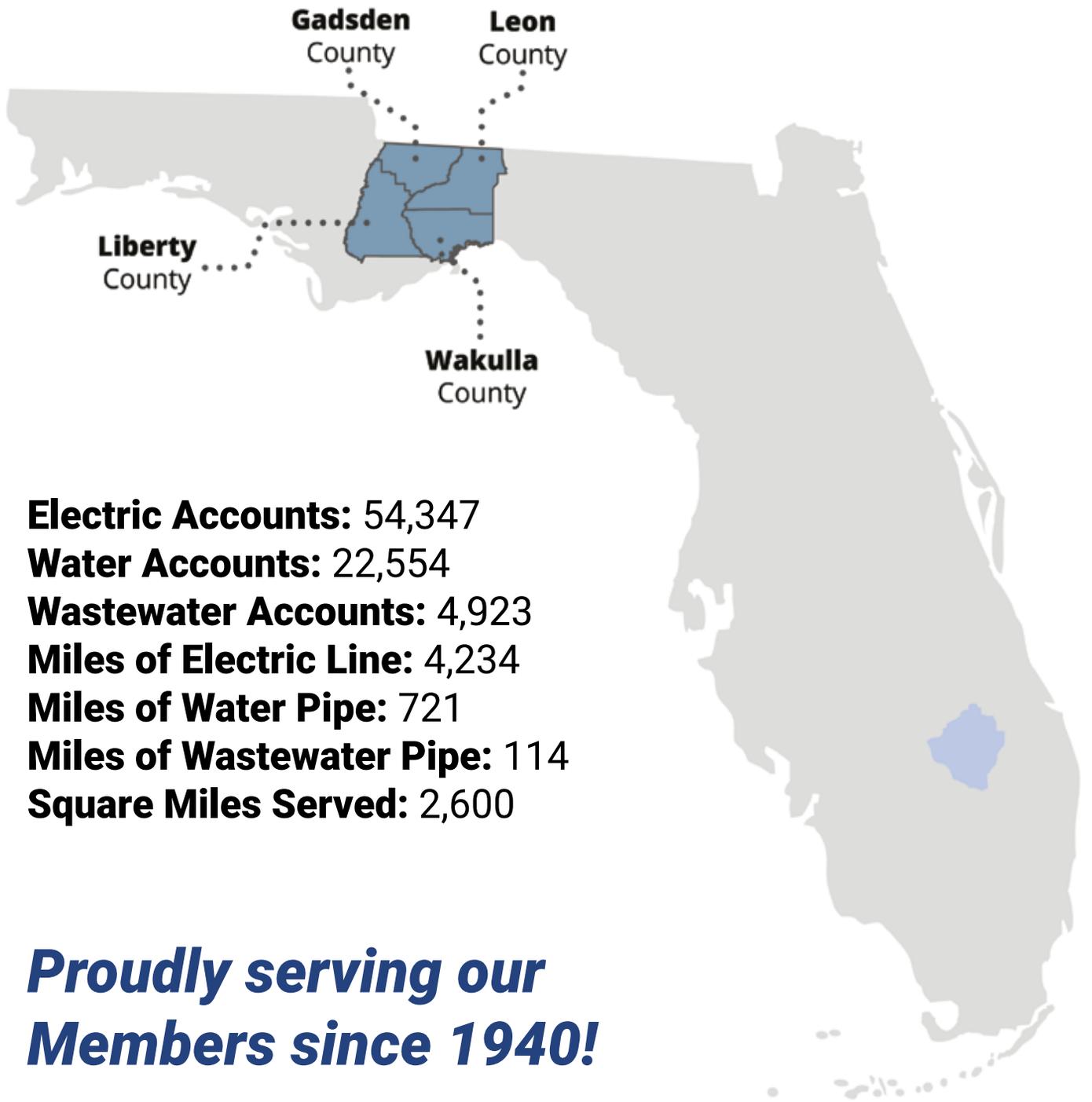


# THE CURRENT

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**Electric Accounts:** 54,347  
**Water Accounts:** 22,554  
**Wastewater Accounts:** 4,923  
**Miles of Electric Line:** 4,234  
**Miles of Water Pipe:** 721  
**Miles of Wastewater Pipe:** 114  
**Square Miles Served:** 2,600

***Proudly serving our  
Members since 1940!***

**TALQUIN**  
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WATER & WASTEWATER, INC.

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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/>.

