

THE CURRENT

November/December 2022



Happy Holidays!

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

"The Current"

November/December 2022

Vol. MMXIX No. 23

USPS #356-710

"The Current" is the official newsletter of Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc., published bi-monthly as an informational and educational service to the Members of the Cooperative. Periodical postage paid at Tallahassee, Florida.

SUBSCRIPTION RATE

Cooperative Member \$2.80 per year.
Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

EDITORIAL OFFICE

P.O. Box 1679
1640 West Jefferson Street
Quincy, Florida 32353-1679

Tracy Bensley, General Manager
Lori Pilz, Director of Member Services
Samantha Jessee, Communications and Outreach Manager
Sabrina Johnson, Communications and Outreach Specialist

PRINTED BY:

Graphic Press Corporation, Tallahassee, Florida

POSTMASTER

In using Form 3579, please give key letter and mail to "The Current," P.O. Box 1679, Quincy, Florida 32353-1679.

OFFICERS

Joseph Alexander
President
Home: 850-627-2704
507 Deerwood Circle
Quincy, Florida 32352

Clifford S. Bristol
Vice President
Cell: 850-661-1733
15333 N.W. CR 12
Bristol, Florida 32321

Billy VanLandingham
Secretary/Treasurer
Cell: 850-545-5604
Home: 850-442-6252
519 Telogia Creek Road
Quincy, Florida 32351

TRUSTEES

Sam Fenn
Home: 850-576-5072
3539 Lakeview Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

David Miller
Home: 850-926-5869 or Cell: 850-567-5405
227 Buck Miller Road
Crawfordville, Florida 32327

Jason O'Steen
Cell: 850-510-1900
9850 Sydney Lane
Tallahassee, Florida 32311

Carla Pararo
Home: 850-688-6809
1050 Winfield Forest Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32317

Dr. Gregory Winter
Home: 850-545-9618
260 River Bluff Drive
Havana, Florida 32333

David L. Wright
Home: 850-875-2928
1194 Solomon Dairy Road
Quincy, Florida 32352

Trustee bios and pictures are located on the website.

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/>.

The Season of Giving



Joe Alexander
President



Tracy Bensley
General Manager

As another year comes to an end, we reflect on the achievements we experienced in 2022 and all we still have to be thankful for! We can easily focus on the negative when we are faced with challenges, but there is always good to be found—you just might have to look for it!

First and foremost, we are thankful our community has been spared from a direct hit by a major storm. And because we were not directly impacted by a storm, we were able to help our sister Cooperatives by sending mutual aid to Peace River Electric Cooperative and Lee County Electric Cooperative after the devastation of Hurricane Ian. Working 16 hour days, our crews assisted with restoring power to their Members. Now that's dedication and a great example of the Cooperative difference!

Concern for Community is one of our guiding principles. We are blessed each and every day that we wake up with the opportunity to serve and give back to our community and its needs. Every year, Talquin and its employees

raise and allocate funds to donate to local organizations, in addition to volunteering at schools, community events, and expos. The Hang Tough Foundation, First Readers, the American Heart Association, and countless schools and recreational teams in our service territory are just a few recipients of those donations. Additionally, Talquin's Leadership Academy was able to present a \$5,000.00 check to The Gadsden Arts Center and Museum in Quincy, as well as sponsor Marvelocity: The Art of Alex Ross event in September.

As part of our year in review, Talquin's Board of Trustees and leadership team would like to acknowledge the dedicated work of our employees who undertook the Cooperative's migration to a new software system, which launched in June. Months of preparation and behind-the-scenes work made for a smooth transition for both employees and Members! As we continue to find ways to operate more efficiently, our main focus is ensuring Membership needs are being met. We are grateful, thankful, and blessed to serve YOU, Talquin Members!

Capital Credits

Talquin returns capital credits on a 15 to 20-year cycle, depending upon the financial condition of the cooperative. This year, Talquin Electric will be returning patronage from 2003 and 2004 account allocations. Talquin Water and Wastewater will be returning patronage capital from 2006 account allocations. Including this year, Talquin has returned more than \$95,860,448 in electric patronage and \$1,432,672 in water and wastewater patronage.

