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The TECI and TWWI Board 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 p.m.

Notice of any changes will be listed on the website.

Managers Column

Talquin Electric Cooperative's wholesale power provider, Seminole Electric Cooperative (Seminole), has announced the installation of its 2.2-megawatt "Cooperative Solar" facility. Seminole has now completed construction and performance testing, and the facility is fully available to Members, including, Talquin.



Carrie Durden
 Board President

Talquin Electric is pleased to participate in this program that will provide our Members with some access to the power of the sun. The facility features more than 8,000 single-axis tracking solar photovoltaic (PV) panels. This technology rotates the panels to follow the movement of the sun throughout the day, which maximizes the energy output of the facility. Each of Seminole's nine distribution electric cooperatives, including Talquin, will share the electricity generated from Cooperative Solar, giving our Members the opportunity to receive energy from the sun.



Tracy Bensley
 General Manager

Seminole's Cooperative Solar offers Talquin the ability to add to the renewable generation mix of our portfolio. We already receive more than 13% of our energy from renewable sources, and this facility will add even more to that mix. Talquin's portion of the production from the Cooperative Solar program is expected to be more than 365,000 kWh per year, which is enough to provide electric service to about 26 homes.

This project is just the beginning. Talquin has more projects to come that will provide our Members with solar energy as part of their purchases from Talquin. We recognize that not every rooftop can host solar panels, and not every residence is practical for an on-site solar installation. Therefore, Talquin Electric is committed to providing other options, such as the Cooperative Solar program, for our Members to participate in the renewable energy market.

If you have any questions regarding this project or would like additional information, please contact Talquin Electric Cooperative at 850-627-7651.

Member of the Month

This month, we are honored to recognize Mr. Willis "Willie" Forman as our Member of the Month. Mr. Forman has been a Talquin Member for 64 years, and boy does he have some stories to tell! Born in Mississippi during the Great Depression, he remembers what it was like to do school work in front of the fireplace since homes did not have electricity. It was a time when you shared your recently butchered cow with neighbors, because neighbors worked together to make sure everyone had enough. It was also a time of the Second World War. Mr. Forman recalls the 1940s, while working in Detroit for Continental Motors, when Uncle Sam said "I need you." Having a little flight experience, Mr. Forman was accepted into the US Army Air Corps flight school. Trained on the single-seat fighter P-51 Mustang, he was shipped out with the 47th Fighters Squadron to Iwo Jima. After the war ended, Mr. Willis headed back home to the states. He eventually moved to Tallahassee, where he had temporarily been stationed at

Dale Mabry Field during training, and married his wife Retha. Mr. Forman was an electrical engineer at Florida State University for 31 years and eventually opened his own business as an electrician. Though he did not fly for years after the war, one year for his birthday, Retha took him to Quincy for a plane ride. As Mr. Forman said "It got the old

blood stirring again," and he has been flying ever since. Mr. Forman, thank you for taking the time to share your stories with us and for being a dedicated Talquin Electric Member for 64 years and counting!



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Did You Know?

Capital Credits: Joint vs. Individual Membership

Individual account holders are the sole owner of any capital credits allocated to an account. These individuals will receive a general refund check in only their name. Upon their passing, their heirs get 100% of the remaining capital credits on file (see Did You Know? article in the August edition of The Current).

Joint account holders will receive a general refund check in the name of both account holders. If one of the account holders passes away, Talquin Electric Cooperative will pay half of the capital credits on file to the appropriate surviving heir, while abiding by the Florida state inheritance laws.



Young student trying on protective gear at Leon Co EMS Safety Fair

Guiding the Next



Students at Sabal Palm Elementary learning about safety around electricity

Although the primary mission of Talquin Electric Cooperative is to provide safe, reliable, and affordable electric, water, and wastewater services, our commitment to our Members and the community extends beyond that. One of the most valuable contributions Talquin makes is its investment in local youth by helping enrich their education and learning environment. Talquin participates in a variety of educational programs.

In the Schools

Upon request, Talquin goes into schools of all grade levels, and assists in educating students about electricity and how it helps improve all of our lives. From teaching kindergarteners about safety around electricity to teaching older

students about how electricity gets to their home, we try to formulate a plan that meets the needs of that age group. At middle school science fairs, we try to educate our future homeowners about energy conservation and how their everyday habits affect their community and their wallet.

Leon County EMS Safety Fair

Each spring, Leon County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) hosts a safety fair at the Governor's Square Mall. The fun-filled event features free exhibits and activities that help educate children and their families on safety in a multitude of subjects. Talquin line technicians demonstrate the different personal protective equipment (PPE) that is needed for them to do their jobs



Riverbend Home School visiting our training facility

safely. Families get to try on the line technician gear and gloves and experience what it is like to work in that gear.