# Talquin Electric Cooperative Contributes \$558.8 Million to the Local Economy and Supports 852 Jobs for Families in Our Community

Talquin Electric Cooperative does more than power our homes, businesses, and towns. Talquin is a driving force in our economy, and it provides hundreds of jobs for families within the service territory.



Carrie Durden  
Board President

The value of Talquin's contribution to our economy was detailed in an economic impact study conducted by the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association (NRECA). The study found that we contributed more than \$558.8 million to the economy over a five-year period from 2013 to 2017.

Talquin's contribution to our economy can also be measured in the number of jobs it creates and supports. In total, we support 852 direct and indirect jobs per year, on average, in the community and throughout Florida.

With these jobs, we are able to serve our community and support our families.

Talquin Electric Cooperative serves our community in other ways, too.

As a cooperative, of which the consumers are Members, Talquin Electric Cooperative returns patronage back to these Members through capital credits. The economic impact study reported that we returned more than \$15.8 million to the families and businesses of this community during the five-year period.



Tracy Bensley  
General Manager

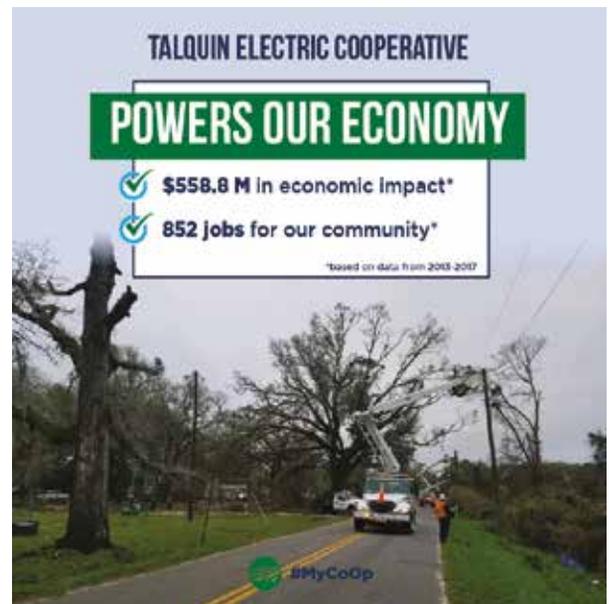
Furthermore, the economic impact study found that Talquin generates more than \$134.7 million in local tax revenue. That revenue, which goes to state and local governments, is reinvested

in strengthening our community's schools and other essential services.

Additionally, Talquin has made significant contributions to the betterment of our community beyond its economic impact. We do this through various partnerships, supporting local schools and businesses, and by being involved in a variety of civic organizations.

Statewide, the impact of Florida's electric cooperatives on our economy is astounding. In a separate economic impact study conducted by NRECA, findings indicate that Florida's electric cooperatives have contributed more than \$11.6 billion to the economy over a five-year period, from 2013 to 2017, and Florida's electric cooperatives support more than 15,000 jobs for Florida families per year, on average.

Back in 1940, the Members of our community came together to form Talquin Electric Cooperative so they could bring power to this community, fuel economic growth, and create jobs. Today, nearly eight decades later, Talquin Electric Cooperative continues to do just that. With \$558.8 million in contributions to our economy during a five-year period and 852 jobs supported each year on average, Talquin Electric Cooperative remains a driving force for the economy in the Big Bend region.