If you have any questions about capital credits, please contact Talquin's Capital Credits Clerk at memberfeedback@talquinelectric.com or 850-627-7651.



District 1 Billy VanLandingham, Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. VanLandingham is the Trustee from District 1, southern Gadsden County. He is a lifelong resident of the Juniper community and holds a bachelor's degree in business finance from Florida State University. He served as Vice President/Agency Executive with McGriff Insurance Services in Tallahassee and retired after 41 years. Mr. VanLandingham is a Credentialed Director and holds a Board Leadership Certificate with the NRECA. Mr. VanLandingham currently serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of Talquin Electric's Board of Trustees. Mr. VanLandingham has been married to his wife, Vicki, for 44 years and they have two children, Allie and Russ.



District 2 David Wright

David Wright is the Trustee from District 2, northwest Gadsden County where he lives on his farm with his wife, Debbie. He and his family have lived in Gadsden County for 45 years. David has recently retired as 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, President

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 President of Talquin Electric's Board of Trustees and is a Florida Electric Cooperatives Association Director.



District 4 Gregory Winter

Dr. Winter is the trustee from District 4, eastern Gadsden County and the Lake Jackson area of Leon County. He attended North Florida Christian School and Lincoln High School, before attending Florida State University and the University of Georgia, where he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. Upon graduation, Dr. Winter returned home to the Big Bend area where he has practiced veterinary medicine primarily in Leon and Gadsden Counties for the last 30 years and in 2000, he opened the Winter Animal Hospital. Dr. Winter is married to Amanda, a police officer, and they have two daughters, Lyla and Reagan.



District 5 Carla Pararo

Mrs. Pararo is the Trustee from District 5, northeast Leon County. She has lived in Tallahassee since 1964, graduated from Leon High School, and attended TCC with an emphasis in business. She retired as an independent contractor from the Social Security Administration in 2021. Mrs. Pararo has been a Talquin Member since 1992, and she served the Membership on the Talquin Election Committee for 12 years prior to her election to the Talquin Board of Trustees in 2016. She also serves on the Board of Trustees of Seminole Electric Cooperative, Talquin's primary generation, and transmission provider. Mrs. Pararo is a Credentialed Cooperative Director and holds a Board Leadership Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.



District 6 Jason O'Steen

Mr. O'Steen is the Trustee from District 6, southeast Leon County. A Tallahassee native, Mr. O'Steen graduated from Florida High and earned a bachelor's degree in business management from FSU. He later obtained his Juris Doctor degree from the Florida State University College of Law and currently works as a full-time civil mediator. Mr. O'Steen is married to Chasity and enjoys spending time with their two children, Jackson and Ava, on their small cattle farm just east of Tallahassee.



District 7 David Miller

Mr. Miller is the Trustee from District 7, eastern Wakulla County. He is a lifelong resident and third-generation Wakulla County educator. Mr. Miller dedicated 39 years to the Wakulla County school system including 17 years as Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Miller was named Superintendent of the Year for the State of Florida in the 2003-2004 school year. He holds a bachelor's degree from FSU, a master's degree from FAMU, a Doctor of Laws honor degree from Flagler College, and is a Credentialed Director with a Board Leadership Certification through the NRECA. Mr. Miller has been married to his wife, Dolores, for 50 years and is an active member of Crawfordville United Methodist Church. They have three children—Derek, Danielle, and Dylan—as well as eight grandchildren.



District 8 Clifford Bristol, Vice President

Mr. Bristol is the Trustee from District 8, Liberty County, and part of Wakulla County. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Clemson University and an M.D. Degree from the University of Miami. He completed a residency in Family Medicine and a fellowship in OB and Pediatrics from Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. He moved to Liberty County and opened his medical practice in Blountstown in 1980, and retired after 36 years in practice. Mr. Bristol is a Credentialed Director and holds a Board Leadership Certificate through the NRECA. He currently serves as Vice President of Talquin's Board of Trustees and is one of Talquin's representatives to Seminole Electric Cooperative's Board. He has been married to his wife, Lisa, for 37 years. They have two daughters, Natalie and Anna Jo, and three grandchildren.



