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The Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Talquin Water & Wastewater, Inc. Boards regularly schedule their workshops on the 1st Monday of each month and meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Headquarters' Office in Quincy, FL at 6:30 PM. If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in conjunction with any regular meeting, special meeting, or workshop. Notice of any changes will be listed at <https://www.talquinelectric.com/about/board-meetings-workshops/>.

Grateful, Thankful, and Blessed Because of Our Community!



Joseph Alexander
President

The holiday season is the perfect time to reflect on everything we have experienced together over the past year. Although the COVID-19 pandemic continues, our community has found ways to remain resilient, united, and safe throughout all of the ups and downs this last year has brought us. Slowly but surely, our world is getting back to normal, and we are grateful for the communities we serve and their dedication to moving forward.



Tracy Bensley
General Manager

It can be easy to focus on the negative when so much around us feels heavy, but there is always good in something bad—you just might have to look for it! Take the 2021 Atlantic hurricane season, for example. There were 20 named storms (so far) and it is tied for the third most active Atlantic hurricane season on record, but our service area, and most importantly, our community was spared a direct hit from a major storm.

Because we were not seriously impacted by a storm this year, we were able to send multiple crews to Louisiana to assist DEMCO (a cooperative in Louisiana) with Hurricane Ida restorations. While in Louisiana, our crews worked in treacherous conditions for 16 hours a day. Although they were exhausted and sweaty from working hard, families in the DEMCO community welcomed our crews to backyard cookouts and barbecues to show their appreciation for the work our crews did to get their community back up and running. We are thankful for the opportunity to not only serve our community, but others as well. That's the cooperative spirit!

Furthermore, we are blessed each and every day that we wake up with the opportunity to give back to our community. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have found alternative ways to serve since we cannot always do so safely in person. This year, Talquin employees hosted fundraisers for the American Heart Association's Big Bend Heart Walk, Childhood Cancer Awareness, and the Walker Breast Program at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and have raised nearly \$30,000 so far!

Although we look forward to the days where we can host an in-person Annual Meeting or visit our local schools to provide electric and water safety presentations, we try to focus on all that we have now and not what we are missing. Because of our community, we are grateful, thankful, and blessed!

2021 Big Bend Heart Walk Sponsors

Thank you to our incredible sponsors for supporting Team Talquin in the American Heart Association's 2021 Big Bend Heart Walk. Because of their support, Team Talquin was able to raise over \$26,000 for the American Heart Association! Come out and join us for this year's Big Bend Heart Walk!

- Dixie Paving & Grading, Inc.
- Lawler Timber Company
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- Ace Pole Company
- DCMC Partners
- Arbor Properties
- Summit Group Commercial Properties, LLC
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- Enervision
- Parrish Group
- The Shoe Box
- Generac
- Gresco
- McCulloch Utility Services, Inc.
- Pike Electric
- Nelson Tree Service, LLC


#BigBendHW

SAVE THE DATE

2021 BIG BEND HEART WALK

Saturday, December 4



LOCATION
SUMMIT EAST TECHNOLOGY PARK
2073 Summit Lake Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32317

Please join 2021 Big Bend Heart Walk Chair, Tracy Bensely of Talquin Electric Cooperative, and the Executive Leadership Team in supporting the mission of the American Heart Association to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives.

1

REGISTER FOR THE HEART WALK:

CLICK HERE or Scan the QR Code



2

MARK "GOING" ON FACEBOOK:

CLICK HERE or Scan the QR Code



Local Sponsors

Capital Health Plan · Capital Regional Medical Center · Encompass Health Rehab Hospital of Tallahassee · Tallahassee Community College · Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare

Ausley McMullen · Campus USA Credit Union · Capital City Bank · Florida A&M University · First Commerce Credit Union · Mainline Information Systems · Talquin Electric Cooperative

Employee Recognition

Talquin would like to recognize Member Service Representative Patricia Metcalf and Member Joe Suber for providing first aid and contacting emergency services for another Member after he experienced a fall at our Quincy Member Services office. Thank you, Trish and Joe, for exemplifying the cooperative spirit and perhaps the most important cooperative principle of all, Concern for Community!