## **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.



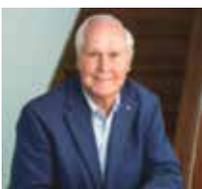
## **District 7 David Miller**

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 46 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.

**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 Amount:** 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). (ELECTRIC ACCOUNTS ONLY)

**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.**



## Employee of Excellence Recognition

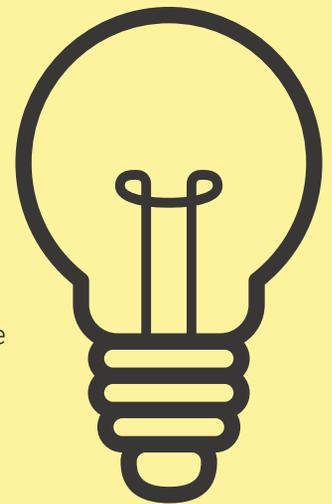
Talquin would like to recognize Chad Locke, Abby Emery, Jordan Ganas, and Keith Johnson (above, left to right) for their extraordinary efforts at the scene of a vehicle accident that occurred on Friday, October 11th. These four employees were able to help by calling 911, administering first aid, and directing traffic. We are thankful to our employees for perfectly demonstrating the 7th Cooperative Principle – 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 very 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](http://www.talquinelectric.com/services/report-an-outage).



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## 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 and features a delicious catered lunch for \$6 per plate. Call 850-891-4065 for more information.

- Miccosukee Community Center – November 7 & December 5
- Bradfordville (Wildwood Presbyterian Fellowship Hall) – November 13 & December 11
- Woodville Community Center – November 14 & December 12
- Fort Braden Community Center – November 19 & December 17
- Lake Jackson Community Center – November 21 & December 19
- Chaires Community Center – November 26

## Veterans Memorial Railroad

Announcing the reopening of Veterans Memorial Railroad in Bristol at Veterans Memorial Park for **"Christmas in the Park 2019 – After the Hurricane."**

The Railroad will be open six (6) nights in December

13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22. TIME: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM ET. Tickets: \$10.00 per person (children 2 and under free). To save wait time, please make reservations and buy your tickets online at: [veteransmemorialrailroad.org](http://veteransmemorialrailroad.org). For additional information, call 850-643-6646.

## Havana Winter Festival and Lawnmower Parade

**December 14, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Real snow starting at 10:00 AM. Lawnmower Parade at 1:00 PM.**

Children's activities, live entertainment, vendors, and more from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. All free!

### Be a Santa to a Senior



**Visit** a Talquin Member Service office.



**Remove** bulb with senior's gift request from the tree.



**Purchase** the requested gift(s) listed on the bulb.



**Place** bulb and unwrapped gift(s) in the designated box at any Talquin Member Service office.

Tags will be available from November 12th until December 16th.

\*\*For more information, please visit: [beasantatoasenor.com](http://beasantatoasenor.com).



All Talquin Electric offices are official drop-off locations for Toys for Tots.

Campaign runs October 1st through December 9th.

**New, Unwrapped Toys ONLY**



### Use holiday lighting safely.

Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires. Turn off all your holiday lights before going to bed or leaving your home.

# TRADING POST

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Hunting Clothing-** LLBean, "field pants". 42 Regular. \$50. "Chaps" style, heavy cloth. "field jacket". XXL. \$50. Orange and brown Rain Jacket. XL. \$100. Leafy Camo Rain pants. XL. \$75. Leafy Camo Insulated Jacket. XL. \$100. Leafy Camo Bootfoot Waders. XL. \$150. Overalls; Leafy Camo Cabela's hunting jacket (insulated). XL. \$100. 850-697-2351 or email rrevans205@gmail.com

**Hunter-Douglas Pleated Shades-** Top of the Line- New condition: 3- 69" w X 67" h - \$30 each/ OBO, 1- 30" w X 59" h - \$15, OBO, 1- 27" w X 60" h - \$15, OBO- 850-385-2505 between 12:30- 4:30 pm any day.