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 enjoyed serving on the Board of Trustees for Seminole Electric G&T before retiring after 13 years.

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 an abundance of caution and not because of known contamination of the water. If the number of affected Members is small, each Member will be informed individually using a printed notice hung on the front door. Members can also receive notifications through the Talquin Mobile App and website.

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 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:

- **Bring the water to a rolling boil and hold 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.**

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 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 the delivery of the PBWN. 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.

★★ 2022 Employee Service Awards ★★

**5 Year:
2017**

Charlotte Salley
Nathan Sutfin

**10 Year:
2012**

Dane Clemons
Daniel Enfield
Jacqueline Noyes
Carla Smoker

**15 Year:
2007**

Lisa Burnett
Nathan Hogan
Frank Mozolic
John Roberts
Billy Whitfield

**20 Year:
2002**

Sheila Fletcher
Leon Gramling
Clifton McCord
Janice Papy
Tammie Sanders
Matt Sanders

**25 Year:
1997**

Eddie Catchman

**30 Year:
1992**

Mike Dykes
Melvin Wright

★★ 2022 Trustee Service Awards ★★

**15 Year:
2007**

Clifford Bristol

TRADING POST

MISCELLANEOUS

101/102 Schwinn Computer Exercise Bike. Perfect for knee surgery therapy or workout. Works well. \$100.00. 850-926-9992, leave a message.

Black & Decker 12 amp Corded Electric 2 in 1 Lawn Edger and Trencher – excellent condition – like new – \$99. I bought it for \$128 including tax. Call Richard at 850-385-2505 or email optionsexpert@gmail.com

Slightly used 23 Qt. Presto Pressure Canner and Cooker. Some accessories are included. Jars, lids, and seals in varying sizes. Asking \$80.00. Call/Text (850) 459-6826.

THE OLD WEST: 26-Volume Set. Time Life books on the American West. Excellent Condition \$150. (850)-514-3585

CHAMPION 9375 WATT PORTABLE GENERATOR Dual fuel, electric start, numerous accessories. Like new (2020), exercised with propane, no long run times. 850-627-8955 leave message

Little Tike's learning computer, pre-loaded with Millie's Math, Sammy's Science, and more, plus bench. \$250. 850-212-7475

Two – 7 ft. portable, electric baseboard heaters with thermostat controls. \$35.00 each. Ideal for garages. 850-877-5995

2 Tony Little Core Lounge Extreme exercise chairs. Excellent condition. \$50 each. DVD and instructions 850-273-0672, Text Only

Purple martin 12 apt. aluminum house \$65: bird cage for small bird \$10: Porcelain doll, new, in box \$10: vintage items: Tele Tubby \$10, ice pick \$10, enamelware roaster \$10. Text 850-661-5553

Coleman HyperFlame propane stove \$70, Men's /Women's motorcycle jackets mesh, leather, etc. \$50 - \$75. Also riding pants for women's 10 – 12 \$40. Men's XL Fieldshear \$50. 850-556-7886

Garage Sale Items: Antique Dishes, Microwave Stand, Receiving Hitch, Towing Mirrors, Antique Lamps, Cast Iron Sinks, Electric Tools, Ty Beanie Babies. 850-575-6013

REAL ESTATE

Beautifully Furnished Room with Walk-In Closet for rent! Everything included! Utilities, safe touch security, Wi-Fi, Dish TV service. Convenient to I-10, Apalachee Pkwy. \$675 room rate, \$50 background fee, \$675 deposit. 12-month lease. Based on single occupancy. Available Now! CALLS ONLY PLEASE. 850-284-4892

For Lease – Commercial; Office/Warehouse. 675 sq. ft. Office; 2625 Warehouse. East Tallahassee FL. \$2760.00 Plus – 7% FL Tax. Phone - 850-656-3005 home: 850-251-3076 Cell

CEMETARY/ BURIAL

Funeral Home – Companion Crypt: True Companion Mausoleum Crypt available. Garden Heart Level (second row from bottom) Located at Abbey Funeral Home, Tallahassee. Asking \$7,300. Contact Anthony @ 850-583-1763.