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.

Important Notice About Capital Credits

In March 2020, 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 credits 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.

Talquin returns capital credits on a 15 to 20-year cycle, depending upon the financial condition of the Cooperative. This year, Talquin is returning patronage from 2001 and 2002 account allocations. Including this year, Talquin has returned more than \$91,983,516 million in electric patronage and \$1,206,047 million in water and wastewater patronage.

If you have any questions about capital credits, please contact Talquin's Capital Credits Clerk, Rebecca Heitkemper, at 850-627-7651.

TRADING POST

MISCELLANEOUS

Misc.: West Bend 61/2 qt electric wok, unused in box \$25; Metal shoe Horn 29 in. long. \$5; Storage case for (36) VHS tapes \$5; vintage andirons \$35; Barbie dolls (2) boxed, unused from 80's \$25 each; Jobst men's medical knee hi compression socks, 6 pairs, black or tan, size L, 20-30 mmHg, unopened boxes \$4 pair; 850-661-5553, prefer text, can meet at public place

Condensing unit:

Replaced air handler, leaving perfect York Affinity Series Model YZE04811A CONDENSING UNIT for you. Energy star. Never exposed to weather. 850-567-0984 or 850-539-1915 (leave message).

Misc.: Butterball Indoor Electric Turkey Fryer XL, \$100. Outdoor Turkey Fryers (2) 20lbs \$35 each. Bissell Deep Cleaning Floor System, \$179. Kenmore Heavy Duty Floor Cleaner, \$65. SkilSaw Circular 2.3HP 12AMP, \$75. Pressure Cooker 20lb Size, \$50. 850-345-9178

Misc.: Men's & Women's bike: \$25 for men bike, in good condition. \$25 for women's bike; Large & small dog crates: Large crate \$45.00, small crate \$20.00 both have plastic trays. 1940's 6 and 8 panel windows \$10.00 each 10 minimum; Aloe plants all sizes, cheap! 850-524-3852

Refrigerator: General Electric icemaker refrigerator. Good condition. 850-877-2407

Water tanks: 6ft, 40-gallon water tank for \$150. French door, like new, very good condition for \$250. 850-567-3633

Barrels: 55-gallon barrels (oil drums) removable, clamp-ring top. Used once, look new. \$20. Lake Jackson area. 850-570-9813

Rifles: Winchester 9422 .22 WMR lever action \$500; Marlin 60 .22 LR semi-auto - scope \$150; Remington 788 bolt action .308 - scope \$500; 850-688-3925

Misc.: Total gym ultra, older version, \$50; Tony Littles Circle Glide, \$50, Roku Express \$10. If interested, call 850-273-9627.

Boat with trailer: 13ft fiberglass boat w/trailer and Evinrude 25 motor for sale. \$1,200 or best offer. Text message/inquiry to: 850-556-3866.

Misc. Carpentry: Two (2) double windows (New); Built-in Ironing Board (New); Half-round window; Microwave-Oven Cabinet; Two (4 x 8) plywood sheets of finished cabinet boards (New); One lower cabinet (new); Baseboards (5.25 x 16); Crown molding (5.25 x 16); Salon Sink (new); Utility Sink (new); Nine sheets of sheetrock; For additional information, please call 850-893-5241

Equipment: New Kohler air compressor-tank capacity 20gal, psi=116, 6.5hp \$1,200. New Kohler gas water pump-3", \$750. Call 850-408-8742, leave message

Plants for sale: Ornamentals and perennials; Call 850-576-1389 and leave a message

CEMETARY/BURIAL

4-cemetery plot: Abbey Memory Gardens & Funeral Home, Garden of the Apostles, Lot no. 2d spaces 1-2-3-4. \$900 each or \$3000 for all four. 850-421-1792 or pfhendrick@yahoo.com

Cemetery plot: one single cemetery plot at Tallahassee Memory

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

Gardens \$1295.00. Devotion lot 302-D

Burial Plot: Chapel Garden Culley's Meadowood. Seller pays for new deed transfer. Must sell. Best offer 850-339-0154