**Misc-** Grey alminate counter tops- \$45, Bathroom mirror-\$25, King Bed Spread-\$35, Computer chair-\$35, 2 Nightstands, solid wood-\$50, Light fixture, shop light, ballast, 2 T bulbs- \$49, Coffee table, 36X 36X 22- \$75- 850-422-1368

**Queen Waterbed Mattress** for box frame. 5 yrs. old, excellent condition, waveless. Comes with 20 yr. warranty. Includes heater, massager, bed liner fill kit. \$150 562-2881

**Sit-on-top fishing Kayak**, 10ft, used once, very stable- \$200- 850-212-5396

**Generator-** 7500 Watts, Very good condition- 850-445-5826

**Dining Table-** Black, seats 8 and black china cabinet, like new- \$1,200, OBO- 850-566-1201

**Swivel Rocker Recliner, Computer Desk** 4ft X 5.5 ft, **HP printer** all good condition, all \$400, OBO- 850-668-3669

**Formal Wood Dining Table** (68 in) or w/2 inserts (98): 6 matching cushioned chairs, matching lighted china cabinet and buffet table, matching wood sofa table w/ partial glass surface- \$1,500- 850-510-1770

**Sleigh Bed (King)** w/ Mattress and box Springs, matching double dresser, chest of drawers and bed side table- \$500- 850-510-1770

**Bed (King)** - Head board, mattress, box frame, dresser night stand- \$100- 850-567-9101

**3 Dining tables**, 2 glass top and 1 wool- \$50 each- 850-567-9101

**Sewing Machine- Kenmore** portable, good condition- \$75 in case, **Sewing Machine in cabinet-**\$125, all wood roll top desk-\$50, **Sleeping bags-** \$5 each- 850-545-6956

**LG Stainless Steel 2 Door Refrigerator** -W/ Ice maker in door, D 30" H 65" W 33"- 850-538-5354

**LG Model L5XS224235 100- Refrigerator**-\$250- 850-222-4791

**30 in Pine Bench- Hand Made-** \$125, Refinished office magazine table- \$180, - 850-877-5995

**2 Bow Saws, 6 Timber Saws, Antique 2 eye wood burning stove, 9 piece Cast Iron cooking set, 10 Hp Evinrude Motor, 4 piece folding table & Chairs-** 850-445-1654

**Bad Back? - Lifegear Professional Inversion Table**, new \$200- Like new \$75- 850-926-9992

**48 pc Set Heritage Hall English ironstone Dinnerware-** includes gravy boat, sugar, creamer, serving platter. Hand decorated w/homes of various sections of our nation, like new, dishwasher safe- \$300- 850-668-1871

**New Grey Jacuzzi**, \$1,000, **1.5 Car Garage Door-** \$150, **Large old Trunk-** \$50, **Large Sideboard w/ Lots of mirrors** (coming from England)- 3,000, **Childs Go-ped-** \$50.00- 850-875-1423

**Dolls-** Shirley Temple, Sasha, and more doll outfits and furniture (Think Christmas). **4 Antique Chairs** for sale (circa 1850's), **Antique marble Top Lamp Table-** 850-878-8321

**Hummel Figurine Collection-** Murano hand Blown Glass from Italy- Low asking price- 850-524-4802

**Cherished Teddies Perfect Condition- large/ Small Beanie Bears** (many in cases) - 850-894-1878

**Stained Glass Picture** (Large) of 2 peacocks, 1 blue and 1 orange and pink, 27 X 42- \$60- Tan **Couch** w/ large movable cushions- \$150- 850-228-0412

**CZ 455 Varmint**, SWFA 10 power Super Sniper Scope, Boyds custom stock, several extra accessories to go w/ the gun- \$850- 850-363-5763

