

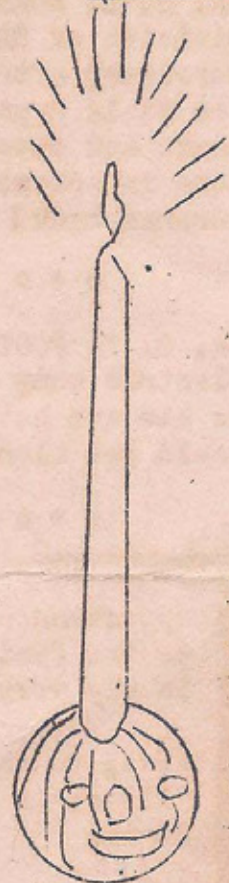
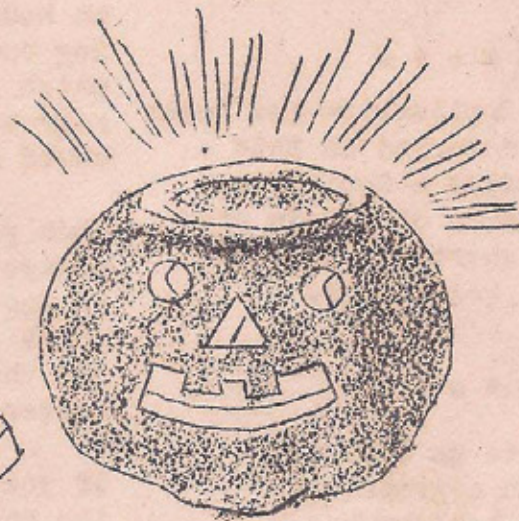
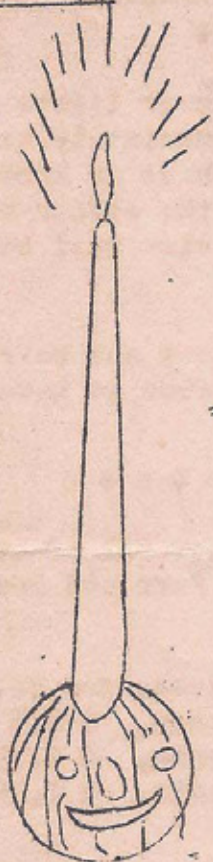
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The Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Talquin Water & Wastewater, Inc. Boards regularly schedule their workshops on the 1st Monday of each month and meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Headquarters' Office in Quincy, FL at 6:30 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/>.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH!



Joseph Alexander
President



Tracy Bensley
General Manager

Although we are barely halfway through the 2021 Atlantic hurricane season, we have already seen eight named storms so far, including Tropical Storm Fred who paid our service territory a visit last month. September is National Preparedness Month, and there is no better time than now to prepare for hurricane season.

Tropical Storm Fred served as a reminder to us all that forecasts can change in the blink of an eye. Going into the weekend, Fred looked to be heading west towards Louisiana, but by Monday morning, Fred was headed our way. While we have weathered much larger storms such as Michael, Tropical Storm Fred left its mark on our rural communities.

With the help of mutual aid crews from Choctawhatchee Electric Cooperative (CHELCO), Tri-County Electric Cooperative, and Pike Energy, we restored nearly 10,000 meters in less than 36 hours! Thanks to Talquin's extensive storm training and preparation, we were able to have an efficient restoration process.

Each year, Talquin personnel participate in pre-storm briefings—reviewing the best practices and safety protocols to apply before, during, and after a storm. These employees complete a series of trainings and pre-storm drills in which they respond to hypothetical situations so they know what to do when faced with the same situation in real life.

Although it is Talquin's responsibility to restore power and water services after a storm, you, your family, and your community can take a few steps each week in September to ensure you are prepared for a disaster too. Please visit [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) for more information.



Week 1 September 1-4: Make A Plan

Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the Centers for Disease Control recommendations due to the coronavirus.



Week 2 September 5-11: Build A Kit

Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly. Update your kits and supplies based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control.



Week 3 September 12-18: Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness

Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family. Know the risk of disasters in your area. Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards. Check your insurance coverage to make sure it is up-to-date.