Cemetery Plots: Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Monford and Hollaway drive, 2, \$1200/each. 4 or more \$950/each. Lots have perpetual maintenance. 850-933-7815, leave message or text, or email CCorbett@leonarc.com

2-cemetery lots: Abbey Funeral Lots/Abbey Funeral Home, you pay transfer fee, \$1500; Tuesday or Thursday appt. 850-345-3423 or 850-345-3130

REAL ESTATE

Furnished Room: Huge furnished room with private bath and closet. Everything included! Oak floors, shared kitchen, safe touch security, linens, Wi-Fi, Dish TV service. \$625 room rate, \$50 background fee, \$400 deposit. 7-month lease minimum. Based on single occupancy. Available now! CALLS ONLY PLEASE 850-284-4892

AUTO

1985 Mazda RX-7: A beauty, rare, 89K mi, always garaged, recent purchase from original owner. Great condition. \$13,990. Leave a message at 850-566-3864

2005 Harley Davidson:

Road Glide Custom motorcycle; LED headlights, mustang seat, skull motif, 25K miles, \$6200, 850-997-0473; also available Custom Corbin motorcycle seat for Honda ST1100 for \$285

Car Dolly: Roadmaster Model RM3477, excellent condition, used once for 500 miles. Includes tire straps for 15-17 inch wheels. \$1800.00. Call 850-557-3838 for pictures and more info.

Used tires: Use tires (2) size P215/60R16 AND (4) size P225/50R17. Used but good. Call 850-491-8741

SERVICES

Caretaker: Loving, experienced, female caregiver seeking full/part time position; reliable transportation, dependable, with glowing references. Background check, pet lover and non-smoker. 850-878-2870

Affordable caregiver help: Experienced female, non-smoker, pet friendly, honest, dependable, caring and patient. Specializing Alzheimer's, open to all companion aide. Leave message 850-875-3041

Handyman/construction: Remodeling, painting, flooring, fencing, decks, siding, all types of handyman services. References available, call 850-792-0482

ANIMALS

Puppy: Free to give away to a good home. A boy dog, small (tan color). Call 850-756-4472

Beagle puppies: Looking for someone that is going to have a litter of healthy 15-inch beagle puppies with all shots and a reasonable price. Call 850-509-2976

Donkey: looking for male or female donkey, 3 years old or less. Call Lamar at 850-445-4790

Cats: Looking for forever, perfect match, loving homes for several amazing cats with delightful personalities. Also seeking country setting for a wonderful family of four cats, owner has health problems and needs good home for them. 850-879-5509

Litterbox: Selling ScoopFree Self-Cleaning Litter Box with Lid and plastic tray liner. Like new. \$150. With one bag litter. 850-345-6490

LOOKING FOR

Want to Buy: Used Toyota pick-up truck in good condition. Small pick-up truck in good condition. Riding mower in good condition. Older Hoover upright vacuum and tank vacuum. Full size to larger refrigerator AND freezer in Gadsden County. In good condition 1 ton extended/passenger or cargo van -older model. Used home/land security/lighting/gate equipment. Please call 850-879-5509.

2022 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 at the 2022 Talquin Youth Tour + Scholarship. Chosen representatives will visit Florida's capital city for a two-day, overnight conference February 16-17, 2022. While in Tallahassee, students will be introduced to the cooperative business model and Florida's legislative process while visiting the state's Capitol. 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 14-19, 2022. 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 2022 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.
- 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.

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 2021. 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.

Applications

Interested students should complete and turn in the following by:

- Application

Deadline

Completed items must be received by Talquin no later than **5:00 PM Friday, December 17, 2021**. Mail the application to Talquin Electric Cooperative, (Attn: Communications & Outreach, PO Box 1679, Quincy, FL,

Student Information

Name		
Address	City	State/Zip
Date of Birth	Phone #	
Email Address	T-shirt Size: XS S M L XL 2X 3X 4X	



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.