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**
- **No event promotion of any kind**
- **No firearm sales of any kind**

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

One cemetery lot in the Chapel Garden, Culley's Meadow Wood Memorial Park on Timberlane Road. Located near mausoleums on west side. \$4,000.00. Current value \$6295.00. Please call 850-566-2856

Cemetery Plots: Culley's Meadowood Cemetery off Timberlane Rd. Tallahassee, FL. 2 Plots with 1 Concrete Vault in the Dogwood area. Asking \$7,500.00 OBO. Contact 850-251-2674.

For Sale: 2 burial plots at Culley's Meadowood Memorial Park – Garden of Memories 266 D 5-6. Located at 700 Timberlane Rd. Tallahassee, FL. Current Price is \$5,995.00 each. Will take \$10,000.00 for both. 850-519-5716

Culley's Meadowood on Timberlane Rd. 1 Plot For Sale. \$1200.00. 850-727-1634

Two plots at Memory Gardens in the beautiful Garden of Apostles for \$1300 each. Steve at (850) 508-9018

Tallahassee Memory Gardens Mausoleum Niche, 110 F Ascension Level, Value \$1,600: \$900. 850-443-6354

AUTO & IMPLEMENT

1994 Camero T Top V-6, automatic transmission. Needs motor work, the body is good, \$1,500.00. Call 850-728-5059, no texts, please.

10 ft. Perfection Fiberglass Jon Boat with Continental Trailer and Minn Kota Trolling Motor for sale. \$950.00/OBO. Call or text 850-443-8407

Black 2010 Honda Ridgeline, 241K miles, 4WD. All new Michelin tires (installed less than a month). Sunroof and fully loaded. The front armrests are worn and the front seat has small tears. Asking for \$10K or best offer/Bluebook value is \$12K. Call 850-508-7000.

48" Ferris Zero-turn mower, 2012, 360 hours, good condition. Had regular servicing. \$3,750. 850-766-2550

1952 V8 Ford Tractor \$3,000. 1954 V8 Ford Tractor \$3,800 850-575-6013

LOOKING FOR

Need: bush hog blades sharpened; cultipacker brace welded; full service on Massey Ferguson 230 diesel. Located near Spring Creek Road and Hwy 98 intersection. Phone 334-797-9196

Seeking Caregiver Position: Experienced female, non-smoker, pet friendly, honest, dependable, and patient. References available. Hours flexible. Please leave a message at 850-875-3041.

Seeking to pay someone with a sewing machine to take my T-shirts from events I've attended and make me a memory quilt/blanket. Queen size. 850-694-3421

Wanted to Purchase: Toy trains – Lionel, American Flyer, Marx, HO or N Gauge. Any amount or condition. Call (850) 893-8718

Caregiver Looking for Clients. 7 years of experience. CAN-certified, CPR-certified, and First Aid certified. Call or leave a message at 850-727-9719

SERVICES

REMODELING: Painting flooring, fencing, decks, siding; all types of remodeling services. References available. Call 850-792-0482

CARETAKER for your loved one. Experienced at personal caregiving for Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, etc. Years of experience and references. Avail: Mon – Fri (850) 386-3562

I have over 30 years' experience; my skills involve weeding, pruning, planting, etc. Knowledgeable in plants. My phone 850-900-7703, Michael. References

Tile, flooring, screened in porches and complete bathroom and kitchen renovation, painting, drywall. JD TREMODELING 850-740-8141

Mother/daughter residential cleaning. 13 + years' experience. We provide all cleaning supplies. Deep cleans and general cleaning. 850-443-8414

