

# Mitchell EMC



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## Mitchell EMC provides students opportunity to lead and learn in our nation's capital

“Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in actions.”

— Harold S. Geneen

Mitchell EMC is proud to have sponsored Gambill Dallas (Westwood Schools), Javon Jones (Dougherty Comprehensive High School), Landon Lowe (Deerfield Windsor School) and Michael Martin (Pelham High School) this year for the Washington Youth Tour, a weeklong leadership trip to D.C. for exemplary students made possible by local cooperatives across the state, including Mitchell EMC.

The Washington Youth Tour kicked off with a banquet in Atlanta on June 7 before 113 delegates and 16 adults, traveled to Washington D.C. This past week the EMC delegates from Georgia joined 1,800 other ambitious students from around the nation as they all experienced America's history, met with our elected officials, toured historical sites, and built friendships.

This trip offers high school students a unique opportunity to gain leadership skills while learning about some of the most talented leaders in American history. The learning experience on the Youth Tour differs from the classroom as students not only grow in academic understanding, but they also develop people and “soft” skills.

According to Heather Greene with Mitchell EMC, this trip challenges students and gives them a greater appreciation for how our nation began

and the ability to evaluate the role that they play in improving it.

A recent Georgia youth tour alum says, “On that trip I realized just how great our nation is and how much our



youth influence where we go from here. I learned that the impact of the youth on our country is not to be dismissed.”

The Washington Youth Tour has been remembered as “the trip of a lifetime” by many alumni and is not to be missed by any student seeking leadership opportunities and what makes our country function. A Georgia delegate from 2017 encourages high school students saying, “Apply. Don't think, don't hesitate, just apply.”

During this eventful week the delegates visited Mount Vernon, the

National Archives, the Smithsonian Museums, the Washington National Cathedral, the U.S. Capitol, the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial and U.S. Air Force Memorial, the Library of Congress and Arlington National Cemetery. The group also took a guided tour of the MLK, FDR, Jefferson and WWII memorials. In addition, the students enjoyed a performance of “Newsies” at Toby's Dinner Theatre and a riverboat cruise with delegates from other states.

Not only did the students see our nation's capital, but they also heard from U.S. representatives and met Georgia Senator Johnny Isakson. This interaction impacted last year's delegates as one recalls, “As I learned about Congress I saw that cooperation with other people is vital to move our country forward.”

Finally, at All-States Youth Day, a program sponsored by

the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, students were brought together from all over the nation to hear from public figures and other featured speakers. This day allowed students to see the impact of electric cooperatives on their communities back home.

The Washington Youth Tour has made a way for more than 50,000 students from rural areas across the country to experience our nation's capital. This trip has had lasting effects on students as many have gone on to

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## A Community Partner Since 1937



### Mitchell EMC Members Help Send Local Students to College through Operation RoundUP Scholarships

Students from across Mitchell EMC's 14-county service area received scholarships for college thanks to **Operation RoundUP**. Applicants were evaluated by the Community Foundation of South Georgia. Scholarships are awarded based on "All-Around Student Performance" including academic performance, community service, volunteerism, and extracurricular activities. Financial need is also considered. The foundation also reviewed recommendations from teachers and other adults involved in the students' lives.

Mitchell EMC members who enroll in **Operation RoundUP** provide scholarships to deserving students. Participating members allow us to round their electric bills up to the nearest whole dollar amount. Though it may not seem like much, those funds added together make a huge positive difference in our local community. Graduating high school students receive a \$1000 scholarship. Current post high school students attending a college or university in Georgia receive a \$1000 scholarship. Graduating children of Mitchell EMC employees receive a scholarship of \$500.

**The Walter Harrison Scholarship**, created in 1985 by the board of directors of the Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, is awarded to students who excel in the areas of GPA, SAT scores, academic ability, scholastic honors, and demonstrate a financial need. The award pays tribute to the late Walter Harrison, a pioneer in the rural electrification movement and a leader at the local, state and national level in the electric cooperative program.

To be eligible for consideration, students must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited undergraduate degree program, complete the two-page Walter Harrison application and write a two-page autobiographical sketch with references to future plans and goals. Students that live in a primary residence serviced by

Mitchell EMC electricity are eligible.