Winter Weeknight Recipes

Maple-Glazed Chicken

**Recipe from Food Network

Ingredients:

2 pounds skin-on, bone-in chicken breasts, cut into large chunks
Kosher salt
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 apples (1 red, 1 green), cored and cut into wedges
8 medium shallots, quartered lengthwise
1/4 cup fresh sage leaves, torn
1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth
1/4 cup pure maple syrup
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar



Directions:

1. Pat the chicken dry and season all over with salt. Heat a large heavy skillet over high heat and add olive oil. When the oil is hot, add the chicken skin-side down and cook, undisturbed, until the skin is browned and crisp, about 5 minutes.
2. Turn the chicken and add the apples, shallots, and sage to the skillet. Reduce the heat to medium-high and cook until the chicken is browned on the bottom, 4 to 5 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a plate and continue to cook the apples and shallots, stirring, until golden, about 2 more minutes.
3. Meanwhile, make the glaze: Mix the chicken broth, maple syrup, vinegar, and 1/2 teaspoon salt in a small bowl. Add the mixture to the skillet with the apples and shallots and boil until reduced by about three-quarters, 2 to 3 minutes. Return the chicken to the skillet, turning to coat, until cooked through, about 2 more minutes.

Cottage Pie Baked Potatoes

**Recipe from Food Network

Ingredients:

4 russet potatoes (about 8 ounces each)
5 tablespoons unsalted butter
3 cloves garlic, sliced
1/2 onion, chopped
1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
12 ounces ground beef
1 cup low-sodium beef broth
3 tablespoons ketchup
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1 cup frozen peas and carrots, thawed
1 cup shredded Colby Jack (about 4 ounces)



Directions:

1. Pierce the potatoes with a fork in a few spots. Put on a microwave-safe plate and microwave until tender, about 14 to 16 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, melt 1 tablespoon butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the garlic, onion, thyme, and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Cook, stirring, until the onion is soft, about 4 minutes. Add the beef, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and a few grinds of pepper and cook, breaking up the meat, until no longer pink, about 4 minutes.
3. Stir in the beef broth, ketchup, and Worcestershire sauce and bring to a gentle simmer. Cook, stirring occasionally, until slightly thickened, 6 to 8 minutes. Stir in the peas and carrots and warm through, about 1 minute; season with salt and pepper.
4. Preheat the broiler. Halve the potatoes lengthwise and fluff the flesh with a fork; top each potato half with 1/2 tablespoon butter and season with salt and pepper. Place on a baking sheet. Divide the meat mixture among the potato halves, then top with the cheese. Broil until melted, about 2 minutes.

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 P.O. Box 1679, Quincy FL 32353.

★★ 2021 Employee Service Awards ★★

5 Year: 2016

Josy Castro
Robert Driver
Garrett Dunham
Maicel Green
Jonathan Herrmann
Giselle Kelly
Matthew Lanier
Nikki Mancil
Charles Mathis
Daniel Mills
Jeremy Parmer
Grayson Revell
Terrance Roberts

10 Year: 2011

Jacob Beech
Tracy Bensley
Matt Carpenter
Kenny Chaganis
Michael Harper
Andrew Lyle
Will Poston
Denise Stewart
Jeremiah Waller

15 Year: 2006

Andrew Clark
Ashley Fulton

Wade Nelson
Juris Pumpurs
Ryan Ribolzi
Christy Wheeler

20 Year: 2001

Josh Brogato
Dwight Callahan
Terry Cordell
Lisa Darby
Scott Hartsfield
Grayson Johnson
Brian Moore
Oren Revell
Jesse Roberts

Mike Smith
Sandra Smith
Tim Waddle
Jeff Washington

30 Year: 1991

Patricia Metcalf
40 Year: 1981
Anthony Granger

2021 Trustee Service Awards

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5 Year: 2016

David Miller
Carla Pararo

20 Year: 2001

Billy VanLandingham

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SAVE THE DATE!

Fort Braden Little League
Spring Baseball Registration Event

November 20, 2021 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Fort Braden Community Center



Havana WinterFest

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Activities 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Stores Open 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Vendors, live entertainment, horse & carriage rides, petting zoo, and so much more! Parade at 1:00 PM with visits with Santa following. More info at HavanaFlorida.com.

