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With the arrival of fall comes harvesting season. Farm safety should be a top priority this fall. Today's farm equipment is much larger than equipment in years past. Larger equipment means increased danger around electrical lines. The following tips can help reduce risk of injury, equipment loss, and even death.

- NEVER attempt to raise or move a power line to clear a path.
- Lower all equipment before passing near or beneath power lines. Check work areas carefully for overhead power lines, and utility poles, keeping a minimum of ten feet clearance when moving equipment.
- Make sure that irrigation systems (center pivot, traveling gun, etc.) do not direct water onto power lines.
- Make sure all workers and family members know the locations of all electrical panels to cut off power, guy wires, and overhead lines.
- Watch for existing power lines, especially when planning new construction. Notify Mitchell EMC if new construction alters clearances to power lines.



National Farm Safety & Health Week
September 21-27, 2014



2014
SUNBELT AG EXPO
October 14-16, 2014

Come and visit with Mitchell EMC employees in the EMC's of Georgia and Touchstone Energy tent. The EMCs will offer activities for children, and have informative exhibits on energy conservation and safety.

Show Hours:
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Tuesday and Wednesday)
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Thursday)

Admission \$10 per person/per day
Children 10 and under are free with a parent or guardian
You can also purchase a \$20 multi-day admission ticket



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Operation Round Up



Through Operation Round Up, your monthly electric bill is "rounded" up to the next dollar. The extra change goes to a fund administered by the Mitchell Electric Charitable Fund, a nonprofit organization, to help worthwhile projects and programs in our communities. Your donation is tax deductible. Currently, about 57% of Mitchell EMC's consumers participate in this program.

Applications will be taken on an on-going basis, and the application forms are available on our website, the Mitchell EMC office in Camilla, or by mail. The next deadline for applications is October 13, 2014. Individuals with special needs and not for profit organizations are eligible to apply. For more information on the Mitchell Electric Charitable Fund or the Operation Round Up program, please give Mitchell EMC a call at 336-5221 or 1-800-479-6034.

MEMC absorbs any administrative costs, so 100% of your donation goes to make life better for area citizens. More than \$1,000,000 has been returned to our communities.

As the Operation Round UP program continues to grow and generate revenue, the Mitchell Electric Charitable Fund will be making more allocations to worthwhile community programs and services in the Mitchell EMC service area.



The Mitchell-Baker Service Center recently purchased a new lawnmower with funds received from Operation RoundUp.

Child Passenger Safety Caravan

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety is touring Mitchell and Grady counties **Sept. 18-20** to raise awareness of proper use of seat belts and child safety seats. During the week, GOHS and multiple state and local partners will host a community event and free child safety seat check.

Community Event

1-4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 19
Harvey's Supermarket
60 N. Scott St., Camilla

GOHS and its partners will be giving away child passenger safety information and education materials to parents and caregivers. Children will receive fun and educational activity books and other items to learn about highway safety.

Child Safety Seat Check

12-2 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20
Wal-Mart Supercenter
165 U.S. 19, Camilla

Parents and caregivers can bring their children and vehicles to have their car seats inspected and properly installed **for free**. Trained technicians will be available for installations and to answer any questions to ensure all of Mitchell County's children are buckled up properly.



Sept. 18-20, 2014
Grady & Mitchell
COUNTIES



Best Georgia counties for over 75 years!



Why Climate Regulations Matter to You

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently released regulations to limit carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions at new power plants that will lead to more expensive electricity for members of electric cooperatives in Georgia.

That's why we're asking everyone to send comments to the EPA through www.Action.coop. This easy-to-use online tool directly sends your thoughts to Washington so regulators understand the potential harm of these rules.

We're concerned because the EPA has chosen to write regulations that rely on technology for reducing CO₂ emissions that has not been proven at commercial power plants. This "carbon capture and storage" method might look good on paper or in the lab, but unlike Washington, we're not willing to take the risk with your electric bills.

