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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 www.TalquinElectric.com/About/Board-Meetings-Workshops/.

2024: THE YEAR OF RESILIENCY



Joe Alexander President



Tracy Bensley General Manager

This year brought extraordinary challenges, as severe weather events repeatedly tested the resiliency of our communities. From winter storms and tornadoes to hurricanes, Talquin Electric Cooperative remained steadfast, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to restoring power swiftly and supporting those in need—both at home and away.

The year began with Winter Storm Finn on January 8th, delivering powerful winds, relentless rain, and even tornadoes. The storm caused scattered outages across our service area. Despite the challenging conditions, Talquin crews worked efficiently and safely, ensuring Members had the power they needed.

In the spring, a series of destructive tornadoes swept through the region on May 10th, leaving

a path of devastation. Talquin's team responded immediately, restoring power to affected Members despite widespread damage and challenging working conditions.

Summer brought further challenges, as Hurricane Debby made landfall, disrupting power across our service area. Our crews quickly mobilized, working tirelessly to restore service. Shortly after, Hurricane Helene followed, causing more destruction and new challenges. Once again, our crews rose to the occasion, delivering power and relief to the communities we serve with the same dedication that defines Talquin.

Through these storms, we were fortunate to receive mutual aid support from fellow Cooperatives, who helped speed up restoration efforts. After restoring power locally, we were honored to return the favor—sending our crews to assist other Cooperatives still grappling with storm recovery in our state and as far away as North Carolina. This "Cooperation Among Cooperatives" is at the heart of the Cooperative spirit, and our teams gave their all, even while working far from home, to bring power and hope to communities in need.

The storms of 2024 remind us that no challenge is insurmountable when we stand together. The dedication of Talquin's employees, the support of fellow Cooperatives, and the patience and encouragement of Talquin Members have made all the difference.

Thank you for trusting us through every storm. As 2024 comes to a close, we look ahead to brighter days, confident that whatever the future holds, we will weather it—together.

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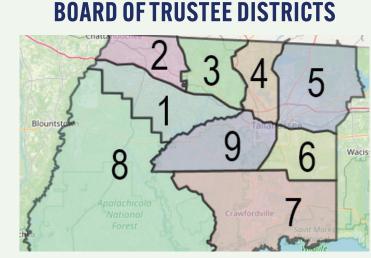
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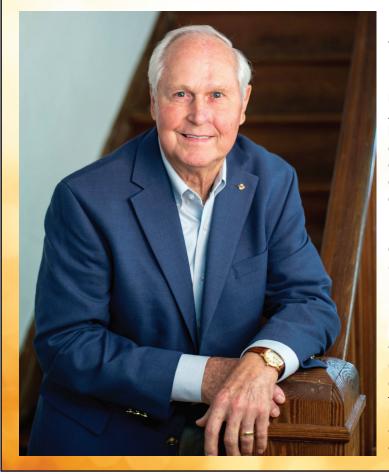
District 7 David Miller



District 9 Sam Fenn



Trustee bios are located on the website: <u>https://www.TalquinElectric.com/Staff-Type/Board-of-Trustees/</u>.



HAPPY RETIREMENT!

The Talquin Board of Trustees would like to announce the retirement of Mr. Sam Fenn, Trustee for District 9, representing southwest Leon County. A dedicated public servant, Mr. Fenn has made significant contributions to our community and the Cooperative over a remarkable tenure of 50 years on the Talquin Board. A graduate of Mercer University's School of Pharmacy, he also spent an impressive



50 years in the pharmacy profession, demonstrating a lifelong commitment to health and service. As a Credentialed Director and holder of a Board Leadership Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Mr. Fenn has brought invaluable expertise and leadership to the Board.

In addition to his role at Talquin, Mr. Fenn previously served for 13 years on the Board of Trustees for Seminole Electric Cooperative, further showcasing his passion for cooperative governance. His insights and dedication have greatly influenced the direction of the Talquin organization, and his presence will be deeply missed. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Fenn for his years of service and commitment to the community, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.



As a not-for-profit electric Cooperative, we believe in giving credit where credit is due--to the Members who shape our Cooperative. One of the ways we do this is through Capital Credits. Because Talquin operates at cost, we give cash back to Members rather than outside investors or shareholders.