Electric Cooperative Youth Tour

For over twenty years, Talquin has participated in the NRECA-sponsored Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Each year, Talquin accepts applications from high school juniors (that have a relative that is a Member of Talquin) and sponsors four students to attend the week-long event in Washington, D.C. Young leaders, from electric cooperatives all across America, get an opportunity to watch history come alive as they explore our nation's capital. They make friendships that can last a lifetime and become part of a group that has more than



Deerlake Middle School SciGirls



Young lady trying to pick up bolt at the Leon Co EMS Safety Fair

50,000 alumni in every walk of life, including U.S. Senators and CEOs. Be on the lookout for applications in October!

Career Fairs

The next generation...future leaders...tomorrow's workforce. Talquin is a firm believer in educating students about the jobs that are available at utility companies. From occupations that are unique, like being a line technician, to the more traditional jobs, such as engineers and administrative positions, all are equally as important to Talquin as a whole. Going to school and community career fairs, such as the Leon County Works Expo, and working with these young minds to help guide them in the career path that best suits them is a true privilege.

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.

September 19 Fort Braden Community Center

September 21 Lake Jackson Community Center

September 26 Chaires/Dorothy C. Spence Community Center

October 5 Miccosukee Community Center

October 11 Bradfordville/Wildwood Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

October 12 Woodville Community Center

University of Florida/IFAS presents Art, Garden and Farm Family Festival:

Discover creative ways to explore visual art and the art of gardening through demonstrations and fun activities for the whole family. Take a trolley tour, speak with experts, arts and crafts, and more! **FREE and open to the public.**

Saturday, October 7 (9 am – 2 pm)

North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC)

155 Research Rd, Quincy FL

Experience Asia 2017: This third largest event in Tallahassee is **free to the public and features Asian Performances, Demonstrations, Cuisine, Arts & Crafts, Artists and More!** Every year we have the privilege to host Matsuriza, the famous Japanese drummers who also perform at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Other performers coming from around the world including China, India, and Taiwan. Our festival sports two stages simultaneously running with performances throughout the day. Experience Asia is a family friendly event with something for everyone from kids to adults.

Saturday, October 14 (10 am – 5 pm)

Lewis and Bloxham Parks (Downtown Tallahassee)
205 East Park Avenue – Tallahassee

Havana History & Heritage Museum:

Come visit us for the initial opening of the museum - Shade Tobacco & more... Come learn about the historic shade tobacco industry of our area, artifacts, displays, films, presentations, and meet lots of folks who grew, worked, and lived through these times.

Saturday, October 7 (11 am – 5 pm)

Sunday, October 8 (Noon – 4 pm)

Planters Exchange Bld
204 2nd Avenue - Havana

trading post

Miscellaneous

Vacuum cleaners: Eureka, Bissell, Dirt Devil & Hoover \$25-45, **Electronics:** Samsung analog & smart phone, Canon film & digital cameras, Coleman power inverter, GE cordless phone, \$19-149; **Toyota Corolla car stereo** for 2003-2008 models \$99; Bacalounger recliner with rattan railing \$79. 422-1368

Autoharp with 21 chord buttons, carrying case and shoulder strap, like new - \$200; **Banjo**, like new - \$100. Electric guitar, Squier by Fender, cherry red, like new \$75. 228-0412

Piano/Handyman, tune, clean, fix repairs or touch-ups, fix a string or broken note, move. 25+ yrs exp. with excellent references. 574-7714

100 classical CD's from Aida to Wagner, \$100. 562-3620

PROJECTION SCREEN - 100 inch with stand, Brand New, still in original box, never opened. \$65. 442-4888

Black leather recliner sofa & loveseat; good condition; \$650 OBO; electric stove \$40; 1 pc wood hutch w/glass doors upper \$95 OBO. text 556-7839.

Partners Desk, Blonde Wood Server/matching mirror, Kirby Upright **Vacuum**, Poster **Bed**, Oak oval **coffee table**, mantle, and more. 524-4558. Can provide photos

Wedding Gown: Casablanca, Celebrate Forever, Size 20, Ivory. \$350 OBO. 656-6982

Wooden Exterior Door w/Window on Top, 36x80", **BRAND NEW-UNUSED** - Beautiful Natural Pine-Reduced \$99-Now \$225. Collectible **ELVIS LP's & 45's** - Very Nice. 459-9594

TRIM CARPENTER. For all your Interior/Exterior Door Replacement or Interior Trim needs please call 508-6676

Burial space at Tallahassee Memory Gardens, 2037 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida. Last Supper, Section 4, Lot 127B, Space 1. \$1,200 FIRM. 509-8450

Season Split Oak Firewood. Free delivery and free lightered wood. Call or text 210-9404

3 Burial Plots at Tallahassee Memory Gardens for Sale \$3500.00. Please send e-mail to corvette@embarqmail.com

8x10 dog kennel. 322-9537

½" Klein **Emt Bender** - used once \$20; 12' Fiberglass **stepladder** \$100; 8 - white w/ brass **cabinet handles** \$8. 668-7252

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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Sears Kenmore white matched top-of-the-line top loading **washer** and front loading **dryer**, little used by single elderly lady. \$300/pair. 576-5835

