



LOCAL STUDENTS RETURN FROM D.C. WITH PRIDE AND PURPOSE

Prior to their selection for the 2016 Washington Youth Tour, Annie Bridges (Southwest Georgia Academy), Elizabeth Glass (Westwood Schools), Deondria Hawkins (Westover High School) and Cole Williams (Baconton Community Charter School) envisioned a predictable summer filled with ordinary activities. Today, they declare nothing could be further from the truth.

Bridges, Glass, Hawkins and Williams recently joined three Youth Tour directors, 112 fellow delegates and 14 chaperones for the Washington Youth Tour, an annual leadership event sponsored by the electric cooperatives in Georgia, including Mitchell EMC.

The trip, scheduled this year from June 9-16, offered students a mix of leadership and teambuilding exercises, history lessons with visits to some of the country's most treasured museums and monuments, and a rare opportunity to meet one-on-one with members of Georgia's Congressional delegation.

According to Tony Tucker with Mitchell

EMC, the Youth Tour is designed to help EMCs promote stronger communities and a stronger nation by giving as many young people as possible the ability and desire to become leaders

in their communities and make meaningful, lifelong contributions.

"While it's true some students are more comfortable in leadership roles, all great leaders need help developing their skills," says Tucker.

"Others who might not perceive themselves as leaders can become exceptional leaders if given the right coaching and encouragement."

Delegates and their families gathered in Atlanta for a kick-off banquet on June 9. The following day, the students departed for Washington, D.C. to begin the week-long journey.

Highlights included guided tours

and stops at Arlington Cemetery, Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Museum, Mount Vernon, Supreme Court, U. S. Capitol, Washington Monument, and the MLK, FDR, Jefferson,



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Washington Youth Tour *(continued)*

World War II, Korean War, and Lincoln Memorials.

Another teaching moment involved discussing today's top energy issues with members of Georgia's congressional delegation, including personal visits and photos with Senators David Perdue and Johnny Isakson and U.S. Representatives.

Students also practiced their social and networking skills by joining approximately 1,700 of their talented and ambitious peers and 300 chaperones representing 43 states.

"All of the delegates were friendly and inviting," noted Mae Manley, a 2015 Youth Tour delegate (Upton EMC, Thomaston). "I came home from the trip with more confidence and drive than

I have ever had."

And in the words of another Youth Tour alumna: "The Youth Tour allowed me to really blossom and become more outgoing," said Hannah Warren, (Okefenoke Rural EMC, Nahunta). "I learned some great lessons on creating teams, friendships and partnerships."

This year, Mitchell EMC and other electric co-ops in Georgia celebrated 51 years of sponsoring students for the prestigious event. Since the first Youth Tour took place in 1965, more than 3,100 teens have been sponsored by EMCs in Georgia and given a rare glimpse into the country's rich heritage while learning lessons on the importance of contributing to a productive society.

Photos from this year's Tour can be found on the national Youth Tour Web site at <http://photos.youth-tour.org>.

Mitchell EMC EMC is a consumer-owned cooperative providing



electricity and related services to over 15,500 consumers in Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Thomas, Tift, Turner and Worth counties.

Georgia EMC is the statewide trade association representing the state's 41 EMCs, Oglethorpe Power Corp., Georgia Transmission Corp. and Georgia System Operations Corp. Collectively, Georgia's customer-owned EMCs provide electricity and related services to 4.4 million people, nearly half of Georgia's population, across 73 percent of the state's land area.



Patronage Capital Refund

The Board of Directors of Mitchell Electric Membership Corporation is pleased to announce the refund of patronage capital for the year 1985. Members who received electric service from Mitchell EMC during 1985 may be eligible to receive patronage capital. These funds should be distributed in December.

As a member of Mitchell EMC, you are also an owner of the cooperative. The patronage capital (also called margins) represents equity or working capital and your ownership interest. The margins are utilized in place of borrowed money for a period of time to insure the financial stability of the cooperative and then returned to you in the form of a patronage capital refund. By borrowing less money and incurring less interest, Mitchell EMC saves money for its membership. The margins remaining after operating expenses are assigned to your account annually as patronage capital.

The retirement of patronage capital is just one of the unique benefits of being a member. As a member, you are a vital part of your cooperative and Mitchell EMC is proud to serve you.