Recipients of a \$1,000 scholarship include **Erin Adams**, Pelham High School; **William Alderman, IV**, Sherwood Christian Academy; **Noah Autrey**, Baconton Community Charter School; **Jada Barfield**, Pelham High School; **Linda Hill**, Sherwood Christian Academy; **Lila Maloy**, Pelham High School; **Johnson Ngo**, Pelham High School; **Mitt Patel**, Westwood Schools; **Laney Pollock**, Baconton Community Charter School; **Jamia Sanders**, Valdosta State University; **Kathryn Santos**, Westwood Schools; **Ga'Kayla Smith**, Baconton Community Charter School; **Charlee Coker**, Baconton Community Charter School and **Lauren Singletary**, Baconton Community Charter School.

The recipient of the Walter Harrison Scholarship worth \$1,000 went to **Kathryn Santos** from Westwood Schools.

**Erin Adams**, Pelham High School; **Nicholas Johnson**, Westwood Schools; **Anne Lovick Clifton**, Thomasville High/Scholars Academy and **Aaron Thomas Miller**, Thomasville High/Scholars Academy each received a \$500 employee scholarship.

#### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Look for LED products and fixtures for outdoor use, such as pathway, step and porch lights. Many include features like automatic daylight shut-off and motion sensors. You can also find solar-powered lighting for outdoor spaces.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



# New Distracted Driving Law In Effect July 1, 2018

House Bill 673 enacts a law banning drivers from having a cell phone in their hand. Below is what will and will not be allowed under the new law:



## Prohibited

- Holding or supporting, with any part of the body, a wireless telecommunications device or stand-alone electronic device (for example, an iPod).
- Writing, sending or reading any text-based communication, including a text message, instant message, e-mail or internet data.
- Watching a video or movie other than watching data related to the navigation of your vehicle (i.e., your mapping app or GPS screen).
- Recording or broadcasting a video (although an exception is provided for devices dedicated to such use).



## Allowed

- Speaking or texting while using hands-free technology.
- Using a GPS system or mapping app.
- Wearing and using a smart watch.
- Using an earpiece (Single Ear) to talk on the phone.
- Using radios, CB radios, CB radio hybrids, commercial two-way radios, subscription-based emergency communication devices, prescribed medical devices, amateur or ham radios and “in-vehicle security, navigation or remote diagnostics” systems.
- None of the prohibitions apply when you are lawfully parked (not at a stoplight – “lawfully” means off or beside the road in an area open to parking), or when reporting a traffic accident, medical emergency, fire, criminal or delinquent act or a hazardous road condition.
- \*Some people are exempt from the hands-free requirement if they’re performing official duties: police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, ambulance drivers, other first responders and Utility Employees or Contractors Responding to a Utility Emergency.

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serve in local and state government and at the national level as well.

Mitchell EMC is a consumer-owned cooperative that provides electricity and other related services to 15,379 consumers in Mitchell, Baker, Worth, Dougherty and 10 surrounding counties.

Georgia EMC is the statewide trade association representing the state's 41 electric cooperatives, Oglethorpe Power Corp., Georgia Transmission Corp. and Georgia System Operations Corp. Collectively, Georgia's customer-owned co-ops 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. To learn more, visit [www.georgiaemc.com](http://www.georgiaemc.com) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

**To see photos from this year's tour: <https://photos.youthtour.org/>**

Serving in 14 Southwest Georgia Counties...

Coming June 19, 2018

# Mitchell EMC launches MEMC Outage App

- **Report Outages**
- **View the Outage Map**
- **Available in the App Store and Google play  
(Search for MEMC Outage)**



## 5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below.  
Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

Source: call811.com

### 1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.



### 2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



### 3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



### 4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.



### 5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.



*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. M/F/V/DV/D

# WATT'S COOKING



## Potato Chip Cookies

### Ingredients:

2 sticks of oleo  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 cup white sugar  
1 cup chopped pecans  
1 bag butterscotch chips  
2 cups crushed potato chips  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2-1/2 cups flour

Mix all ingredients together and bake at 350° for 8-10 minutes. Recipe will make 7 dozen cookies.

*Thanks!*

to

**Grace Truluck**, Worth County, GA,  
for sharing this recipe.

## *Share & Win!*

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

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GA 31730 or email to  
[heather.greene@mitchellemc.com](mailto:heather.greene@mitchellemc.com).