Holiday Favorites

Chili Pie with Cornbread Crust

Recipe from Delish (www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/a23723396/chili-pie-with-cornbread-crust-recipe/)

Total Time: 55 minutes / Prep Time: 15 minutes / Yield: 6 servings

Ingredients:

4 tablespoons vegetable oil	1 can [14 ounces] fat-free refried beans
1 pound ground beef chuck (85% lean)	$\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon salt
1 large onion, finely chopped	$\frac{2}{3}$ cup fine- to medium-ground cornmeal
2 medium bell peppers, seeded, chopped	$\frac{2}{3}$ cup all-purpose flour
2 cloves garlic, chopped	1 teaspoon baking powder
1 tablespoon chili powder	1 large egg
$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground chipotle chile	$\frac{2}{3}$ cup milk
1 can [14 ounces] fire-roasted diced tomatoes	2 serrano chiles, thinly sliced
1 can [14 ounces] kidney beans, rinsed and drained	Fresh cilantro, for garnish

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F.
2. In a 12-inch oven-safe skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of oil over medium heat. Add the beef; cook for 3 minutes, or until browned, breaking up the meat to crumble. With a slotted spoon, transfer the beef to a bowl; discard the excess fat. To the same skillet, add the onion and bell peppers; cook for 7 minutes, stirring. Add the garlic, chili powder, and ground chipotle. Cook for 2 minutes, stirring. Return the beef to the skillet. Stir in the tomatoes, beans, and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt. Cook for 3 minutes, or until the mixture is hot. Remove from the heat.
3. Meanwhile, whisk the cornmeal, flour, baking powder, and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt. In a separate bowl, whisk the egg, milk, and the remaining 3 tablespoons oil; add to the cornmeal, stirring to combine. Fold half the serrano chiles into the batter. Pour over the beef mixture, spreading it to cover. Dot the top with the remaining serranos.
4. Transfer the skillet to the oven. Bake for 25 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the topping comes out clean. Let stand for 10 minutes. Garnish with cilantro.



Blueberry Muffin Cake

Recipe from A Spicy Perspective (www.aspicyperspective.com/blueberry-cake/)

Total Time: 1 hour 20 minutes / Prep Time: 20 minutes / Yield: 16 servings

For the Blueberry Cake:

1 cup unsalted butter, softened
2 cups sugar
3 large eggs
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
 $2\frac{3}{4}$ cups all-purpose Gold Medal flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking soda
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups buttermilk
2 lemons, zested
1 pound fresh blueberries

For the Buttermilk Glaze:

3 tablespoons buttermilk
1 cup powdered sugar

For the Oat Crumble Topping:

2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons brown sugar
3 tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons oats
2 tablespoons sliced almonds

Instructions:

1. For the blueberry cake: Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Spray a standard 12-cup bundt pan with non-stick cooking spray and sprinkle lightly with flour. In the bowl of an electric mixer, cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Then beat in the eggs and vanilla. Mix the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a separate bowl. Turn the mixer on low and slowly add the flour and buttermilk, alternating each, until all incorporated. Finally, beat in the lemon zest before turning the mixer off. Use a spoon to stir in half the blueberries.
2. Pour the batter into the prepared bundt pan and sprinkle the remaining blueberries over the top. Bake for 60-80 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into the center, comes out clean. Remove the cake from the oven and allow it to cool for at least 20 minutes before flipping out onto a cooling rack. DO NOT try flipping the cake any earlier than 20 minutes, or the cake will stick. Promise! Waiting 30+ minutes is safer.
3. Once the cake is cooling on the rack, mix the oat crumble. Add all the ingredients to a small bowl and pinch with your fingers to blend the ingredients and break into small pieces. Sprinkle the mixture over a baking sheet and bake in the heated oven for 5-10 minutes. Cool on the baking sheet before proceeding.
4. For the glaze, whisk the buttermilk and powdered sugar in a small bowl. Drizzle the glaze over the cake and immediately sprinkle the oat crumble over the top of the cake before the glaze dries.



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.

