of common household bleach, which is about 1/8th of a teaspoon, into one (1) gallon of tap water, shake it, and allow it to stand for 30 minutes before drinking. If the water is cloudy, use sixteen (16) drops, about a ¼ teaspoon of bleach instead of 8, shake it, and let it stand for 30 minutes. There should be a slight chlorine odor. Use common household bleach that has 5 to 6% active ingredients. Use food grade containers. Do not use bleach that has perfume scents added.
- Using water purification tablets or iodine that many sports and camping stores sell.



These methods are in accordance with the Department of Health's Guidelines, which can be found online at <http://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/drinking-water/boil-water-notice-guidance.html>.

Consumption includes brushing teeth, washing fruits and vegetables, and making homemade ice. Tap water may be used for showering, bathing, shaving, and washing, so long as care is taken not to swallow or allow water in the eyes, nose, or mouth. Children and disabled individuals should have their baths supervised to ensure water is not ingested. The time spent bathing should be minimized. Though the risk of illness is minimal, individuals who have recent surgical wounds, are immunosuppressed, or have a chronic illness may want to consider using bottled or boiled water for cleansing until the notice is lifted.

Businesses and non-residential sites should take steps such as posting notices at, or disabling water fountains and ice machines during the PBWN. If you provide water to visitors or employees, use commercially-produced bottled water for drinking or beverage preparation (coffee). Food service operations have additional regulatory requirements.

After the water system is repaired, and the pressure is restored in the pipes to your home or business, the precautionary boil water notice will remain in effect for one to several days while bacteria tests are conducted to assure the safety of the water. The notice will be lifted (rescinded) only after tests prove the water is safe to drink. When a small number of Members are affected, the rescind notice will be delivered similarly to delivery of the precautionary boil water notice. Otherwise, the media will be provided information updates and you should listen for this important information on the radio and/or television. All PBWN and rescind notices are posted on the Talquin website (www.talquinelectric.com), and the Talquin Facebook and Twitter pages.

Talquin takes great care in assuring that your water is safe to drink. We appreciate your cooperation with the Precautionary Boil Water Notice policy, which ensures public health during water outages. Please contact us at (850) 562-2115 during normal business hours if you have questions or concerns. The County Health Department can also assist you with answers to your questions.

Four Ways to Conserve Water this Winter

While there are a number of ways to integrate water conservation into your daily routine, here are four tips that will prove useful during the winter months:

1. Insulate water pipes in unheated areas.
2. Dip your faucets to avoid frozen pipes.
3. Check for leaks after the first thaw.
4. Know where your property shut-off valve is.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Keep cold air out to save energy. Seal air leaks around pipes and any gaps around chimneys and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.

Source: www.energy.gov



Traditional Thanksgiving Sides with a *Twist*

Spicy Cornbread & Sausage Stuffing

***Recipe from Rachael Ray Magazine
<https://www.rachaelraymag.com/recipe/spicy-cornbread-sausage-stuffing>*

Ingredients:

1 1/3 pounds cornbread, coarsely crumbled (about 10 cups)
 3 large poblano chilies
 4 tablespoons butter
 12 ounces andouille or kielbasa sausage, sliced 1/3 inch thick
 1 onion, chopped
 3 ribs celery, chopped
 4 cloves garlic, sliced
 2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
 2 eggs
 Salt and pepper



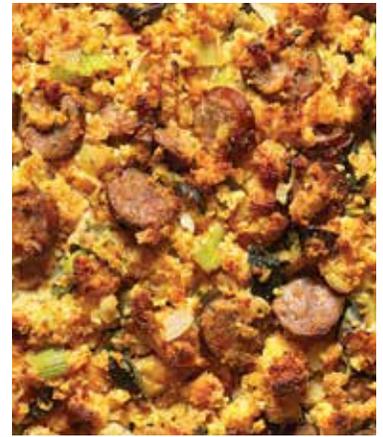
1. Place a rack in the upper third of the oven; preheat to 300 degrees. Scatter the cornbread on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake 25 minutes. Let cool; transfer to a large bowl.
2. Working over a gas flame or under the broiler, char the poblanos. Transfer to a paper bag, close it and let the poblanos steam for 15 minutes. Peel and discard the skins, then chop. Set the oven temperature to 375 degrees.
3. In a large skillet, melt 2 tbsp. butter over medium-high. Add the sausage; cook until browned, 5 minutes. Transfer to the bowl of cornbread. In the same skillet, melt the remaining 2 tbsp. butter, then add the poblanos, onion, celery and garlic. Reduce the heat to medium; cook, stirring, until the onion is soft, five minutes. Add to the cornbread.
4. In a bowl, whisk together the broth and the eggs; season. Pour over the cornbread mixture; toss. Transfer to a greased 3-qt. baking dish. Bake until the top is browned, 35 minutes.

