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RENEWABLE ENERGY



NUCLEAR POWER



NATURAL GAS



CLEAN COAL

America needs an
ALL OF THE ABOVE STRATEGY
to keep electric bills affordable

**TELL THE EPA TO RECONSIDER
ITS "ALL-BUT-ONE" APPROACH**

ACTION.COOP

Electric cooperatives are disappointed—but not surprised—that in September the Administration officially abandoned an all-of-the-above energy strategy for a new, all-but-one approach that effectively removes coal from the nation's fuel mix in the future.

Already worried about making ends meet, many of Mitchell EMC consumer-members cannot afford the significant increases in electric bills that this policy would trigger.

Historically, the price of coal remains affordable and relatively stable. The U.S. Energy Information Agency reports the United States has 236 years remaining of recoverable coal reserves. Coal generates 37 percent of the nation's electricity—our biggest energy source by far.

Seems the Administration lets history repeat itself. We saw this all-but-one game in 1978 when Congress passed the ill-conceived Power Plant and Industrial Fuel Use Act. Never heard of it? Few have, but for several years the government banned natural gas for power generation. Yes, natural gas—the fuel source being sold to the nation today as a cleaner fuel option. With gas off the table, electric

co-ops were forced to choose between building coal or nuclear plants.

Back then, co-ops were in the midst of a major power plant building cycle. With few options, they invested heavily in coal-based generating plants in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Thankfully Congress repealed its mistake, but not for nine years.

Let's not repeat past mistakes. Stand with us as we fight to keep electric bills affordable. Raise your voice through the Cooperative Action Network by clicking on the Take Action Now link on our home page at www.mitchellemc.com. Tell the EPA we need an all-of-the-above energy strategy.





THE GIVING SEASON



Once again, the 1st grade students at Westwood Schools in Camilla made it their mission to bring warmth this holiday season to many children. Beginning in October, they began gathering coats for our annual Coat CoverUP project. Amazingly, almost 250 children's coats were collected for distribution in coat closets across our region. The children pictured here were happy to share. That

is the true spirit of Christmas and one that many children never learn.

Mitchell EMC has been collecting coats in this manner for over 15 years. During that time we have been able to spread a LOT of warmth and love.

Thank you Westwood for making it possible!



Calling All High School Seniors for a Scholarship Opportunity

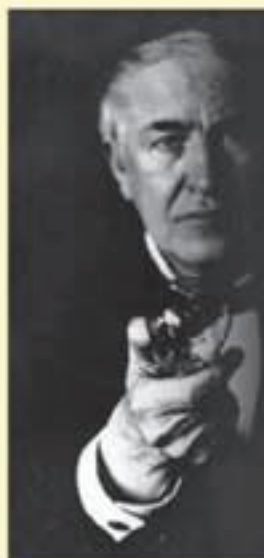
Walter Harrison was a pioneer in the field of rural electrification, and the EMC's of Georgia have established a scholarship in his memory. Applications are accepted at all Mitchell EMC offices for the Walter Harrison Scholarship. This is a statewide competition, and the finalists from MEMC compete with the finalist from the other EMCs across Georgia. The scholarships are funded from interest earned on the initial contributions by the EMCs of Georgia. Several \$1000 scholarships will be awarded. The scholarship must be used in a college, university or vocational school in Georgia.



In the spirit of giving, Mitchell EMC's Rural Electric Leaders met in December for the annual Christmas celebration and collected a mound of toys for disadvantaged children in our service territory. We also enjoyed a moving testimony by Pastor Charlie Parish from First Baptist Church in Camilla about his mission work in Panama. The Rural Electric Leaders were established by Mrs. Clarice Turk, former Home Economist for Mitchell EMC who recently passed away. It is one of only a few such organizations still in existence today and remains an important part of Mitchell EMC.



Employees of Mitchell EMC are very blessed; and we know it! Every year, we take the opportunity to pass along our blessings and purchase toys for needy children across our service area. Each district collects toys for distribution through aid agencies to children who would not receive gifts during the holidays. It is one of our favorite ways to give back.



Thomas Edison's bulb becomes a thing of the past beginning January 1, 2014. Legislation was passed in 2007 banning the US manufacture and import of 40 and 60 watt incandescent bulbs. The use of fluorescent and LED bulbs will help Americans save on their energy bills due to energy efficient technology.



Community Calendar

January 1	Mitchell EMC offices closed for New Year's Day
January 30	Pelham Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet
January 31	Flint River Arts Council and Camilla Rotary Club present 'Dr. Holiday - The Hilarious Hypnotist'. Contact Pelham Chamber (229) 294-4924.
February 6	Worth County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet



Featured left to right, front row; Taniyah Jackson, Spencer Gulp, Morgan McLendon and Hannab Blackmon.

Mitchell EMC Christmas Card Art Contest

Art students from Baconton Community Charter School recently competed in a Christmas Card Art contest sponsored by Mitchell EMC. The winning designs were featured on the official corporate card for our cooperative. Under the leadership of Mrs. Carrol Hays, an amazing collection of art was submitted. The winners are featured here with Mrs. Hays and representatives from Mitchell EMC, Nathan Ireland and Sunny Cochran.



The school was presented a framed copy of all winning designs for display in the halls of the school.

Mitchell EMC Recipes



Sweet Collards

Ingredients

- 1-2 bunches Fresh Collards
- 2-3 Tablespoons Molasses
- 1 Teaspoon Garlic Salt
- 3 Tablespoons Margarine

Directions

Thoroughly wash collards, and cut away thick stems. Tear or cut into fairly small pieces so they will drain better after cooking. If available, place in pressure cooker, and process 15 minutes. A pressure cooker tends to make the collards more tender. They can also be boiled in a regular sauce pan. Drain. Mash out all of the water you can. In large saute or frying pan melt margarine. (the amount of margarine, molasses, and garlic salt depends on the amount of collards) For one bunch of collards melt 3 tablespoons margarine (or 2 tablespoons olive oil if you prefer). Stir in 2-3 tablespoons molasses and about 1 teaspoon garlic salt. Once margarine is melted add drained collards. Saute until all remaining water has evaporated. Adjust molasses, margarine, and garlic salt to taste. Tastes great served with pepper sauce, sweet relish, or other favorite sauces.

This same recipe can be used with other greens.



This recipe is shared from the Georgia Grown website. To find more delicious recipes using Georgia Grown products, please visit their website at www.georgiagrown.com.

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Credit!**

Send us your favorite quick and easy dinner recipes. If your recipe is chosen for print, you can win a \$25 credit on your next Mitchell EMC bill.

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