Week 4 September 19-25: Teach Youth About Preparedness

Talk to your kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved.

Meetings with Elected Officials

Talquin had the opportunity to sit down with U.S. Representative Dr. Neal Dunn and Florida Representative Jason Shoaf to discuss how they can support rural electric cooperatives, energy-related policy issues and legislation, and FEMA reimbursements. Thank you, Representatives Dunn and Shoaf, for advocating for co-ops and our service area.



(left to right) Talquin representative Maicel Green, Florida Representative Jason Shoaf, and 2018 Talquin Youth Tour Alum/Representative Shoaf's District Secretary Elizabeth Hughes.



(left to right) Maicel Green, U.S. Representative Dr. Neal Dunn, and Talquin's General Manager Tracy Bensley.

Scam Calls

Some Talquin Members have experienced scam calls where the caller pretends to be from Talquin Electric Cooperative and threatens to cut off utility services or demands payment over the phone. At times, these scammers have also demanded prepaid credit card payments or stated that Talquin and other utilities are demanding immediate payment. Several Members who have received these types of phone calls were told that they had a balance on their account and needed to pay it immediately or their service would be disconnected. Additionally, scammers can "spoof" Talquin's phone number so that a Member's caller ID displays Talquin's phone number. These phone calls are not authorized or affiliated with Talquin, and unfortunately, we cannot prevent this from happening. However, we want all of our Members to be informed. Do not hesitate to get in touch with Talquin at 850-627-7651 to verify any payment information.

Talquin Electric Cooperative will not call Members and demand immediate payment on a utility bill or make unsolicited calls to schedule energy audits. Please keep in mind that Talquin personnel drive clearly marked vehicles and provide Talquin issued ID, if requested. If you receive a call like this, please report it to Talquin and local law enforcement. *Never give your account number, credit card, or bank information to a party that has called you.*



Backflow Preventers

Talquin is responsible for implementing a Cross Connection Control Program as required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Federal Government's 1974 Safe Drinking Water Act. You, as a Talquin Water Member, have the responsibility of having your backflow preventer tested and, if necessary, repaired. Having the backflow preventer tested will reveal any malfunctions or leaks. A leaking backflow preventer will add to your monthly water bill.



Why do we need backflows? Backflow preventers help prevent contaminants from entering your drinking water and protect the public water system from cross-connection generated from water usage beyond the meter.

Who needs backflows? FDEP requires all commercial properties and residents with irrigation systems to have backflow preventers installed. The device is commonly located at your property line adjacent to your water meter above the ground.

How often should they be tested? Commercial backflow devices are tested every year, and residential backflows are tested every other year by a certified backflow technician.

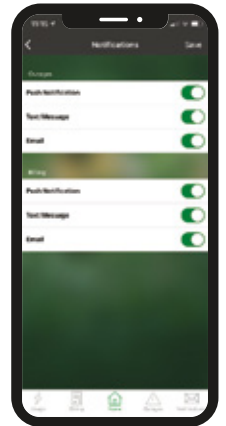
Blank backflow test reports and list of testers can be found at <https://www.talquinelectric.com/resources/documents/>

FDEP link for more information: <https://floridadep.gov/water/source-drinking-water/content/cross-connection-control-and-backflow-prevention-program>

WATER APP NOTIFICATIONS

This past February, Talquin unveiled a new feature in our mobile app that will alert Members of any water outages and/or precautionary boil water notices (PBWN) specific to their location. After signing up for notifications, Members will receive a direct notice of any outages or PBWNs that will affect them. Those who have previously elected to receive notifications from Talquin via the app will not need to re-register. Those that have not previously downloaded the app can find it in your device's app store. Simply search "Talquin" and download the app to your phone.

The new alert feature will send notifications to the Member's chosen method: email, text message, and/or push notification. To select which method you prefer, follow these steps:



- 1. Select the "Settings" icon in the app.**
- 2. Next, select "Accounts", then select your water account.**
- 3. Then, click "Notifications".**
- 4. Tap the slider tool to select which methods you would prefer to receive notifications.**

Each notification will include a link to receive more information on Talquin's website. In addition to the app, Talquin will continue to use previous notification methods, including door hangers and media notification, as required by law.