Here's how Capital Credits work: The margins earned by the Cooperative (similar to "profits") are allocated to Members in the form of Capital Credits each year. Margins are calculated based on the amount of cash received by the Cooperative from furnishing utility services reduced by operating costs and expenses incurred to provide those utility services. The amount of Capital Credits allocated to each

Member is based on the percentage of each Member's billings for utility service compared to the Cooperative's total billings for that utility service (i.e., electricity, water, and/or wastewater service) for the previous year.

Until Capital Credits are retired (i.e., returned to Cooperative Member-owners), these funds are pooled together and used by the Cooperative as operating capital to pay for infrastructure improvements and maintenance. These funds help the Cooperative serve the Members with reliable utility service. In addition, having operating capital helps the Cooperative minimize the amount of high-interest money it must borrow which, in turn, helps lower and stabilize Members' utility rates.

Talquin returns Capital Credits on a 15 to 20-year cycle, depending upon the financial condition of the Cooperative. This year, Talquin Electric is returning patronage from 2005 and 40% of 2006 account allocations and Talquin Water is returning patronage from 2011 and 33% of 2012 account allocations. Including this year, Talquin has returned more than \$102,554,250 million in electric patronage and \$2,524,545 million in water and wastewater patronage.

Capital Credits are just one of the many benefits of Co-op Membership. Giving back to Members instead of outside parties is one of the many aspects that set Cooperatives apart from other types of businesses.

If you have any questions about Capital Credits, please visit www.TalquinElectric.com under Services, Capital Credits or contact Talquin's Capital Credits Clerk at MemberFeedback@TalquinElectric.com or 850-627-7651, option 6.

2025 TALQUIN YOUTH TOUR & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Talquin Electric Cooperative is seeking enthusiastic students to serve as delegates for the 2025 Talquin Youth Tour. We are sponsoring 24 students for a unique two-day, overnight conference in Florida's capital city on February 12-13, 2025, which includes a scholarship for postsecondary education.

Participants will gain insight into the cooperative business model and Florida's legislative process while touring the State Capitol, including visits to the House of Representatives' Chambers and the Supreme Court.

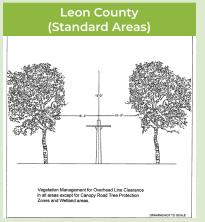
During the event, four students will be selected to represent Talquin at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., from June 16-21, 2025. This exciting journey includes visits to the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and many other historic landmarks, alongside peers from across the country!



For more information, including how to apply, visit TalquinElectric.com/About/Talquin-Youth. Applications will close at 5:00pm on Friday, December 13, 2024.

Vegetation Management and Reliability

Tree trimming is crucial to keeping your electricity safe and reliable. Different counties have different rules about trimming trees, and these rules can impact the frequency of power outages and how guickly outages can be restored. Here's a guick look at the guidelines for each county we serve:



Leon County

(Canopy Roads)

Vegetation Management for Overhead Line Clearanc for Canopy Road Tree Protection Zones

Gadsden, Liberty, and Wakulla County

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Leon County (Standard Areas):

- Width: Can clear up to 15 feet on each side of the power lines.
- Height: Can trim up to 15 feet above the power lines.
 - Other: No spraying trees taller than 6 feet, and no continuous brownouts are allowed. No cutting trees with a diameter breast height (DBH) of 18 inches or more, Dogwoods with over 4 inches of DBH, any Longleaf Pine tree or Live Oak tree of 12 inches DBH.

*DBH measures from the ground to 54 inches high.

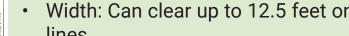
Leon County (Canopy Roads):

- Width: Can clear up to 12.5 feet on each side of the power lines.
- Height: Can trim up to 15 feet above the power lines and 10 feet below the neutral line.
- Other: No herbicide spraying, and cutting is limited to invasive species only.

Gadsden County, Liberty County, and Wakulla County:

- Width: Can clear up to 15 feet on each side of the power lines.
- Height: Can trim from the ground up to the sky.
- Other: No limits on using herbicides or mechanical cutting.

Right of way that is trimmed with wider and taller clearances result in fewer outages and help us to resolve outages more quickly. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to keep your power reliable while following local guidelines.



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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 myTalquin app.

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 (diseasecausing 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.
- Using water purification tablets or iodine that many sports and camping stores sell.

These methods are in accordance with the Department of Health's Guidelines, which can be found online at <u>http://www.floridahealth.</u> 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.