In case you're wondering whether the EPA actually will read these comments, consider this: by law the EPA is required to ask the American public how a proposed rule would affect costs to consumers, the quality of life and the economic future of their communities. That's why electric cooperatives are leading the charge with the 42 million members nationwide to raise our voices collectively so we'll be heard loud and clear.

Already, tens of thousands of folks from across the country have shared their concerns. The country has not yet climbed out of the recession; many Americans are hurting financially. We need to tell the EPA that cost matters.

Anyone can send a comment at www.Action.coop – even if they don't live on co-op lines – so please encourage your family and friends, regardless where they live, to join us.

No matter where our energy comes from, we all have a responsibility to keep electricity reliable and affordable. Like energy policy itself, the regulations proposed by the EPA are technical, but an increase in your electric bill is personal. That's why we need you to speak up.

Jobs in our communities, tough choices for Georgians on a budget and the future prosperity of our communities are threatened by electric bills going up. That's why we must stick together.

We care about the price of electricity because we're a cooperative and we look out for you, our members. We think about

our members with every decision we make. And we're concerned that the EPA is making a decision that will force an increase in what we have to pay for power.



That's why we all need to take a stand and urge our families and friends to join us.

Please visit <http://www.action.coop/>. Just as important, get out and talk to people about what we're doing and why we care about electricity prices.

Your electric cooperatives in Georgia are powering the future, driving economic growth and fostering innovation. And we won't stand for ill-considered regulations written without regard to your economic well-being. Please join us in this important fight today.

Mitchell EMC Recipes



Peach Cobbler Trifle

Ingredients

- 2 Small packages vanilla instant pudding
- 1 Cup sour cream
- 1 ½ Cups Milk
- ½ Teaspoon orange zest
- ½ Cup powdered sugar
- 2 Cups heavy whipping cream
- 1 ½ loaf pound cake
- 4 Cups diced fresh peaches

Crumb Mixture

- 1 Cup graham cracker crumbs
- ¾ Cup sugar
- ¼ Cup quick oats
- 1 Teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ Teaspoon nutmeg
- Dash of clove
- 6 Tablespoons melted butter

*Stir together well and spread on cookie sheet and bake on 350° until lightly golden. Remove from the oven and let cool.

Directions

Cube cake into small bite size squares, set aside. Whip heavy whipping cream until peaks. In separate bowl whip milk, pudding and orange zest together until thick, fold in sour cream and once smooth fold in whipping cream. Wash and slice peaches, stir in 1 tablespoon lemon juice and 1+ tablespoon sugar to keep them from browning. Set aside. In Trifle dish layer cake, pudding, crumb mixture, peaches repeating until dish is full. Top with fresh peaches. Chill before serving.

Submitted by: **Martha Rutherford Sylvester, GA**

Win \$25 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.

Send recipes to Heather Greene, P.O. Box 409, Camilla, GA 31730 or email to heather.greene@mitchellemc.com

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Mitchell
EMCs
September Employee
Spotlight features Tye
Piercey. Tye works in
the Albany District
Office, where he is a
Second Class Lineman.
He has been employed
with Mitchell EMC for
five and a half years.

Tye has several memories over the past five and a half years working with different crews, but two have had a lasting impression on him. He recalled working to repair damage after Hurricane Sandy, and most recently going to assist Planters EMC during the ice storm. When asked about what he enjoyed most about his job, Tye responded, “working with all of the guys on the crew, and making sure our consumers get power back as soon as possible during a storm.”

Statement of Equal Employment Opportunity

All applicants for employment shall be considered and hired on the basis of merit, without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), age, national origin, disability, genetic information, or past or present military status. The employment practices shall ensure equal treatment of all employees, without discrimination as to promotion, discharge, rates of pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, disability, age, genetic information, or past or present military status. M/F/V/DV/D

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- ✓ Learn food safety tips for food preparation in your own home
- ✓ Sample Georgia's finest cheese, jellies, honey, & more
- ✓ Visit with more than three dozen expected vendors
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