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Co-ops Vote

As you all know, election season is upon us. Despite the negativity associated with many of the candidates' platforms and the non-stop barrage of political advertisements, we all need to remember that several important topics are on the ballot. It is also important to remember that a crucial concept plays background to all the political commotion: democracy.



Carrie Durden
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General Manager

Democracy is more than just one of Talquin's 7 guiding principles. Democracy, which was founded on the principal of free and fair elections in which every eligible citizen casts a vote, works to ensure that your future is guided by a true majority. Democracy is not something we can take for granted, nor is it something to leave up to a small few. Democracy relies on informed action by all of our Members.

As a guiding principal, Talquin relies on each and every Member in order to be successful for the collective group of Members it serves. Much in the same respect, a truly democratic form of government relies on every person's voice to be heard through the form of a vote. As such, voting is not just our right; voting is our responsibility, even when the choice of candidates is less than perfect.

Voting is an immensely powerful tool that affords us the opportunity to impact and potentially create positive change for the rural communities in which we live. Democracy is an integral part of our cooperative and can be considered our lifeblood. Voting ensures that the voices of the rural communities are being heard at all levels of government.

However, voting does more than just give us a voice. Voting helps to strengthen our cooperative by inspiring our Members to be more informed, by building trust among them, and by encouraging more contact with fellow Members. Voting provides Talquin Members with a greater sense of our ability to impact the society around us. Voting is a representation of our participation, independence, and concern for our communities. Election day is your opportunity to perform this seemingly small act that has a large impact on our communities.

As November quickly approaches, Talquin Electric would like to encourage each of our Members to engage in several of our guiding principles by exercising your right to vote. **Your voice, your vote. Our Members, stronger together!**



Department Spotlight



Pictured Left to Right: Stephen Dean, Grayson Revell, Lisa Jones, Frank Mozolic, Kevin Neel, Eddie Catchman, Lisa Burnett

The Supply Chain Department plays a very important role at Talquin Electric Cooperative. They are responsible for purchasing, storing, and issuing all materials used by our outside and inside staff for all aspects of our business. These materials range from

paper and pencils to utility poles and transformers. This group's mission is to ensure the most cost effective procurement and warehousing methods are executed to ensure the best value for our membership.

Word of the Month

Autonomy: aw-ton-uh-mee (noun)

Freedom from external control or influence; independence

Cooperatives are **autonomous**, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative's **autonomy**.

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Miscellaneous

Handyman/Carpentry, painting, flooring, minor plumbing, woodworking, remodel, and much more. 25+ yrs exp. with excellent references. 878-4444/566-5318. Reasonable rates.

Blue enamelware-kettle, 4 cups, salt & pepper shakers-\$20.00; Levelor window shades-50"x78"-brand new-\$37.00. 402-5459

New fold-out cot - leather- Haverty's - 3 inch foam mattress \$200. 868-1055

One glass top 48 inch dining table/ one oak 48 inch \$7500 ea, one glass top stove and microwave \$12500 and other STUFF. 574-0026

Tutoring Services Provided: Math oriented subjects. Check out my website at johnroottutoring.com or 894-4279

2 Burials Plots w/ Vaults, Tallahassee Memory Gardens, lot 218C 3&4, worth \$4800 – asking \$3000; **2005 Trane Straight Cool A/C** pkg unit w/ propane gas heating \$500. 575-7788

China & Crystal. 57- piece Noritake Sterling Cove set; 8 place settings, 1 serving bowl-\$300 OBO; Gorham Laurin Platinum crystal; 9 champagne, 7 wine -\$100 OBO. All like new. 590-8334

Leather western saddle, like new \$650, synthetic western saddle, 2 sets matching **headstalls/reins**, lunge line, 2 sets **splint boots** \$200. 421-4367

Fresh Eggs for Sale: Lake Talquin area, \$2 per dozen, \$1.00 1/2 dozen, 20 cent per egg. 491-3180

Alpaca Fleece from my backyard fiber boys. For spinning or felting. Raw, clean, separated by color (black, brown, white) and cut. Sell by the ounce. 445-0621

One cemetery plot: in the Masonic Garden, Evergreen Cemetery, Panama City, FL. \$3750. 575-9237

Licensed Nurse Asst. & Hairstylist will come to hospitals, nursing homes, residential Haircuts, nail care to disabled verified. 557-6518 Can keep children and Seniors.