Wakulla Veterans Meetup



Wakulla County Public Library
Third Thursday Monthly

1100 - 1230

Fort Braden Community

Christmas

DEC. 11 PARADE & MOVIE NIGHT

FORT BRADEN COMMUNITY PARK

More details TBD, visit: fbcommunity.org

EVENT SPONSOR: **AK HANDYMAN SERVICES FL**

HELP SAVE A LIFE AND JOIN TALQUIN AND ONEBLOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY


BLOOD DRIVES!

UPCOMING DRIVES:

<p>Quincy Monday, January 3, 2021</p> <p>11:30 AM - 5:00 PM</p> <p>1607 W Jefferson Street</p>	<p>Lake Jackson Tuesday, January 4, 2021</p> <p>11:30 AM - 5:00 PM</p> <p>4808 Portal Drive</p>	<p>Bradfordville Wednesday, January 5, 2021</p> <p>11:30 AM - 5:00 PM</p> <p>6724 Thomasville Road</p>	<p>Crawfordville Thursday, January 6, 2021</p> <p>11:30 AM - 5:00 PM</p> <p>681 Wakulla-Arran Road</p>
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Each successful donor will receive an eGift card, OneBlood t-shirt, and wellness check-up, including, blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse, and cholesterol screening!

Appointments are encouraged! Please visit oneblood.org/donate-now/ to sign up!



End-of-Life Doulas


Guiding people through life's final transition

In Honor of National Hospice Month, Big Bend Hospice presents a discussion on the role of End-of-Life Doulas in Hospice Care.

This event is open to the Community, Professionals, and Academics.

Please Join Us
Thursday, November 18th
12:00PM - 1:00PM
via Zoom


FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Kamala Snow
BBH Manager of Spiritual Care & End-of-Life Doula

End-Of-Life Doulas bring added support and peace of mind to overwhelmed families caring for their dying loved ones, meeting patients wherever they call home.

Please pre-register by visiting <https://bit.ly/3lBxWEJ> or scanning the QR code below.



Big Bend Hospice
your hometown hospice, licensed since 1983

1723 Mahan Center Blvd. | Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 878-5310 | www.bigbendhospice.org

Toys FOR Tots

Help us support the Marine Corps. Toys for Tots program by dropping off new, unwrapped toys at any of our Member Services offices! Drop boxes will be placed outside near the drive-thru for your safety and convenience.

Week 1 dates:

Monday, November 1 –
Friday, November 5
(during business hours)

Week 2 dates:

Monday, November 29 –
Friday, December 3
(during business hours)



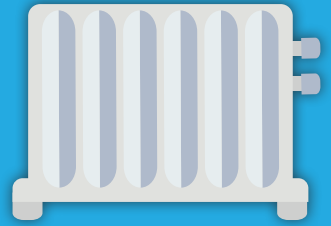
Insulate Exterior Pipes!

Although our winters are mild in comparison to others, North Florida can still experience below freezing temperatures. You can purchase insulation sleeves from your local hardware store that slip right over existing pipes and protect them from the colder weather.



Energy Tip

Use a portable space heater in high-traffic areas like the living room and bedrooms to keep overall heating costs down throughout the season. Just remember to turn it off when you leave the room!



Decorating for the holidays?

Keep these safety tips in mind from the National Safety Council!

- Replace light sets that have broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections
- Follow the package directions on the number of light sets that can be plugged into one socket
- Turn off all lights and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

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 provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the USDA (not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities) 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 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.

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.

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Quincy, Florida 32351
(850) 627-7651

Quincy Member Service Office

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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

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM,

Closed for Lunch 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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 25

Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 26

Day after Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve Holiday

Monday, December 27

Christmas Holiday

Friday, December 31

New Year Holiday

Talquin Member Survey 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 29, 2021.

The survey can be found online at www.talquinelectric.com. A printed copy of the survey is 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!

NOTICE WPCA Adjustment

Effective January 1, 2022, Talquin will reduce the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment from a credit of (\$.0115) to a credit of (\$.0095), resulting in an overall increase on bills of 2 mill, or \$2.00 per 1,000 kWh.