Scalloped Potatoes & Butternut Squash

***Recipe from Rachael Ray Magazine
<https://www.rachaelraymag.com/recipe/scalloped-potatoes-butternut-squash>*

Ingredients:

2 cups heavy cream
 4 large sage sprigs
 3 cloves garlic, smashed
 2 pounds baking potatoes (about 4 large), peeled and thinly sliced
 1 butternut squash (2 lbs.), peeled and thinly sliced
 2 1/4 cups (10 oz.) coarsely grated Gruyere cheese
 Salt and pepper



1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. In a small saucepan, bring the cream, sage sprigs and garlic just to a boil over medium heat. Remove from heat; let steep.
2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, toss the potatoes and squash with 1 1/2 cups cheese, 2 tsp. salt and 1 tsp. pepper. Transfer to a greased 3-qt. baking dish. Remove the sage and garlic from the cream mixture, then pour over the vegetables. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup cheese and more pepper.
3. Bake, covered, until the edges begin to bubble, about 30 minutes. Uncover, sprinkle with the remaining 1/4 cup cheese and bake until the vegetables are tender and the top is browned, 25 to 30 minutes. Let rest for 15 minutes before serving.

SUBMIT YOUR RECIPES

If you have some tasty recipes that you would like to share, submit them to us at TradingPost@talquinelectric.com, drop them off at any of our Member Service offices, or mail to us at PO Box 1679, Quincy FL 32353.

★★ 2020 Employee Service Awards ★★

5 Year: 2015

Sharee Bunkley
 Jessie Daniels
 Nicholas Goodwin
 Keith Johnson
 Claudia Massey
 Vicente Trinidad
 Beatriz Tovias
 Wayne Young

10 Year: 2010

Joshua Blankenship
 RaSarah Johnson
 Branden Rager
 Megan Smith
 Reed Towles
 Justin Wiwi

20 Year: 2000

Stanley Cmiel
 Stacy Collins
 Michael Ferry
 Mark Gainous
 Greg Janicki
 Eugene Reynolds
 Jonathan Temples
 Chris Ward

30 Year: 1990

Abby Emery
 David Kennedy
 Chuck Morgan
 John Revell
 Mark Taylor

15 Year: 2005

Marie Hayes
 Roscoe Holley
 Tanner Lee
 Ryan Stephens
 Allison Thompson

25 Year: 1995

James Ferrell
 Chad Locke

35 Year: 1985

Elaine Marchant

40 Year: 1980

Bruce Cromer
 Gary Hadland
 Michele Powell

2020 Trustee Service Awards

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20 Year: 2000

Joseph Alexander

45 Year: 1975

Sam Fenn



Leon County Senior Outreach: 2020 Drive-By Lunch & Learn & Wave Schedule

All events are held at the respective Community Center parking lots except for Bradfordville, which is held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church parking lot and Woodville, which is held at the J. Lewis Hall Woodville Ball Park. Distribution is from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM for all events.

Miccosukee: Thursday, December 3

Bradfordville: Wednesday, December 9

Woodville: Thursday, December 10

Fort Braden: Tuesday, November 17 & Tuesday, December 15

Lake Jackson: Thursday, November 19 & Thursday, December 17

Chaires: Tuesday, November 24 & Tuesday, December 22

Downtown Market Tallahassee Saturdays 2020

Downtown MarketPlace is open every Saturday, March through November from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM with new safety precautions. The Downtown MarketPlace features fresh, homegrown produce and organic items. Fresh bread and eggs are available. Look for fresh cut flowers and native plants. Local arts & crafts by the original artist, books by local authors, and live music. U.S. 27 South of I-10, Monroe @ Park Ave. Contact downtownmarket@earthlink.net www.downtownmarket.com



Talquin Electric Supports
TOYS FOR TOTS!