TRADING POST

MISCELLANEOUS

Burial Plot: Meadow Wood Memorial Park, 700 Timberlane Rd. Whispering Pines I-214B. Call 850-566-8748 with offer

Belgian Malinois Puppies: \$400/each. 850-643-7894

Books: For sale, V.C. Andrews and Danielle Steel, \$1 each. 850-878-5081

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

Misc.: New 5 sets of 12 (60 total) Lenox holly shower curtain hooks, \$125. New Hampton Bay 7.5 ft Umbrella, \$35. 2 new Disney princess infant costumes, \$30. Email MCSRB5050@outlook.com

Misc.: Antique butter mold, \$50. Ace metal 3-drawer tool chest with all Ace tools, \$65. Men's London fog navy blue zip up jacket size 40 L, \$10. Men's FSU logo cardigan, size XL, unused, nonsmoking home, \$20. Reck Moto Med Leg Therapy Machine, Viva 1 model, adj. pedals, shoe shells, used little, \$4900. Call/text 850-661-5553, can meet in public place

Progressive Reloader: MEC 650 progressive reloader for 12 ga: 2 3/4" lead or steel shot. Also included: MEC Super sizer (SS 77) & lots of extras. Text 850-228-6091

Jet Pack and Lawn Edger: Jet pack MIFI 8800L, brand new, only used 5 months,

\$199, OBO. Look: <https://tinyurl.com/5698y2pk>. Used wheeled CubCadet LE100 lawn edger, like new, 6 positions, 3 bevels, asking \$175; Look: <https://tinyurl.com/5eed2xs3> Email: bjspivey0603@gmail.com.

Armadillo Traps: Humane, 2-doors, pressure treated, ground wood construction armadillo traps that work. Prescented. No bait or funneling required, \$100. 850-566-0045 or 850-383-6380

Massage Table: Oakworks hydraulic massage table, foot pedal, bolster, and headrest. Excellent condition, \$900. 850-320-2765

Aluminum Hunting Blinds & Stands: From \$975-2850, flip up windows, NW Tallahassee. 850-445-4960

Life Gear Inversion Table: Never used, very effective for bad backs, \$75.00. Nancy 850-656-7455

Misc.: 40 gallon water tank for \$150. French doors, like new, very good condition for \$250. 850-567-3633

Door: Double paned steel door with full glass center, 79x36x2, \$50 call/text 904-612-1753 for pictures or questions

Condensing Unit: Replaced air handler, leaving perfect York Affinity Series model YZE04811A CONDENSING UNIT for you. Energy Star, never exposed to weather. 850-567-0984 or 850-539-1915 (leave message)

FURNITURE

Garage Sale Items: Cherry china cabinet, antique dishes, microwave stand, receiving hitch, towing mirrors, antique lamps, cast iron sinks, electric tools, Ty Beanie babies. 850-575-6013

Misc.: China cabinets, crystal china, silver, dishes, lamp,

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, August 1st is the deadline for the September/October edition.)

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

glasses and many other items. Call 850-321-8903

Bed: Adjustable single bed with vibrating massage, top of the line. New condition. Comfort for anyone, especially elderly. Can be used with under mattress side rails, \$500. 850-877-5939

Sectional Couch: Brown, about 1 year old, great condition, downsizing, must sell, best offer. Call 850-443-1441

Filing Cabinet: 4-drawer legal size filing cabinet in excellent condition. Heavy duty, grayish in color- \$175.00 (There are \$75.00 worth of legal hanging folders inside. Blue, Red, yellow and purple) TEXT: 850-766-5670

REAL ESTATE

Lake Talquin: Waterfront property in Leon County, 3.63 acres at intersection of Ben Stoudamire Rd. & Ed Gordon Rd., \$65,000 OBO. 850-894-3960

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

TOOLS

Riding Mower: 10-year-old Husqvarna LTH1538 riding mower, runs great. Service records Southside mower, \$150.00 firm. 850-528-2125

Tractor: JD 3320 4x4 tractor with implements: 333.8 hours/\$17,500. For more info, please email livlafluv311@yahoo.com. Serious inquires only!