Bids are being accepted until November 11, 2016

Mitchell EMC has the following vehicles / equipment for sale 'as is' to the highest bidder. If you wish to bid, please visit any of our district offices to obtain a bid form. You can view the items at our Camilla Office Monday - Friday, 8am until 5pm. For more information, contact Keith Gilliard, Shop Mechanic, at (229)336-5221 or (800)479-6034. Please submit your bid in a sealed envelope no later than 5pm, Friday, November 11th, 2016.



Year	Make	Model	Description	Mileage	VIN
2004	FORD	CROWN VICTORIA LX	CAR	137,639	2FAF74W74X168423
2004	FORD	CROWN VICTORIA	CAR	75,370	2FAFP73W14X168421
2003	FORD	F150 4X4 SUPERCAB	PICKUP	226,696	2FTPX18L83CA95631
2005	FORD	F150 SUPERCAB	PICKUP	157,306	1FTVX14585NB86121
2006	FORD	F150 SUPERCAB	PICKUP	246,153	1FTRF14W06NB66556
2007	FORD	CAB DRW 4x4 - F550	SERVICE BUCKET	260,742	1FDAF57P67EA37131
2000	INTERNATIONAL	4X2 4900	DIGGER TRUCK	114,995	1HTSDAAR7YH263974
1990	DITCH WITCH	DITC BT26 TRAILER	TRAILER	N/A	1DS0000MXL17G1496
1984	DITCH WITCH	TRAILER	TRAILER	N/A	T17166TCC037338
N/A	FORD	5600	TRACTOR w/ MOWER	4,821	C647737
2004	FORD	F150 4X4 SUPERCAB	PICKUP	163,871	2FTRX18W24CA76318
2006	FORD	F-550	SERVICE BUCKET	242,076	1FDAF56P66ED53581
1991	CLARK	FORKLIFT GPX20	FORKLIFT	39,772 hours	GPX20-0294-7600

Georgia Agricultural Tax Exemption Expires Dec. 31

If you're an agricultural producer and receive the Georgia Agricultural Tax Exemption (GATE) on electricity, you must renew it beginning this October.

GATE is an agricultural sales and use tax exemption certificate issued by the Georgia Department of Agriculture. The document identifies its user as a qualified farmer or producer who is exempt from sales tax on the inputs used in the production of their commodity.

Mitchell EMC member-owners who receive a GATE certificate should send us a copy along with the account numbers that apply to the GATE certificate, so we can apply the exemption to their account. We must receive a copy of the new certificate by December 31 for the exemption to continue.

Producers who have never received GATE can also apply and send a certificate copy to Mitchell EMC. Visit <https://forms.agr.georgia.gov/gate/> or call 855-FARM-TAX for more information, to renew or apply.

Mail GATE certificate copies to Mitchell EMC, Attention: Billing, P.O. Box 409, Camilla, GA 31730.



Employee SPOTLIGHT



Malanda Bryant is Mitchell EMC's October Employee Spotlight.

Malanda is a Dispatcher in the Camilla Office, and has been employed with MEMC for 2 years.

"I enjoy learning the different things about our co-op; but most of all, I love the friendly faces and the sincerity of love from my co-workers. I am grateful to be a part of the team," Malanda said.

Working this year's annual meeting was a memorable event for Malanda. "I got to meet a lot of the friendly consumers I help over the phone, and it made me feel proud to be a part of the Mitchell EMC family."

Malanda and her husband Bruce have two sons, Bruce, Jr. and Albert. She enjoys hanging out with her mom in her spare time, watching television and reading a good book.

Note: If you move or no longer have electric service with Mitchell EMC, it is important that members keep their address current, so that future disbursements can be properly mailed. Capital credits are reserved for members even if they move out of the Mitchell EMC service area. Mitchell EMC will make a diligent effort to send a check by mail.

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.

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WATT'S COOKING



Turtle Pumpkin Pie

Ingredients:

1/4 cup plus 2 tbsp. caramel ice cream
topping (divided)
1 Honey Maid graham cracker crust
1/2 cup plus 2 tbsp. chopped Planters
pecans (divided)
1 cup cold milk
2 pkg. (3.4 ounces each) Jell-O vanilla
instant pudding
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1 tub (8 ounce) whip topping (divided)

Pour 1/4 cup caramel topping into crust,
sprinkle with 1/2 cup nuts. Beat pudding
mixes, milk, pumpkin and spices with
whisk until blended. Stir in 1-1/2 cups cool
whip. Spoon into crust. Refrigerate one
hour. Top with remaining cool whip, car-
mel topping and nuts just before serving.

Thanks!

to **Mary Anderson**,
Dougherty County, GA, for
sharing this recipe.

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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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