NOTICE OF PURPA CONSIDERATION AND HEARING PROCESS

TO ALL ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Issued: November 10, 2022

Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the "Cooperative") hereby gives its members notice regarding the process to be followed in implementing the statutory directives in the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (2021 Infrastructure Bill), which amended the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). The 2021 Infrastructure Bill established new Federal standards under Section 111(d) of PURPA, which each non-regulated electric utility (such as the Cooperative) is required to consider and to "make a determination whether or not it is appropriate to implement such standard[s]" within certain defined timelines based on evidence collected from interested persons after public notice and hearing. A complete public notice issued November 10, 2022, providing a description of the PURPA amendments and the procedures to be followed by the Cooperative in carrying out the mandate of the 2021 Infrastructure Bill is available on the Cooperative's website at: www.talquinelectric.com/purpa-standards/ or can be obtained by calling the Cooperative at 850-627-7651. The schedule of key events is as follows:

- Official Notice of Public Hearing Process and Procedural Schedule – issued November 10, 2022
- Initial Comments – to be submitted on or before March 1, 2023
- Reply Comments – to be submitted on or before May 1, 2023
- Determination Announcement by the Cooperative's Board of Trustees – to be rendered on or before November 15, 2023

Should any change occur in the above schedule, it will be posted on www.talquinelectric.com



Water Tip

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.

Post Office Box 1679
Quincy, Florida
32353-1679
Quincy: (850) 627-7651

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

1640 West Jefferson Street
Quincy, Florida
32351-5679
Tallahassee: (850) 878-4414

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.

Talquin Assistance Program

Giving Back To Our Community

Members may donate to this program by choosing to have their monthly utility bill rounded to the nearest dollar or by designating a specific amount.



The funds contributed will be used to assist Talquin residential Members who are experiencing job loss, illness, or other crisis circumstances.

Sign-up for TAP on the Talquin mobile app, at www.talquinelectric.com, or by emailing memberfeedback@talquinelectric.com



Elf Night at Dorothy B. Owen Park

December 16, 2022 | 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Dorothy B. Owen Park has again illuminated for the holidays with more than 250,000 twinkling lights. The community is invited to enjoy this winter wonderland at the annual Elf Night event on Thursday, Dec. 16, from 5:30-8 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will make appearances throughout the evening. Visitors can enjoy free cookies (while supplies last) and take a stroll around the decorated grounds.



Winter Fest

Downtown Havana

December 10 @ 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM EDT

Come join the fun as everything from bicycles, cars, trucks, trailers, ATVs, and much more parade through downtown Havana! There will also be real snow, horse and carriage rides, train rides, hay rides, petting zoo, and more!



**The
POLAR BEAR
EXPRESS**

2022

DECEMBER
2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29
7-10 PM ET
VETERANS MEMORIAL RAILROAD
TOM KEENAN DEPOT
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
BRISTOL, FLORIDA 32321
TRAIN TICKETS \$10 EACH
Kids 2 & Under Ride FREE!
More Info: VETERANSMEMORIALRAILROAD.ORG or Call (850) 643-6646

"BUY FAST TRACK TICKETS ONLINE!"



Christmas in the Park

Sponsored by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office

When: December 10, 2022 | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Where: Hudson Park in Crawfordville

This annual event put on by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office is a way to give back to the kids in the community. An arrangement is made by the WCSO for Santa Claus to pop by Hudson Park for pictures with children and to accept gift wish lists. There will also be games, prizes, and train rides, as well as a host of vendors with holiday-themed products.

Talquin Electric Supports
TOYS FOR TOTS!

Drop off a new, unwrapped toy to a Talquin location listed below
 November 1st through December 2nd



 **Headquarters**
1640 W. Jefferson Street

 **Quincy Member Services**
1640 W. Jefferson Street

 **Hosford Member Services**
20557 NE Cooperative Way

 **Lake Jackson Member Services**
4808 Portal Drive

 **Bradfordville Member Services**
6724 Thomasville Road

 **Crawfordville Member Services**
681 Wakulla-Arran Road


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

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

**BLOOD
 DRIVES!**

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 view hours and sign up now!