Tiered computer desk, glass and metal, L 50" x H 40" x 28", W 22" x 13" very nice \$15. 813-362-9477

MISC ITEMS: stock trailer; blk angus bull; Ap.H.C. few-spot leopard stallion; show training equip; battery scooter; golf cart; upright freezer; mink jacket; GE security system; printer; stainless steel stove vent; fish finder; wagon wheels; bird cages, A.Q.H.A & Ap.H.C. stud books. 408-8564/442-4534

2 Burial Plots: side by side, Tallahassee Memory Gardens in "Garden of Devotion" \$2000 plus \$50 transfer fee. 509-0335

Burial Plot w/ Vault: \$800 in the Bible Section at Memory Gardens by fountain. 421-0981

Compassionate, competent caregiver available. Many years experience. Dependable. Affordable rates. CPR certified. Great references. 575-8906

Need Lawn Mowed? \$50 an hr. I use a 61" zero turn. Also have a bush hog if needed. 856-5618 – if no answer leave a message

Emerson 32" TV, color, 3 yrs old w/ remote. \$50. 875-3490

Professional Female Caregiver. With many years experience, seeking position providing loving care for men, women, or inform of any age. References upon request. 728-2600

Bridal dress size 6, white Michaelangelo, bra white size 34B, full white slip size 8, Bridesmaids dresses

Trading Post Guidelines

In order to continue to provide The Trading Post in every issue of *The Current*, we ask Members to adhere to the guidelines listed below when submitting an ad. If an ad does not meet the criteria, it will not be published. There is no cost to place an ad in The Trading Post.

- Members may submit one ad every three months (four times a year)
- Ads must be twenty-five words or less
- Must be typed or printed legibly in ink
- No registered businesses may run an ad
- No changes after ad submission
- Deadlines are the first day of the month preceding the month of publication (For example, December 1st is the deadline for the January edition.)
- Members must provide name, phone number, and account number.

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size 12 and 2 - truffle color. All purchased at same time @ David's Bridal. Make offer. 562-9720/274-1076/510-4507

12 M. J. Hummel Plates – 1990 series \$35; **antique bird cage** 3 ft high \$40. 576-3000

13.4 cu ft upright freezer works fine but needs new seal. Make reasonable offer, you haul away. 539-0270

Automotive

2007 Yamaha Roadstar 1700cc Midnight Silverdo \$4500 great condition 52,000 miles, E.D. Big touring seat, good sounding Bud Big Willie Pipes, many extras. 575-5109

1933 Chevrolet 4 door (suicide doors), Chevy V8, power windows, Ford front/rear end, automatic, A/C, original body no rust. \$26,000. 893-0726

2009 Edgewater by Sunnybrooke. Model 255 RKE, 1 slide out, Private toilet room, Sleeps 6. Tows very easily. weighs 5,500 lbs. Lots of storage. New cover still in box, (retails \$189). 893- 2936

1963 Thunderbird Convertible Red w/ white interior & top, 390 V8, automatic, power steering, power windows, older restoration. Good Driver...Turns Heads. \$18000. 524-4558 for photos and more details.

2013 Heartland Bighorn Fifth Wheel. Purchased new in 2014. Well maintained 38 ft w/ 3 slides & island. Automatic leveling. \$38k. Will consider reasonable offers. 508-8264

RealEstate

FOR RENT: One room efficiency. Private entrance, kitchenette, fullbed, private bath with tub/shower, flat screen TV. Requires nonsmoker. Quiet neighborhood. \$500 month. Available 10/10/16. 212-3606

House for sale or rent: 45 acres, wood frame 2 story, pool, pole barn & tack room. Ready for horses. 4B/2B, screened back porch runs width of the house, 8x10 upstairs screen porch off master. 9 cleared acres. 1581 Salley Brown Rd, Quincy. 251-1537

Marine

14' Aluminum boat, 15 horsepower Johnson motor and trailer - \$2400. 402-5459

16 foot pontoon boat with 50hp Johnson motor (20 hrs). \$5000.00 or OBO. 539-6782

Hobie 14' Pro Angler Kayak 2010 with New Mirage Drive (fins), new anchor, new Tbone truck extender, new kayak dolly, live well, life jacket, whistle and some tackle. \$2500. 524-6077

25" & 27" Stainless Steel Props for 150HP and

above. Fits Yamaha and Mercury outboards. \$25 ea. 566-2337

Farm/Garden

Electric lawnmower with long extinction cord in good condition \$70. 868-1055

Wanted

15 Passenger/Cargo Extended 350-360 1 ton van. Kenmore Canister/metal/& upright vacuum, **Adult Bike, refrigerator, stove, freezer** In Good Condition. 879-5509.