Leaf Bagger: Fits Murray 42" riding lawn mower. Leave a message at 850-668-7350

Harrow: Heavy-duty 6-foot harrow, \$2500. Maryfrances3807@aol.com

AUTO

1998 Kawasaki: 1500 Vucan Classic, JKBVNaE, \$3,500; 850-575-6013

2005 Harley Davidson: Road Glide Custom motorcycle, LED headlights, mustang seat, skull motif; 25K miles, \$6499; also available Custom Corbin motorcycle seat for Honda ST1100 for \$285. 850-997-0473

Slide-in Truck Camper: 12 volt wiring, 120-volt ac, sleeps 4, 10 years old. Call after 4pm 850-544-0701

Tires and Rims: Used IROK 39.5" x 13.5 R17LT, 6 count tires, originally over \$500 each, stored inside; 4 count 9" aluminum rims, came off Dana 60's, 8 lug configuration, bolt pattern 8-165.1. 8/6.5, \$200. Cash

only, firm, call David 850-562-1665

SERVICES

Caretaker: Experienced in personal caregiving for Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, etc. Years of experience and references. Available Monday-Friday. 850-386-3562

Remodeling: Painting, flooring, fencing, decks, siding, all types of handyman services. References available. Call 850-792-0482

Wallpaper Removal: 38 years' experience, 850-933-2883

LOOKING FOR

Team Member: Perfect Solutions is seeking a reliable, respectful team member with some experience in lawn care. This position provides lawn maintenance full time annually. If you are interested, contact Omar 850-590-6715 or Dana 850-241-8550 with any questions.

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

YOUTH TOUR 2022

Look out for the 2022 Talquin Youth Tour + SCHOLARSHIP Applications. Up to \$15,000 in scholarships to be awarded!

Applications will be available starting Monday, October 18, 2021. If interested in applying, the application can be found on our website at www.talquinelectric.com under Talquin Youth, at any of our Member Service offices, or by emailing youthtour@talquinelectric.com.

Talquin Services

Talquin has several different services to help you manage and pay your utility bill. Find the perfect fit for you!

- **Online Bill Pay:** View and pay bill, monitor usage, and more.
- **Mobile App:** Easy access to your account – download today!
- **Automatic Draft:** Automatic credit card and bank draft services at no additional fee.
- **Levelized Billing** (electric accounts only): Tired of your electric bill jumping up and down from month to month? Levelized is a “rolling average” of your electric usage for the most recent 13 months, so you pay a similar amount each time.
- **Electronic Billing:** Go paperless and receive an email as soon as your bill is available.
- **PrePaid Electric:** With PrePaid, you are in control. Low deposit, no late fees, and no disconnect or reconnect charges!
- **Pay by Phone:** 850-627-9666 (English or Spanish) – automated, 24/7, credit cards and e-checks accepted.
- **Mail:** Send check or money order (no cash) to P.O. Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353-1679
- **In Person:** Visit any of our five Member Service Offices Drive-Thrus (Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM, Closed for lunch 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM)



Visit our website at www.talquinelectric.com or ask any Member Service Representative for more information.

OCTOBER IS ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH

October 7th is LED Light Day! Switching to LED bulbs is one of the easiest ways you can save energy.

PASSWORD DOS AND DON'TS

A strong password can make all the difference in protecting your personal information. Follow these tips for stronger passwords.

<p>DO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the manufacturer’s Wi-Fi password on your router. • Use two-factor authentication. • Use unique phrases (like lyrics to your favorite song) to remember passwords. 	<p>DON'T:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don’t use common words or numbers like “password” or “1234.” • Don’t use personal details like your date of birth in a password. • Don’t use the same password for multiple accounts.
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October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month.
Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart

Fire Prevention Week is October 3-9, 2021!

Do I really need to test my alarms every month? **YES!**
How do I do that? Press and hold the test button to make sure you hear the loud beep, beep, beep sound. If your alarm is more than 10 years old – it's time for a new alarm!
Learn the sounds of fire safety at fpw.org.