Drop off new, unwrapped toys at Talquin Member Service offices during the dates and times specified below!

Bradfordville	Quincy
November 17 & December 2 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	November 18 & December 1 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Crawfordville	Lake Jackson
November 17 & December 2 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	November 18 & December 1 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

For the safety of our Members and staff, drop boxes will be placed outside the entrance to each office.

HOFMANN to WARHOL

September 25–December 12, 2020

Hofmann to Warhol: American Art After WWII

September 25 – December 12, Gadsden Arts Center & Museum, 13 N. Madison St., Quincy

By the end of World War II, New York City had become the art capital of the world, and the art of that period reflects radical changes in American history and culture. Curated with artworks from Art Bridges (Arkansas), the Samuel Harn Museum (Gainesville), the Museum of Contemporary Art (Jacksonville) and the Florida State University Museum of Fine Art. \$10 general admission, free for museum members. www.gadsdenarts.org (850) 875-4866

Light Out? We Need to Know!

If you see an outdoor light that is not working on Talquin Electric Cooperative's system, please contact the Cooperative to report it. When reporting a problem, please provide the information listed below so that we can make repairs and contact you, if necessary.



- Provide the light number located on the pole and describe the location clearly. Information such as street name, nearest street intersection, or other landmarks are very helpful. Accurate information is important in identifying the outdoor light, especially if there are multiple lights in the area.
- Describe the nature of the problem, such as light is blinking, a bulb is burnt out, etc.
- Provide contact information such as the name, address, email address, or phone number of the person reporting the outdoor light so that they can be contacted if needed.

Providing as much information as possible will help ensure the proper response for your request. We certainly appreciate your help in this matter. To report a broken or malfunctioning outdoor light, contact Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. at (850) 627-7651 during normal business hours or visit www.talquinelectric.com/services/report-an-outage.

Water and Wastewater Rate Change

Talquin Water & Wastewater, Inc. (TWWI) recently conducted a cost of service study, and based on the study's findings, we will adjust water and wastewater rates effective November 1, 2020. TWWI recognizes that our Members want their cooperative to have competitive rates while remaining financially stable so we can provide a safe and reliable service. Despite this rate adjustment, Talquin's rates remain the same or slightly less than other comparable utility providers who apply a surcharge to their rates.

Talquin's water and wastewater new meter growth continues to remain flat with the exception of a few new residential developments. In addition, the impact of stagnant growth and upgrading aged water and sewer facilities has contributed to an increase in operating expenses. While TWWI works diligently to control operating expenses, rate adjustments are periodically required to help ensure TWWI meets all current and future financial obligations.

Talquin's service area covers several hundred square miles throughout Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla counties. We operate six separately permitted wastewater facilities and 20 separately permitted water facilities.

AVERAGE MONTHLY BILLING FOR RESIDENTIAL USAGE OF 5,000 GALLONS		
	Water Only	Water & Sewer
Existing	\$25.35	\$78.35
New	\$27.34	\$88.33
Change	\$2.39	\$9.98
% Difference	9.44%	12.74%

WATER FACILITY CHARGES								WATER USAGE		
Meter Size	0.75	1	1.5	2	3	4	6	First 5,000 Gallons	Next 15,000 Gallons	Over 20,000 Gallons
Existing	\$17.85	\$28.55	\$44.65	\$67.85	\$117.80	\$178.50	\$348.10	\$1.50	\$1.90	\$2.25
New	\$18.74	\$29.98	\$46.88	\$71.24	\$123.69	\$187.43	\$365.51	\$1.80	\$2.28	\$2.70
Change	\$0.89	\$1.43	\$2.23	\$3.39	\$5.89	\$8.93	\$17.41	\$0.30	\$0.38	\$0.45
% Increase	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%

SEWER FACILITY CHARGES								SEWER USAGE	
Meter Size	0.75	1	1.5	2	3	4	6	First 5,000 Gallons	Next 15,000 Gallons
Existing	\$38.75	\$62.00	\$96.90	\$139.50	\$279.00	\$430.10	\$879.65	\$2.85	\$3.90
New	\$38.75	\$62.00	\$96.90	\$139.50	\$279.00	\$430.10	\$879.65	\$4.37	\$4.37
Change	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.52	\$0.47
% Increase	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	53.3%	12.1%

Sewer volume charges are per 1,000 gallons will be the same for all volumes.