★★ 2024 Employee Service Awards ★★

5 Year: 2019

Kodey Comerford Ashley Hall Melody Johnson Sandy Reinhard Jackson Rudd Taylor Rudd

10 Year: 2014

Sean Alderman Clark Edenfield Neil Gray Richard Green Mike Grice Brittney Harvey Shawn McGregor Jerry Orama Julie Proch Jimmy Sanders

15 Year: 2009 John Hallas Lynn Mayo

David McDaniel Rachelle Parramore

20 Year: 2004

Jenna Brooks Lisa DiBartolomeo Kay Zarza **25 Year: 1999** Ray Evans David Ferrell Bobby Robison

30 Year: 1994 Dean Carr John Causey

35 Year: 1989 Mike Greene

Sign up for myTalquin to manage your Membership and Account(s)

Report Outages

Make Payments

Manage Notifications

Signing up is easy on our website <u>www.TalquinElectric.com</u> or download Talquin mobile app.

Select MEMBER LOGIN and CREATE A USER

*During setup, link Membership by entering Member number and Member pin from billing statement.



Enroll in Notifications

To receive important information about your Membership and to receive notifications for your electric and water account(s), log into myTalquin and enroll in notifications.

Use either Website or App to enroll in notifications.

On Website

1. Select user profile at top right, then **Profile**



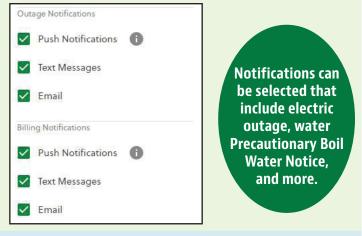
2. Select User Profile - **Notifications**



3. Add mobile number for Text Message Notifications



- 4. Select **Next**, enter **Verification Code** (sent to phone), then **Save**
- 5. On left menu, click **Accounts**
- 6. Select EACH account, then select **Notifications** (Outage and Billing), as desired, then Save



In App

- 1. Select Settings at top right 🍄
- 2. Select User Profile
- 3. Under Notifications, select Announcements
- 4. Select **Notifications**, then **Save**



- Under Text Message Notifications, select Mobile Number and Update Number
- 6. Enter Mobile Number, then Next
- 7. Enter Verification Code and Save
- 8. Select Save, then select Accounts

9. Select EACH account, then select **Notifications** (Outages and Billing), as desired, then Save

Outages	
Push Notification	
Text Message	
Email	
Billing	
Push Notification	
Text Message	
Email	

10. Select Save

Exciting Updates to the Outage Map

We've made some helpful improvements to the outage map, designed to make staying informed easier than ever. One of the key new features is the **Outage Info** link, which you'll find conveniently located in the **top right corner** on the desktop version and the **bottom left corner** on mobile. This link will take you directly to our Electric Outages page, where you can view the latest updates and information.

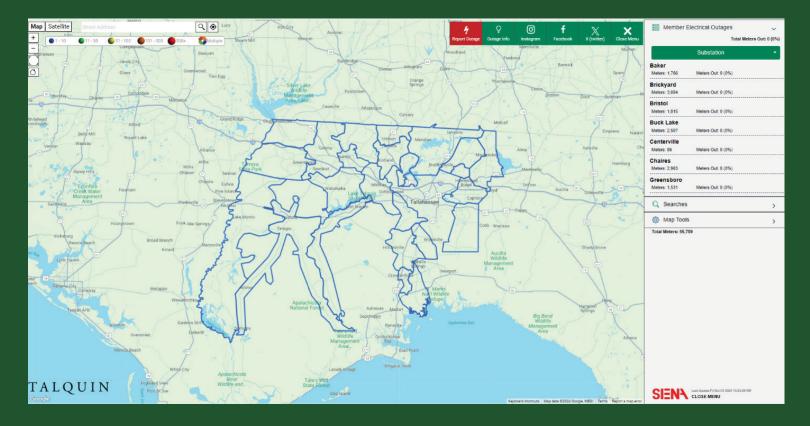
Additionally, we've added direct links to all of our social media platforms in the same locations on both desktop and mobile, making it even easier to stay connected and updated during power outages.

How to Find Your Substation

We would like to remind you of a useful tool in the outage map that allows you to identify the substation that provides your service. Here's how:

- 1. Enter your **address** in the search bar at the top of the outage map.
- 2. Once your location is pinned, **tap just below the pin** (not directly on it) to reveal the name of your substation and any relevant outage information.
- 3. Ensure that the **Substation filter** is selected under the Member Electrical Outages tab. If this filter isn't selected, the map may show outages by zip code or county instead of by substation.

We hope these reminders and new features make it easier for you to stay informed and connected during outages.