Planned Outages for Service Improvements

Ever wonder why your electric co-op intentionally plans power outages?

Talquin Electric continually performs maintenance on the electric system throughout the year to ensure we are providing the best possible service to the Membership. We are able to perform most of this work with the electricity on, so you often do not even notice the work going on around you. However, there are times when we need to interrupt your electric service in order to perform maintenance activities. We call these disruptions in service planned outages.

As you know, electricity is a powerful and dangerous form of energy. Planned outages are sometimes required to ensure the safety of employees, Members, and electrical equipment. We know that outages are inconvenient, but our objective is to be safe while we provide the best service possible to all Talquin Members.

Before a planned outage occurs, we will notify affected Members in advance so they can make preparations. When a planned outage is necessary, our crews will work as quickly and safely as possible to restore electric service with minimal disruption.

Tips for Preparing for a Planned Outage:

- If you have medical support equipment that is dependent on electricity, be ready with your back-up plan to maintain the use of your equipment. • Have flashlights with fresh batteries handy.
- Minimize the opening of refrigerator and freezer doors to maintain temperature.
- Shut off or disconnect all sensitive equipment, such as computers, fax machines, televisions, microwaves, etc. before the outage begins.
- Leave a lamp or radio on so you will know when electric service is restored.
- Charge all mobile phones.
- It is very important to turn off any major appliances like washing machines or air conditioners prior to the outage. This will prevent them from unexpectedly coming on when the power is restored.
- Double check to make sure all heat-producing appliances (stoves, toaster ovens, irons, and hair curlers) are turned off. This will minimize any fire hazard if the power is restored while you are away.
- Make sure you know how to override or manually operate your security gates or garage doors.
- If you have a generator, be sure to follow all safety guidelines. Please refer to <https://www.talquinelectric.com/resources/generator-use/> for more information.

If you have questions about planned outages in your area, please call us at (850) 627-7651.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

It has become necessary to perform some line maintenance for the electric service to your account. To facilitate this action we will need to interrupt the service to your account for approximately one (1) hour. This work will be performed between the hours of 9:00am and 12:00pm on Wednesday, July 8, 2020.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Talquin Electric Cooperative at (850) 627-7651.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Example of a postcard you might receive if a planned outage is occurring in your area.

Fabulous Fall Recipes

Chicken Pasta Caprese

Adapted from a Skinnytaste recipe, submitted by Member Tina Culbertson

Ingredients:

- 1-pound boneless chicken breast, cut into 1/2 inch cubes (you can also use boneless thighs)
- 1/2 tsp. dried basil
- Salt, per taste
- Ground black pepper
- Cooking spray
- 9-oz. dried penne pasta
- 4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 6 garlic cloves, coarsely chopped
- 2 1/2 cups halved grape tomatoes
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh basil
- 4-oz. mozzarella cheese cut into cubes



Directions:

- Heat large non-stick skillet. Season chicken with dried basil, salt and pepper. Spray the skillet with cooking spray and add chicken. Cook until cooked through on both sides, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a plate.
- Cook the pasta according to package directions then drain, reserving 1/2 cup pasta water.
- Meanwhile increase the heat in the skillet and add olive oil and garlic. Do not burn the garlic – keep stirring until slightly soft then add tomatoes and salt and pepper. Reduce heat and stir for roughly 8 minutes until tomatoes are soft.
- Add the pasta into the tomato mixture and stir. If it becomes too dry, add some of that saved pasta water. Add chicken and toss well, remove from heat then add fresh basil and cubed cheese.