Talquin Wins Best Tasting Water Contest!

This year, Talquin Water & Wastewater, Inc. (TWWI) submitted a water sample from the Meridian Hills water system as part of a statewide drinking water contest hosted by the Florida Rural Water Association. Of the six contestants that submitted an entry, the judges determined that the water from TWWI's water system was the best tasting drinking water in the state! TWWI's Meridian Hills water system will be representing Florida at next year's national Rural Water Rally in Washington, D.C.

The FRWA began this contest in 1990. Since then, Talquin has won four of the annual contests, including three wins for Meridian Hills and one for the Meadows water system. Only two other communities have won this award three times. Way to go, TWWI!



**VOLUNTARY MEMBER ENROLLMENT
TO DONATE TO THE TALQUIN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)**

Member Name _____

Electric Account Number _____

Water Account Number _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____



Option 1 – Flat Rate: By signing this form and submitting it to Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Talquin), I authorize Talquin to add \$ _____ per month to my bill to be used in connection with the voluntary Talquin Assistance Program (TAP).

Option 2 – Round Up: By signing this form and submitting it to Talquin, I authorize Talquin to round-up my monthly utility account(s) each month to the nearest whole dollar amount, with the added sum to be used in connection with the voluntary Talquin Assistance Program (TAP). In the event my monthly account(s) display(s) a credit, then the credit due will be rounded down to the nearest dollar, and the funds retained will be donated to TAP.

I understand that the funds I donate each month will be used by Talquin for charitable purposes which will primarily focus on assisting other Talquin Members who cannot pay their utility bill. I understand that, should the total amount of donations exceed this charitable purpose, the excess donations may be used for such other charitable purposes as are approved by the Board and reported to the Membership.

I understand that participation in TAP is voluntary. I also understand that this is an on-going agreement, and that I must notify Talquin Electric Cooperative if I choose to discontinue my participation in this voluntary program, and that the processing of a termination request may take up to thirty days. I also understand that any donations I make to TAP are non-refundable.

I understand that Talquin may utilize third party agencies (for example, Capital Area Community Action Agency) to handle disbursements of TAP funds to Members. Members who seek assistance under TAP may be referred to these third party agencies for screening, and any person so referred will be screened on the basis of that agency's criteria. Members seeking assistance will not be required to be contributing to TAP.

I understand that contributions to this program are not tax deductible, and that Talquin will not publish the names of Members who contribute; however, overall program statistics and benefits of the program may be reported to the Membership at least annually.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO TAP, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT OR TO ANY TALQUIN MEMBER SERVICES OFFICE. YOU MAY CONTACT US AT ANY TIME TO ENROLL IN THIS PROGRAM.

**TALQUIN ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.**
Office Locations

Headquarters

1640 W. Jefferson Street
Quincy, Florida 32351
(850) 627-7651

Quincy Member Service Office

1607 W. Jefferson Street
Quincy, Florida 32351
(850) 627-9666

Wakulla Member Service Office

681 Wakulla Arran Road
Crawfordville, Florida 32327
(850) 926-7422

Hosford Member Service Office

20557 NE Cooperative Way
Hosford, Florida 32334
(850) 379-8679

Lake Jackson Member Service Office

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

Bradfordville Member Service Office

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

**Service Interruptions (Outages)
Should Be Reported To**

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.



Holiday Office Closures

Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27 Thanksgiving Holiday	Thursday, December 24 & Friday, December 25 Christmas Holiday	Friday, January 1 New Year Holiday
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Your Voice Matters

Take our Member Survey (also 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 a \$100.00 VISA gift card. Ten (10) winners will be randomly selected and listed in an upcoming edition of The Current and on our website. The survey will close on Wednesday, December 30, 2020.

The survey can be found online at www.talquinelectric.com, starting Monday, November 16, 2020. A printed copy of the survey will be available at any Member Service Office. Members may also call Megan Smith or Sara Khan 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!

Congratulations and best wishes to

Jim Ferrell

on your retirement!