**Bushmaster M17s Bullpup rifle 223**, w/ Bushnell scope, and ammo \$950 OBO, **Arsenal SLR 95 Rifle** 7.62x39 Bulgarian Ak, best of the best Aks, milled receiver, scope, ammo, and soft case \$675 OBO. 850-926-4814

**Cemetery Lot-** Garden of Apostles, Tallahassee Memory Gardens, double depth lot, Value \$1,695, selling for \$1,274- 850-942-5941

**2 Burial Plots-** Memory Gardens located in Garden of Christ in the front under the statue of Jesus near the flag. Both for \$2,500.00 or 1 for \$1,200- 850-576-4608 or 850-294-2458

**Cemetery Plots-** 2 Plots in Memory Gardens on N. Monroe, purchased 40 years ago and

## 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

located in The Garden of the Last Supper- \$1,500 for both- 850-562-1975

**Cemetery Plots-** Oakland Cemetery 2 plots sold as a pair- \$1,800 Firm- mayoungblood1959@gmail.com

**Community Garden of Havana-** 15 X 15 plot available for \$30 per year on Hwy 27 south of town. 850-570-9024 or lindamccat@comcast.net

**Wakulla Chronic Illness Support Group:** meets every Friday from 6 to 7pm @ Bay Leaf Market in Crawfordville, Florida 850-300-3513

## AUTOMOTIVE

**1991 Lincoln Town Car-** 123,200 miles-\$200 obo, **1989 F150** \$2000 obo- 850-334-714-6730

**93 Buick Roadmaster**, 170K miles, very good condition- \$1,900- 850-567-1387

**93 Ford Astro Van-** \$1,200- 850-567-1387

**2014 Keystone Camper Trailer-** 25ft Queen Bed, full bath, complete kitchen, dvd/tv/surround sound, central AC/Heat, air Brakes, Lots of Storage- \$14,000 OBO- 850-402-3224

**2015 Tracker 14" Jon Boat and trailer-** Mercury 9.9 Hp, aprox 10hrs, like new-\$3,495- 850-878-1769

**1996 Rockwood HW Tent Camper-** sleeps 6, AC, slideout, full bath, stove/oven, and microwave. No leaks, Very condition \$6,200 OBO- 850-510-0715

**4 Tires-** size P225/50/R17 \$8 each- 850-567-9101

**1998 Sunfire** (Red) - New tires- \$2,000- 850-875-1423

## REAL ESTATE

**Chipola River 100' feet on river.** 218' on one side other side 178', the lot has a deep well. High and dry above the river. The lot is cleared and ready to build on. Located in Scotts Ferry. Mailing address is Blountstown. \$65K. 850-933-6150

**Chipola River front lots-4-** \$25K, each wooded. Discount if buy more than one. Located in Scotts Ferry. 850-933-6150

**House for Sale \$180,000-** All brick

3 bedroom, 2.5 bath located close to the Chipola River. Sunroom 27'X17'. Tow story barn, 2 carport, sits on 1.25 acres, Located in Scotts Ferry. 850-933-6150

**Rooms for Rent-** Beautifully furnished w/ private bath in East Tallahassee. Everything included, Utilities, Dish TV, WIFI, Linens, Safetouch Security, Shared Kitchen and Common Space. Call for an appointment 850-284-4892

**For Rent-** 3 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath SWMH, Hud Accepted, St. John Community- 850-544-8772

**Mobile Home-** SW- New carpet, bathtub, cabinets, and heat pump. Make Offer- Needs Moved- 850-575-8051 (Shown by Appointment).