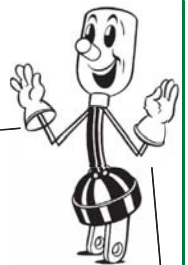
Hunting Lease: Two Christian gentleman looking for a small tract of land to lease for hunting. 556-6304

In need of a nice used set of **encyclopedias**. 575-9237

Need a **Golf Cart** in good condition. You may contact me between hours of 9 am – 5 pm, M-F. 491-1162

FREE

Basket Ball adjustable 10 ft. hoop, 668-6776



Who is Willie Wiredhand?

Have you seen this sharp looking fella and wondered who he is? Well, Willie Wiredhand (®NRECA) is the longtime friendly face and spokesplug of rural electric cooperatives nationwide. Adopted in 1951 by the **National Rural Electric Cooperative Association**, Willie's last name is one of the original nicknames for rural electric cooperatives: "wiredhand" (because electricity brought to rural America by co-ops in the 1930s and 40s was the never-tiring, always available hiredhand to help the nation's farmers). Willie — with his light-socket head, wire body, and electrical plug for his bottom and legs — is now considered an icon among many in the pantheon of corporate advertising characters.

New Trustee - David Miller

Representing District 7, eastern Wakulla County; Mr. David Miller brings a wealth of strategic leadership to the Talquin Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees. As a lifelong resident and third-generation Wakulla County educator, Mr. Miller has dedicated 39 years of achievement to the Wakulla County school system. Serving as Superintendent of Schools from 1995-2012, Mr. Miller was honored for his dedication to providing quality education to the students of Wakulla County by being voted among his peers as the 2004 Florida Superintendent of the Year from the Florida Association of District School Superintendents. In 2012, The Legacy Café, David Miller Center for Successful Transition was dedicated in his honor for his many years of unparalleled commitment to all student success. Legacy Café, which provides



training opportunities for students with disabilities to develop employable skills through hands on participation in all facets of the food service industry, was named by students based on the

Legacy of Excellence enjoyed by the Wakulla County School District.

Through his years of consistent commitment to constant improvement, financial diligence, and researched planning, Mr. Miller's guidance has become valued state wide. His knowledge of the legislative process and his advocacy for small and rural districts make him a well-respected state leader. Mr. Miller resides in Wakulla County with his wife, Dolores. They have 3 children and share a continued vested interest in the school system with the addition of their two grandchildren. Mr. Miller holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D) degree from Flagler College; Masters of Education in Educational Administration from Florida A&M University; and a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida State University.

Energy Tip



The scariest thing about Halloween shouldn't be your energy bill. Here are a few simple Halloween energy saving tips to help you and your family stop your energy bills from turning into monsters.

LED Bulbs & Candles

Try using LED lights or candles when decorating your home this year. Can-

dles can help create a spooky atmosphere for your home, and LED lights save energy because they are much more efficient than incandescent bulbs.

Beware of Energy Vampires

Devices like TVs, computers, and radios are called energy vampires because even when you turn them off, they

continue to suck power from your home. Any device that has a standby mode will continue using electricity until you unplug it. A simple way to eliminate energy vampires is by using a power strip that allows you to cut all power to multiple devices.

Don't Leave Your Door Wide Open

If you are expecting trick or treaters throughout the evening, try setting up your treats outside or turning off your A/C or furnace. Each time you open the door, you are letting out air that you paid to cool or heat.

Get Rid of Zombie Appliances

Consider replacing appliances which have outlived their lifespan with modern Energy Star appliances. Energy Star appliances use 10 – 50% less energy than their modern equivalents would use and most will pay for themselves in energy savings.

****housepro.net*

Attention, High School Juniors!
Are you a leader in your school,
community or church?



Students, are you making a difference in your community? Talquin is looking for leaders like you to serve as delegates in the 2017 Talquin Youth Tour. Chosen representatives will visit the Florida state capital for a two day overnight conference February 8-9. While in Tallahassee, students will be introduced to the cooperative business model and Florida's legislative process while visiting the state's capital. 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 10-15, 2017. 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 United States 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.

In order to qualify:

- Students must currently be enrolled as a junior in a local high school or home school;
- Students must have a close relative (parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle) who is currently a Talquin Member;
- Students must currently live in Gadsden, Leon, Liberty or Wakulla County.

Submit application, essay and letter of recommendation to any Talquin Member Service Office. Applications may also be mailed to

Youth Tour
 c/o Talquin Electric P.O.
 Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353-1679, or
 emailed to
alisia.hounshell@talquinelectric.com no
 later than December 9, 2016.
 Applications may be downloaded on
 Talquin's website at
www.talquinelectric.com under
 About/Talquin Youth.