TRADING POST MISCELLANEOUS

EZ Go Golf Kart AM FM CD Player LED Lights Has Preder Motor. Good condition. \$3500 firm 850-554-3431

Plus size (large to 5x) women's clothing for sell at reasonable prices. Contact number 850-228-7916. Ten sheets of metal roofing -\$12 each sheet.

4x6 Used deer blind all aluminum framed with aluminum composite siding on a 6' aluminum stand with acrylic flip up windows \$2570 Call 850-445-4960

Makita Table Saw 10" exec. Cond. With stand \$350 OBO. Golf clubs 20 metal with drives good cond. \$50 OBO. 1 8-pane and 4 4-pane windows exec. Cond. \$6 each. 69.5" alum. Drive shaft fits Chevy or GMC \$30 850-524-3852

Kenmore Dryer . White appr. 11 yrs old, runs great. No known issues. Kenmore Washer needs repair. Possibly pump issue. \$75. Call or text 850-544-7578.

2019 Bass Tracker Pro

160, 40HP Mercury, excellent condition, less than 20 hours, new batteries call David 850 556-8990 \$12,000 OBO

Treadmill - like new Jelens 2 in 1 Treadmill. \$100.00 or best offer. Call or text 850-766-2504.

Early Fenton Hand Painted Carnival Glass True Antique Pitcher and 6 glasses EXCELLENT CONDITION \$200.00 850-509-6799

36x80 Fan Lite Natural Fir Exterior Door, new unused \$260,Kwikset Smart Key Door Handle, NIB \$75, Rattan Swivel Rocking Lounge Chair w/matching coffee table \$130 Cash only. 850-459-9594 text/

CEMETERY/BURIAL

voicemail please.

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Chattahoochee, Fl. Monford and Hollaway Dr., 2, \$1200/each. 4 or more \$950/each. Lots have

perpetual maintenance. 850-933-7815, Text or leave message

Tallahassee Memory Gardens, Garden of Apostles, Lot 100-A



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

Mail ads to: "The Current", Talquin Electric Cooperative, PO Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353-1679 or email to: TradingPost@TalquinElectric.com

space 1 \$1645. Contact Mary Kirkham 850-933-7592

AUTO & IMPLEMENT

2005 Chevy Colorado,

4WD, 200,000 miles, frontend damaged. \$\$ Call 850-491-1964 or 850-491-5819.

2012 Chevy Cruz. \$12,000. 197,337 miles. Blue 4 doors. Call 850-856-5216 or 850-661-7474 or 850-856-5878 and leave message

2006 GMC King Cab 4X4 Pickup. Red with leather seats. Front seats worn. Backseats are in good condition. 216K miles. \$1200. Please call 803-730-0669.

2006 Craftsman 24 HP ride mower with dual grass catcher New tube in front tires, drive belt, battery, blades, maintenance updated, spark plugs Minor damage \$400 or best offer (850) 241-6599

REAL ESTATE

350 Tall Pine Dr, Havana; 4 acres AS-IS; \$64,000, OBO 850-510-3452

LOOKING FOR

Old Toy Trains: Lionel, American Flyer, Marx, HO & N gauge. Any amount or condition. Call 850-570-2801

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

Looking for pre 1980 sports

No registered businesses may run an ad

No changes after ad submission

No event promotion of any kind

No firearm sales of any kind

memorabilia- old sports photos, baseball/football/ basketball cards, autographs. Please text or call 850-508-8072.

SERVICES

Line Splicing. Line repair and most knots. 3 & 8 strand, braided, wire splicing 40+ years in merchant shipping. Local 850-907-5718

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 care giving for Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, etc. Years of experience and references. Available Monday - Friday. (850) 386-3562



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 myTalquin mobile app, at www.TalquinElectric.com, or by emailing MemberFeedback@TalquinElectric.com. Post Office Box 1679 Quincy, Florida 32353-1679 Quincy: (850) 627-7651



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

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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.