**7 Acres-** Near Panama City- \$60,000- 850-875-1423

## FARM/GARDEN

**Hay for Sale-** 4X5 ft Rolls, barn kept, good cow feed \$35 per roll at the barn in Havana, FL- 850-251-5423

**2016/ 1742 Massy Ferguson Tractor** w/Scoop and grappler. 350 hrs \$23,500- 850-491-2019

**1983 Massey Ferguson MF 210 Tractor-** Everything works, and has manual. \$3,750- 850-508-9785, happyjackfarm1@gmail.com

**Kubota B7510 HST Tractor** (hydrostatic transmission) w/ LA 272 Front Loader, custom built forks (easy on/off, converts bucket into a forklift) and 3pt. hay spear (tractor can move round bales). Less than 200 hrs. - 13K obo. Please text (preferred) or call 850-556-9979 between 8am and 8pm.

**Yanmar Tractor-** \$1,300 or Best Offer- 850-575-8051

**Husqvarna-** Kohler Engine- 46 inch, 200hrs, new battery, belt, blades- \$950- 850-575-8051

**Push mower-** Like new, needs carb work \$100- 850-567-1387

**Utility Trailer-** 4X8, w/ 14"tires- \$450.00- 850-567-1387

**John Deere 71 Planters-** 2 row- \$1,200 / **Hobbs Peanut Flipper** Three Point- 2 row-\$550.00 / 30" **Heavy duty dirt scoop-** Linbaugh Line- \$200 / **landscape rake** 7ft- three point hook up-\$350 / **Two corn Wagons-** 1 crib/1 solid-

\$650/ \$600- 850-459-2203

**Tools-** 1 Bosch hammer drill- Heavy industrial. 2 Hitachi Hammer drills 1800 watt-110 volt-60 hz-11.5. 2 core drills- 2.5inch diameter x1.5inch deep. Mandrels for bits. Assortment of bits and chisels. All are in unused condition. Leave message @850-576-2961 or 850-509-9064

**Healthy Donkeys** in need of a good home. 3 young jacks, 1 young jenny and one elder jenny. 850-591-2930

**Young Guinea Fowl-** Assorted colors- \$15 each- 850-568-7484

**3 Black Angus Bulls-** 15 months old and about 1,000 lbs each. 850-228-1868

**Rabbits-** Variety of colors @ \$6 each in the Havana area- 850-688-0351

**Seasoned split Oak firewood-** Free delivery and fat lightered wood- 850-210-9404

## SERVICES

**Handyman-** carpentry, painting, flooring, tiling and much more-over 30yrs experience- 850-566-5318

**House Cleaning-** 20yrs experience, excellent references, and dependable- 850-321-4181

**Honey Do List Guy-** 20 yrs experience doing any and all types of home improvement work. You simply make your list and we will get it done. I can do all the various trades- 850-933-1105

**House Cleaning-** Ruth's Reasonable Rates- House cleaning and more- 850-566-7283

**Nurse-** Tallavana nurse seeking private duty client w/ flexible hrs. Over 26yrs of experience w/ references available- 850-559-3708

**Full Time Nanny-** Can work weekends and overnight, CPR First Aid, able to drive to your place- 850-570-3312

**Caregiver-** Loving and Experienced, Seeking Full / Part time position. Reliable transportation, dependable, w/ glowing references, background check, pet lover and non-smoker- 850-728-2600 or 850-878-2870

## REMINDER

Talquin sets a maximum sewer usage billing cap in the month of May every year for all residential accounts. This cap is set based on each Member's water usage billed in the months of December through March. Talquin selects the cap in April to be used for the following 12 months based on the greater of the highest usage billed during the prior four months or 10,500 gallons.

For example, if the highest usage on the December, January, February, or March bill is 12,000 gallons, then 12,000 becomes the cap used for billing over the next 12 months. If the Member uses less than 10,500 gallons for those 4 months, then the cap is set at 10,500 gallons until the next year in April.

Commercial accounts have no maximum sewer usage billing cap.

# What's on a pole?

This illustration shows basic equipment found on electric power distribution poles. Equipment may vary based on location and the service provided.