Pumpkin Cannoli

From Delish.com

Ingredients:

- Cooking spray, for pans
- All-purpose flour, for rolling out dough
- 15-oz. store-bought refrigerated pie dough
- 2 tbsp. cinnamon-sugar
- 2 cups ricotta
- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 tsp. pumpkin spice
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- Pinch salt
- 1 cup mini chocolate chips



Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 2 nonstick baking sheets with cooking spray. Tear off a large square of foil, and then roll the foil into a long and tight cylinder. Repeat to make 4 cylinders total. Place 2 foil cylinders on each baking sheet and spray foil with cooking spray.
- Onto a lightly floured surface, unroll piecrust and sprinkle all over with cinnamon-sugar. Use a 3" biscuit cutter to stamp out rounds. Wrap the rounds around the foil and pinch together the ends to shape a cannoli shell. Bake until golden and crispy, about 20 minutes. Let cool for 15 minutes before carefully removing from foil.
- Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine ricotta and pumpkin puree and beat until light and fluffy. Add powdered sugar, pumpkin spice, vanilla, and salt and beat until as smooth as possible. Fold in chocolate chips then transfer mixture to a large piping bag.
- Pipe filling into the cannoli shells and serve immediately.

SUBMIT YOUR RECIPES

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

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AUGUST 28 - OCTOBER 23

Water is life. It forms our world and our lives. It allows us to travel; it blocks our paths. It is crucial in determining where we live and work and what we eat and drink. It is an essential biological and natural resource that people struggle to access and control. Water shapes human culture - our ways of life. It is central to many rituals and ceremonies around the world. It inspires art and music.

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VIEW AWARD WINNING PHOTOGRAPHY OF HALL OF FAME MEMBER, CLYDE BUTCHER
"OUR WATER, OUR LIVES" STORIES
38 INDIVIDUALLY PAINTED WORKS OF ART
"WATER DROP PROJECT"

ALL ON DISPLAY AT THE MUSEUM

APALACHICOLA ARSENAL MUSEUM is located on the grounds of Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee. For more information contact Linda at 850-794-0197. Check out Apalachicola Arsenal Museum Historical Society on Facebook.
Museum Address: 1071 Pecan Lane, Chattahoochee, FL 32324

Water/Ways is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and Florida Humanities. Support for the exhibition and programming was provided through a grant from Florida Humanities with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities.




Fort Braden Farmers Market

Saturday - Sept 11th, Oct 9th | 9AM to 12PM
Lake Talquin Baptist Church Lawn

What to expect?

Fresh Produce, Handmade Goods and Prepared Foods

Bad Weather?

If bad weather, market days will always be rescheduled to the following Saturday

We are looking for vendors!

Contact Market Manager, Tracy Johnson, at
tracylwjohnson@gmail.com

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Fall Pumpkin Patch

Fort Braden Community

October 2021



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Road

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Tues., Oct. 26
11:30 AM - 5:00 PM
4808 Portal Drive

Crawfordville
Thurs., Oct. 28
11:30 AM - 5:00 PM
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TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 30, 2021 | 7-9 PM
Fort Braden Community Park

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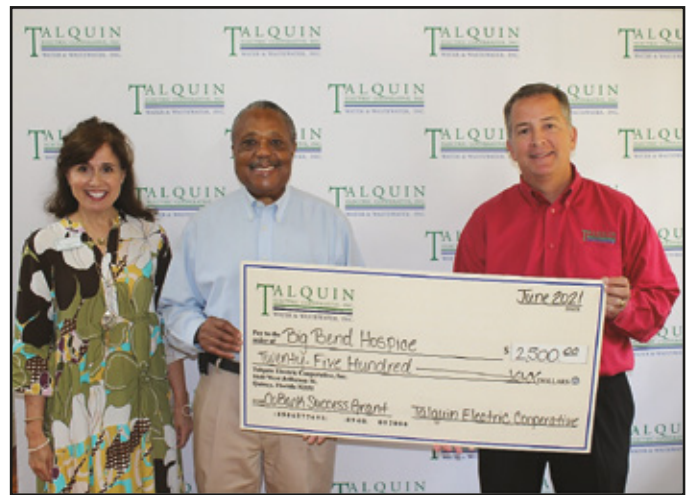
October is
National Co-op Month

Supporting Our Community

Since 2012, CoBank, one of Talquin's lenders, has been partnering with cooperatives around the nation in their Sharing Success program to provide \$4 million dollars to charitable organizations in rural areas. Talquin applied for grants again this year, and again all were awarded!

The recipients of this year's grants were Big Bend Hospice (\$2,500), March of Dimes (\$2,500), and American Heart Association (\$10,000).