Fall Favorites

One-Skillet French Onion Chicken

Recipe from: www.thekitchn.com/french-onion-chicken-22971227#post-recipe-215020001 Prep time: 5-10 minutes | *Cook time: 35-45 minutes* | *Serves: 4*

Ingredients:

2 pounds yellow onions (about 2 large)

2 tablespoons unsalted butter 1/8 teaspoon baking soda

- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast cutlets
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

e) 2 tablespoons olive oil

1/2 cup Gruyère cheese, shredded

1 cup low-sodium beef or chicken broth

- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley leaves



- Thinly slice yellow onions. Melt 2 tablespoons unsalted butter in a 10-inch or larger cast iron skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onions, 1/8 teaspoon baking soda, and 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt. Cook, stirring regularly, for 15 minutes. Continue cooking another 10 minutes, stirring more frequently and scraping up the browned buildup that forms on the bottom of the pan, until the onions are a deep golden-brown. Remove onions and set aside.
- 2. Pat the chicken dry and season all over with the remaining 1 teaspoon kosher salt and 1/2 teaspoon black pepper.
- 3. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in the same skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and cook, flipping once, until lightly browned and cooked through, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Transfer the chicken to the plate with the onions.
- 4. Place an oven rack 6 inches below the broiler and turn the oven to broil.
- 5. Add 1 cup beef or chicken broth and 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard to the pan and stir to combine, scraping up the browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Bring to a boil. Lower the heat to maintain a simmer and cook until reduced by half, 1 to 2 minutes. Meanwhile, coarsely chop 2 tablespoons of fresh parsley leaves.
- 6. Return the chicken to the skillet, top with the caramelized onions, and top each cutlet with the Gruyère cheese. Broil until the cheese is melted, about 2 minutes.
- 7. Sprinkle with the parsley and serve immediately.

ATTENTION TALQUIN FOODIES: WHAT'S COOKING IN YOUR KITCHEN?

We are in the market for some of YOUR favorite recipes to be shared here in our bi-monthly newsletter. If you like to cook, bake, or have a scrumptious family recipe you'd be willing to share, please send it our way! Submit your culinary delights to us at <u>TradingPost@TalquinElectric.com</u>, drop them off at any of our Member Services offices, or mail to us at PO Box 1679, Quincy FL 32353.

Beware of residential solar scams!

Some companies use misleading claims like "no electric bill" or "free solar panels" to deceive consumers. Protect yourself by getting multiple quotes, verifying contractor credentials, and reading all contract details carefully. Talquin does not partner with solar contractors. If you've been scammed, report it to the FTC at <u>ReportFraud.FTC.gov</u>.

Thinking about solar? Make an informed decision with our Solar Calculator! Understand the costs, potential savings, and benefits tailored to your home. Check it out on our website to see if solar is right for you:

https://www.TalquinElectric.com/Solar-2/







TALK with TALQUIN

MEMBER UPDATE EVENTS

Saturday, January 11, 2025 Hosford Elementary School Liberty County

Thursday, January 16, 2025 Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy (Dining Hall) Gadsden County Saturday, February 1, 2025 Chiles High School Leon County

Saturday, March 1, 2025 Riversink High School Wakulla County

Join us for an in-person event with updates on the cooperative, chat with the General Manager & Trustees, as well as a Q&A forum. Members will receive a \$20 bill credit and be entered into a prize drawing. Members must be in attendance and are only eligible for one bill credit and prize drawing per calendar year.

SATURDAY EVENTS: DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM MEETINGS BEGIN AT 10:00 AM

THURSDAY EVENT (GADSDEN COUNTY): DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM - MEETING BEGINS AT 6:00 PM LIGHT MEAL FOR THURSDAY EVENT DOOR PRIZES BREAKFAST PASTRIES AND COFFEE INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS GIVEAWAYS **"THE CURRENT"** TALOUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE. INC. P.O. BOX 1679 QUINCY, FL 32353-1679

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Bradfordville Member Services Office 6724 Thomasville Road Tallahassee, Florida 32312 (850) 893-6853

Full Service Drive Thru Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Closed for Lunch 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

In-person appointments available by calling in advance to schedule

Report an Outage

Via Mobile App

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



Meet The Team

Due to feedback from the Member Survey, we are making exciting changes to our "Meet The Team" section! This feature is under construction as we work on ways to introduce you to the talented individuals and teams that make Talquin great. In 2025, we will be spotlighting one department at Talquin per edition.

Annual 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 6, the 2024 Member survey will be available on our website at www.TalguinElectric. 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 6, 2024. One survey per Membership.

Your Co-op, Your Voice!

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manage your bill, set up automatic payments, enroll in notifications, and more!

CUSTOMER REVIEWS

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Veterans Day Monday, November 11

Thanksgiving Thursday, November 28

Day After Thanksgiving Friday, November 29

Christmas Eve December 24

Christmas Day Wednesday December 25

New Year's Day January 1

during nights and weekends with the myTalquin app of by phone at 866-899-4832 (automated) or 888-802-1832 (live operator).