**Primary wires** run on top. Each usually carries 7,200 volts of electricity from a substation.

**Insulators** (made of porcelain or a composite) prevent energized wires from contacting each other or the pole.

A **crossarm** holds power lines, allowing required clearances between lines.

The **neutral wire** acts as a line back to the substation and is tied to the ground, balancing the electricity on the system.

**Surge arrestors** protect the transformer from lightning strikes.

**Transformers** convert higher voltage electricity from primary wires to lower voltage for use by consumers.

A **secondary service drop** carries 120/240 volts of electricity to the end user. It has two "hot" wires from the transformer, and a bare neutral wire connected to the ground wire on the pole.

**Guy wires** help stabilize poles. They are connected to the pole's ground wire.

**Never nail posters or other items to utility poles. These create a safety hazard for lineworkers.**

**Telephone and cable TV lines** are typically the lowest wires.

**Pole ground wire** - running the length of the pole - connects to the neutral wire to complete the circuit inside the transformer. It also directs electricity from lightning safely into the earth.

A head-high "**birthmark**" shows the size of the pole as well as where and when it was made.

Co-ops are responsible for **keeping vegetation around poles trimmed** to avoid interference with the electric system.

40-foot **poles** are sunk six feet into the ground.

# Now accepting 2020 Talquin Youth Tour + SCHOLARSHIP Applications



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

Talquin Electric Cooperative is looking for leaders like you to serve as delegates in the 2020 Talquin Youth Tour. Chosen representatives will visit the Florida state capital for a two day overnight conference February 12-13. 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 20-25, 2020. 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.

## 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:

- 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 13, 2019**. 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](mailto: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.

**If interested in applying, the application can be found on our website at [www.talquinelectric.com](http://www.talquinelectric.com) under Talquin Youth, at any of our Member Service Offices, or by emailing [youthtour@talquinelectric.com](mailto:youthtour@talquinelectric.com).**

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# A Holiday Dinner to Remember

## Church Supper Spaghetti

### Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 1 can [14-1/2 ounces] diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 package [10 ounces] frozen corn, thawed
- 1 package [10 ounces] frozen peas, thawed
- 1 can [4 ounces] mushroom stems and pieces, drained
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 package [12 ounces] spaghetti, cooked and drained
- 2 cups [8 ounces] shredded cheddar cheese, divided



1. In a large skillet, cook beef, onion and green pepper over medium heat until meat is no longer pink. Add tomatoes, water and chili powder. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Add the corn, peas, mushrooms, salt and pepper. Stir in spaghetti.
2. Layer half of the mixture in a greased 4-qt. baking dish. Sprinkle with 1-cup cheese; repeat layers.
3. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 20 minutes or until heated through.

## Crisco® Golden Pound Cake

### Ingredients:

- Crisco® Flour No-Stick Spray
- 1 1/4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/4 cups Crisco® All-Vegetable Shortening or 1 1/4 sticks Crisco® All-Vegetable Shortening Sticks
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 5 large eggs lightly beaten
- 2 1/2 cups Pillsbury SOFTASILK® Cake Flour
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract
- Powdered sugar



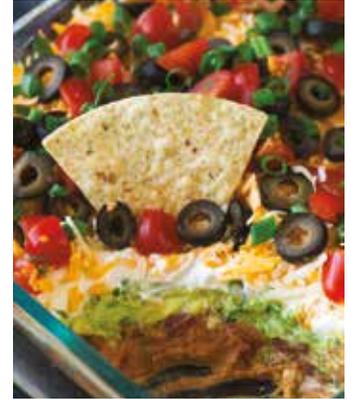
1. Heat oven to 325°F. Coat a 10-inch tube pan with flour no-stick cooking spray.
2. Beat shortening and sugar with electric mixer in large bowl until light and fluffy, about 4 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.
3. Combine cake flour, baking powder and salt in medium bowl. Add milk, vanilla extract and lemon extract alternately to shortening mixture. Beat until smooth. Turn batter into prepared pan.
4. Bake 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in centered comes out clean. Cool 1 hour; remove cake from pan and cool completely on rack. To serve, sprinkle cake with powdered sugar.