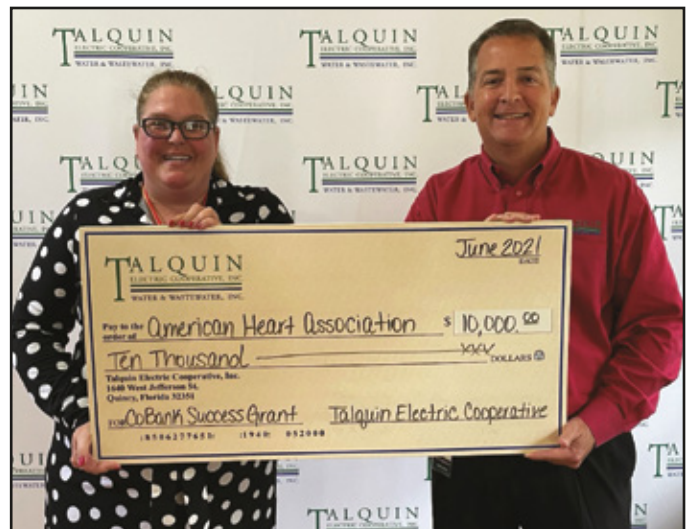
Join us in saying thank you to these organizations for the fantastic work they do in our community. Talquin Electric Cooperative is proud to be able to help support them in continuing their missions!



Big Bend Hospice provides a full range of programs and services to patients with advanced illness, and their families, throughout the Big Bend area. Compassionate care and quality-of-life programs are available to anyone with an advanced illness for whom the services are appropriate and who elects to receive them.



March of Dimes leads the fight for the health of all moms and babies. This organization supports moms throughout their pregnancy, advocates for policies that prioritize their health, supports radical improvements to the care they receive, and pioneers research to find solutions to the biggest health threats to moms and babies.



Heart disease is the No. 1 killer worldwide, and stroke ranks second globally. American Heart Association is the nation's oldest and largest voluntary organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke. Their goal is a world free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

Happy Retirement Suzanna and Theresa!

Suzanna Nielsen joined Talquin in June of 2018 as the Manager of Supply Chain, managing all of the cooperative's material/vendor purchases, supply chain employees, and Talquin's material warehouses. Before joining Talquin, she spent about 20 years at SECO Energy in Sumter, FL, and NV Energy, headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada. Suzanna is looking forward to traveling, gardening, and just hanging out with her husband (and her dog) in what will hopefully be a post-COVID world. She has really enjoyed her time at Talquin and feels lucky she had an opportunity to work here. Congratulations, Suzanna, on your retirement. You will be missed!



Theresa Black started her career at Talquin Electric in July of 1989 as a cashier at our Lake Jackson office before eventually moving to our Quincy office. She had several promotions along the way and is currently an Accounting Clerk III at Talquin's Quincy headquarters. Theresa has done an excellent job managing cash, credit cards, work orders, and inventory over the years. In retirement, she will miss seeing everyone at Talquin, but plans to travel with her daughter, son-in-law, and grandson.

Congratulations on your retirement and enjoy traveling, Theresa!

Talquin wants to say a **HUGE** thank you to the local businesses who kept our Talquin and mutual aid crews fed and comfortable while they worked hard to get our Membership up and running during Tropical Storm Fred restoration!

Gadsden:

Carol's Country Cookin
Comfort Inn & Suites Midway -
Tallahassee West
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Liberty:

Crow's Corner

Wakulla:

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Coming Soon! Talquin Member Survey

The 2021 Member Survey will be available on our website, in our offices, or by phone starting in November. Also, for Members that have provided Talquin with an email address, the survey will be emailed to you directly, so keep an eye on your inbox and let your voice be heard.

Your Co-op, Your Voice!



FRWA Water Contest

Talquin's Meridian Hills water system was declared the Best Tasting Water at the 2021 Florida Rural Water Annual Conference held by the Florida Rural Water Association. Since 2003, Meridian Hills has been named Best Tasting Water in Florida five times. The Meridian Hills water system will go on to represent the state at the National Rural Water Rally in Washington D.C. in February of next year.

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