UPCOMING DRIVES AT OUR MEMBER SERVICES LOCATIONS:

Quincy	Crawfordville	Lake Jackson	Bradfordville
Monday, December 12, 2022	Tuesday, December 13, 2022	Tuesday, December 13, 2022	Wednesday, December 14, 2022
11:00 AM - 4:30 PM	9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	1:30 PM - 4:30 PM	11:00 AM - 4:30 PM
1607 West Jefferson Street	681 Wakulla- Arran Road	4808 Portal Drive	6724 Thomasville Road

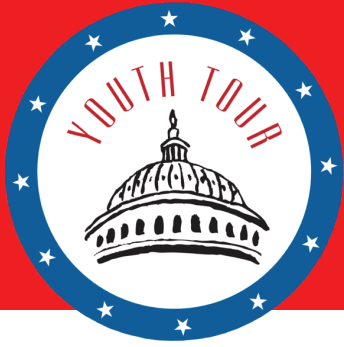
Rate Adjustment

Talquin continuously evaluates its cost of service to ensure rates reflect the true cost to serve Members. Effective January 1, 2023, electric rates will be adjusted as shown in the tables to the right. The primary reason for this rate adjustment is to support operating margins that have been impacted by increased operating costs (right-of-way maintenance costs, interest expense, etc.).

The overall impact of these changes to Members who use 1,000 kWh per month will be an increase of \$4.10 (or 2.68%) in their monthly bill. Water and wastewater rates remain unchanged.

FACILITIES CHARGE	Current Rate	New Rate
RS & GS - Single Phase, including Solar	\$32.50	\$35.00
RS & GS - Three Phase, including Solar	\$47.50	\$50.00
RPS - Single Phase Prepaid (Daily Rate)	\$1.28	\$1.36
GSD - General Service Demand, including Solar	\$67.50	\$70.00
GSLD - General Service Large Demand	\$325.00	\$350.00
DEMAND CHARGE	Current Rate	New Rate
GSD - Excess of 20kWh	\$7.50	\$7.75
GSLD - General Service Large Demand	\$7.75	\$8.00
ENERGY CHARGE (*charge per kWh)	Current Rate	New Rate
RS, RPS & GSD		
First 1,000 kWh	\$0.10180	\$0.10335
Over 1,000 kWh	\$0.12340	\$0.12495
GSD - General Service Demand	\$0.08840	\$0.09360
GSLD - General Service Large Demand	\$0.07748	\$0.08268
OUTDOOR LIGHTING	Current Rate	New Rate
Standard Area/Street Light - Non-LED		
Energy Charge	\$3.15	\$3.65
Equipment Charge	\$7.35	\$7.35
Total Cost	\$10.50	\$11.00
Standard Area/Street Light - LED		
Energy Charge	\$1.25	\$1.75
Equipment Charge	\$9.25	\$9.25
Total Cost	\$10.50	\$11.00
Street Light		
Energy Charge	\$5.65	\$6.85
Equipment Charge	\$19.90	\$19.90
Total Cost	\$25.55	\$26.75
Subdivision Lighting	\$2.10	\$2.20

2023 TALQUIN YOUTH TOUR and SCHOLARSHIP Application



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

Talquin Electric Cooperative is looking for students to serve as delegates for the 2023 Talquin Youth Tour. Twenty-four student-representatives will be sponsored with a visit to Florida's capital city for a two-day, overnight conference on February 15- 16, 2023 and awarded a scholarship for post-secondary education. While learning about the cooperative business model and Florida's legislative process, students visit the state's Capitol. The Talquin Youth Tour includes a visit to the House of Representatives' Chambers and a session in the Supreme Court. During this experience, four students will be chosen to represent Talquin at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour in Washington D.C. on June 13-18, 2023. The Washington D.C. Youth Tour includes visits to the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, Vietnam Memorial, and many more historic sites, alongside hundreds of other students from around the nation!