## Seven-Layer Bean Dip

An extremely popular appetizer dip recipe that consists of a layer of beans, seasoned sour cream, cheese, onion, and olives.

### Ingredients:

- 16 oz fat-free canned refried beans
- 16 oz Kraft 2% mild cheddar cheese
- 1 cup guacamole
- 1 cup salsa
- 6 oz black olives
- 1 oz Lawry's taco spices & seasonings
- 1/2 cup scallions
- 8 oz Knudsen light sour cream
- Cream cheese



1. Combine taco seasoning mix with sour cream and set aside.
2. Spread beans into the bottom of a 9x13 inch serving tray that is about 1 1/2 inches deep.
3. Sprinkle 1 cup of shredded cheese on top of beans.
4. Spread sour cream mixture on top of cheese.
5. Spread guacamole on top of sour cream. Pour salsa over guacamole and spread evenly.
6. Sprinkle remaining shredded cheese, black olives, and green onions on top.

### Notes:

Enjoy this dip with tortilla chips or crackers.

## Wassail

### Ingredients:

- 2 quarts apple cider
- 2 cups cranberry juice
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 1/2 teaspoon ground sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground mace
- 1 large orange cut into small slices
- 1/2 teaspoon whole cloves



1. Place all ingredients into crockpot. Cover and let simmer. Serve hot. Very good on cool winter days or the holidays.

## SUBMIT YOUR RECIPES

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

# 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.

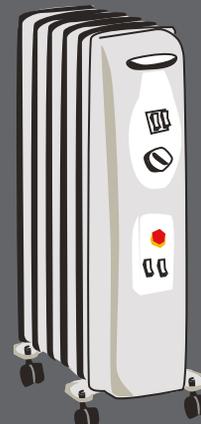
Businesses and non-residential sites should take steps such as posting notices at, or disabling water fountains and ice machines during the PBWN. If you provide water to visitors or employees, use commercially-produced bottled water for drinking or beverage preparation (coffee). Food service operations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

## Water Tip:

Fix leaks. A faucet that drips can waste up to 3,280 gallons of water per year.



**Make sure your space heater has an automatic shut-off.**

If it tips over, it shuts off.

**TALQUIN ELECTRIC  
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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](http://www.talquinelectric.com)

Sign up for text outage notification at  
[www.talquinelectric.com](http://www.talquinelectric.com) to report your  
outage quickly and to receive  
outage information.



## 2019 Employee Recognition

### Employees

#### 5 Years

Sean Alderman  
Chase Bradley  
Clark Edenfield  
Neil Gray  
Richard Green  
Mike Grice  
Brittney Harvey  
Jacob Lord  
Shawn A.  
McGregor  
Jerry Orama  
Julie Proch  
Jimmy Sanders

#### 10 Years

John Hallas  
Lynn Mayo  
David McDaniel  
Rachelle  
Parramore  
Karen Rowan

#### 15 Years

Jenna Blackburn  
Lester Bouie

Lisa DiBartolomeo  
Adam Hussey  
Kay Zarza

#### 20 Years

Ray Evans  
David Ferrel  
Bobby Robison

#### 25 Years

Dean Carr  
John Causey  
Billy Johnson

#### 30 Years

Dan Ard  
Wayne Barrow  
Theresa Black  
Mike Greene  
Kevin Neel

### Trustees

#### 10 Years

David Wright

#### 25 Years

Carrie Durden

## Holiday Office Closures

Thursday,  
November 28

Friday,  
November 29

Tuesday,  
December 24

Wednesday,  
December 25

Wednesday,  
January 1



## 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 **December 27, 2019**.

The survey can be found online at [www.talquinelectric.com](http://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!**