Talquin Youth Tour Application 2017

Name _____

Student's Phone # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent's Phone # _____

Name and Address of Family Member (parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle) who is currently a Talquin Member _____

Members' Talquin Account Number _____

Name of School _____

Grade _____ G.P.A. _____ Shirt Size S M L XL XXL

Career Interests _____

List all School Related Activities and Years of Participation (use additional paper if needed)

Extracurricular Activities and Years of Participation _____

Public Speaking Experience

Special Dietary Needs or Allergies _____

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

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

or

email alisia.hounshell@talquinelectric.com.



2016 Youth Tour Representatives

Salmon Rillettes

INGREDIENTS

Servings: 6

- 2 cups dry white wine**
- 1 tablespoon minced shallot**
- 1 pound skinless salmon fillet (preferably wild), cut into 1-inch pieces**
- 3 ounces smoked salmon, cut into 1/4" pieces**
- 1/2 cup (or more) mayonnaise**
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced fresh chives**
- 1 tablespoon (or more) fresh lemon juice**
- Fine sea salt and freshly ground white pepper**
- 1 baguette, thinly sliced, toasted**

PREPARATION

Bring wine and shallot to a boil in a small saucepan over high heat. Reduce heat to low; add salmon. Gently poach until salmon is barely opaque in center, about 5 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer to a paper towel-lined plate to drain. Strain poaching liquid through a fine-mesh sieve; set aside shallot and discard liquid. Place salmon and shallot in a large bowl; cover and chill until completely cooled.

Add smoked salmon, 1/2 cup mayonnaise, chives, and 1 tbsp. lemon juice to salmon and shallot. Gently mix just to combine (salmon will break up a little, but do not overmix or a paste will form). Season to taste with salt, pepper, and more mayonnaise and lemon juice, if desired. **DO AHEAD:** Rillettes can be made 1 day ahead. Cover and chill.

Serve rillettes cold with toasted slices of baguette.

*bonappetit.com



Member of the Month

Talquin recognizes our Member, Mr. Willie Scott; a military veteran, entrepreneur and a native of Quincy, FL. Let's travel with him as he shares his incredible journey! Willie grew up during turbulent times for our country; however, he made a decision to be a part of the country's solution. Mr. Scott graduated from Stephens High, the only African-American school in the area, served two years in the United States Army, and then enrolled at Florida A&M University (FAMU) in Tallahassee. After his first semester, Mr. Scott decided once again that he needed a change and relocated to New York City, after visiting during the summer of 1947. He began pursuing a certification in the HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) industry and became one of the first African-Americans to work in that industry. In 1979, Mr. Scott wanted to again utilize his skills and knowledge that he gained over the years and took on the challenge to open his own antique shop. During his many years of world-wide travel to such places as Budapest, Hungary, he was able to secure possession of exquisite objects, which he would later sell to affluent clientele — from movie stars to First Lady Jackie Kennedy. In 1993, Mr. Scott made a decision to move back to Quincy, Florida, to care for his aging mother. His experience of being a caretaker for his mother was life changing; so much so that he began visiting the Gadsden County Senior Center and has become a constant, caring face to so many who know him. While the world may be full of vast opportunities, Mr. Willie Scott of Quincy, Florida, will always call this home.





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Watts Happening

Leon County Senior Outreach: Explore "Lunch and Learn" to stay connected

No reservations needed to join the fun. Each event is from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Featuring a delicious catered lunch for \$6 per plate. Call 891-4065 for more information.

October 25 Chaires/Dorothy C. Spence Community Center

November 3 Miccosukee - Miccosukee Community Center

November 9 Bradfordville – Wildwood Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

November 10 Woodville - Woodville Community Center

November 15 Fort Braden Community Center

November 17 Lake Jackson Community Center

St. Marks Stone Crab Festival! Plenty of fresh-from-the-Gulf stone crabs, all kinds of local delicacies and vendors selling everything from custom jewelry to hand crafted furniture. Come enjoy the live music and fun for the whole family!

Saturday, October 22nd

9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Monarch Butterfly Festival!

Wildlife seekers can come watch the migrating monarch butterfly pass through the Wakulla County coast around this time, specifically at the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge. The festival has numerous wildlife exhibits in addition to nature-based educational demonstrations. For more information, call 850-925-6121.

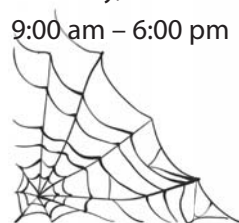
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10:00 am – 4:00 pm

The Quincy Music Theatre: Enjoy good music and a show? Check out Quincy's music theatre at www.quincymusictheatre.com or call 850-875-9444.

Upcoming shows:

- Fiddler on the Roof (December 2-11, 2016)
- Beauty and the Beast (February 17-26, 2017)
- Thoroughly Modern Millie (April 14-23, 2017)



HAPPY
Halloween



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