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.

Deadline

Completed application, essay, and letter of recommendation must be received by Talquin no later than **5:00 PM Friday, December 9, 2022.** Email application to youthtour@talquinelectric.com, drop off at a Talquin Member Services Office, or mail to Talquin Electric Cooperative, (Attn: Communications & Outreach, PO Box 1679, Quincy, FL, 32353).

Application

Interested students should complete and submit the following:

- Talquin Youth Tour application
- 250-500 word essay titled, "What makes you a good candidate to represent Talquin on the Youth Tour and what do you expect to gain from this experience? "
- A letter of recommendation from a school counselor, teacher, pastor, community leader, or administrator.

Notification

Students selected for the Talquin Youth Tour will be notified in early January 2023. Washington D.C. Youth Tour representatives will be announced during the Talquin Youth Tour banquet in late February 2023.

Disbursement

Scholarship funds are disbursed with verification of post-secondary enrollment after graduating from high school.

THE 38TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL LINEMAN'S RODEO & EXPO

Recently, Talquin Electric lineworkers were given the opportunity to compete in the 38th Annual International Lineman's Rodeo in Overland Park, Kansas. The rodeo attracts the best lineworkers from around the globe to compete in events based on traditional lineworker tasks. A competing team consists of two climbers and one groundsman who demonstrate their knowledge and skills, including climbing and working off a pole. Congratulations to our lineworkers on a job well done!



Pictured above; left to right: Lance Rivenbark, Jerry Orama, Michael Harper.

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 is 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 the light blinking, a bulb being 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 to your request. We certainly appreciate your help in this matter. To report a broken or malfunctioning outdoor light, please visit our website at www.talquinelectric.com/services/report-outdoor-light-outage/ or contact a Member Services Representative at (850) 627-7651 during normal business hours.

Energy Tip

Soup season is upon us! Use small countertop appliances when possible to save energy. Small countertop appliances like slow cookers and Instant Pots® are convenient and typically use less energy than an oven.



Holiday Safety Tip

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.

TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Office Locations

Headquarters

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

Quincy Member Services Office

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

Crawfordville Member Services Office

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

Hosford Member Services Office

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

Lake Jackson Member Services Office

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

Bradfordville Member Services 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

Report an Outage

Via Mobile App

Download the Talquin mobile app on your iOS or Android device to report outages and receive updates. All with the click of a button!

Via Text

Text #OUTAGE to 85700
to report electric outages.

If not registered, visit our website at
www.talquinelectric.com

Via Phone

Automated System:
1-866-899-4832

Live Operator:
1-888-802-1832



Holiday Office Closures

**Thursday, November 24
& Friday, November 25**

Thanksgiving Holidays

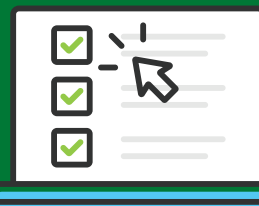
**Friday, December 23
& Monday, December 26**

Christmas Holidays

Monday, January 2

New Year's Holiday

Talquin Member Survey Your Voice Matters!



Take our Member survey and enter to win a \$100.00 VISA gift card! We look forward to receiving your feedback and thank you in advance for your participation.

Beginning November 14, the 2022 Member survey will be available on our website at www.talquinelectric.com and will be emailed to Members. A printed version can be requested by calling 850-627-7651.

Each Member who completes the survey and provides contact information will be entered into a drawing. Ten (10) winners will be randomly selected and then contacted for gift card delivery. Winners' names will be listed in an upcoming edition of The Current and on our website. The Member survey closes on Friday, December 9, 2022. One survey per Membership.

YOUR CO-OP, YOUR VOICE!

Property Access

Do you have a new fence or gate with a code or lock? During routine maintenance and in the event of power outages, Talquin may need to access your property or right-of-way to make repairs and restore power.

Update your property access information by contacting a Member Services Representative by email at memberfeedback@talquinelectric.com or by phone at 850-627-7651.