Wedding Dress size 22, color Champaign \$500. 447-2129

4 piece indoor, natural wicker table, 35" square glass top, 2 chairs really nice \$29. 562-2086

Jacuzzi, new, gray, lots of hardware connected already. \$900; **1 ½ garage door**, lightly used. \$300; **Go-Ped** needs oil line \$300. 875-1423

Packing boxes: clean and sturdy. Sizes: 1.5cu, 3.1cu, 4.5cu, & 24x12x12. \$1ea or 6/\$5. **Solid wood roll-top desk**, light oak finish, 54"w-20"d-46"h. 627-3118

Automotive

2007 Saturn Ion, silver mid-size sedan, manual transmission, 59,080 miles, very nice car with no mechanical problems. 228-0412

2001 Jeep Cherokee, red exterior, black interior, power steering, brakes, windows, air conditioning, workhorse 4.0 liter engine and automatic transmission. \$3,750. 894-5557

Vintage Hubcaps (4) - fit 14" wheel - 1960's era, Chrome - Nice Condition - \$120. 459-9594

1998 Pontiac SunFire \$5,000. 875-1423

Real Estate

Home for Sale: built in 1950's 3 bedroom 1 bath with attached utility/office space. Sold as is. \$80,000 OBO - Parcel #4123200410000. 509-1977

Beautiful 10.5 acre Homesite on Old Fed. Rd. Tractor shed and power. \$8,500/acre. 875-3439

Corner condo, Mountain Air Country Club,

Burnsville, NC. Furnished, long-range mountain view, open living area, stone fireplace, master suite, second bedroom, covered porch. Serious inquiries 942-0070

FSBO Small Farm centrally located 10 miles N of Quincy in Gadsden Co, 16.33 gorgeous acres with quaint 2bd 1ba house. \$129,000. 766-4528

Beautiful 2 bedroom/2 bath houseboat for Sale! Includes all furniture, appliances, tv's, grill, stereo system, linens. Screen porch and deck! \$99,500 but very negotiable.

Farm/Garden

Troy Bilt Horse Model Tiller w/ 6hp Tecumseh-Laussen engine and Bolo tines. Purchased in '76 from Garden Way Manufacturing. Needs some work. \$300. Also have several parts catalogs & repair records. 339-6242

Marine

16 ft aluminum boat. 322-9537

Two - 2016 Sea Doo's - GTI 130 w/ reboarding ladders, Rotax Engine, white and manta green, only 17 hrs, Elite WC-11 all aluminum trailer w/ spare tire, and all the extras \$21,250. 656-3005/251-3076

Ruth Reasonable Rates Housecleaning and more! 566-7283

FREE

Rider Mower: FOR PARTS A 12.5 hp Snapper Rider Mower, Doesn't Run. 893-7209

Toilet: 15 ½ in high, good condition. 893-1598

MISC ITEMS: 8 indoor ceramic flower pots, toilet seat, suitcase, HSN shredder (needs repair) 562-2086



Employee Spotlight

At Talquin Electric Cooperative, we love hearing from our Members, no matter the reason why. However, we have to admit that when a Member contacts us to brag on one of our employees, it is the highlight of the day. Recently, we received an email via Member Feedback to state “I would like to thank water technician Gary for literally saving me.” That water technician was Gary Harsey. Earlier that day, Gary had been assisting the Member with a water leak in their yard when the Member started feeling light-headed and eventually fainted. Being a former firefighter/EMT, Gary responded quickly in catching the Member and getting them inside their home. He was able to call the Member’s spouse, who was nearby, and assist in getting the Member cooled down until the spouse arrived. “Upon going home, Gary came back to check things out and to see if I was feeling better. Talquin, you have a kind and valuable employee in Gary. Going above and beyond the call of his duty.” Thank you, Mr. Harsey, for assisting our Member and for showing everyone what member service is all about.

Bacon-Wrapped Pickles

This recipe was just different enough that we had to share!

Ingredients

- 12 mini dill pickles**
- 1 block cream cheese, softened**
- 1 1/2 c. shredded Cheddar**
- 1 clove garlic, chopped**
- 12 slices bacon, halved**

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. Halve pickles and scoop out centers. Discard centers.

In a small bowl, stir together cream cheese, cheddar, and garlic until combined.

Spoon mixture into pickles and wrap with a half slice of bacon.

Transfer to a parchment-lined baking sheet and bake until mixture is warm and bacon is crispy, 15 minutes.

Serve immediately.





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 outages on the Web at
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 at www.talquinelectric.com to
 report your outage quickly and to
 receive outage information.

Energy Tip

Turn unused lights off — Do not leave lights on all night. If you need guidance in the middle of the night, use night lights, keep a flash light next to your bed, or use your cell phone to avoid bumping into anything.

**polsinello.com*



Water Tip

If you accidentally drop ice cubes, do not throw them in the sink. Drop them in a house plant instead.

**wateruseitwisely.com*



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