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CAMILLA, GEORGIA
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Don't Forget to Download the New

MEMC Outage App

- Report outages from your cell phone
- View the Outage Map
- Available in the App Store and Google play (Search for MEMC Outage)
- It is easy and convenient
- You can also view the outage map online in our new Outage Center at www.mitchellemc.com/outage-center



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RELIABLE,
AFFORDABLE
ENERGY.**

**THEN. NOW.
ALWAYS.**

**We are proud to
power your life.**



OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH

A Community Partner Since 1937



Happy Retirement!

After 35 years of service, Beth Williamson has retired. While your lovely presence will be missed in the office, the great work you did here ensures that you will not be forgotten any-time soon. What you achieved at this company made quite an impact, and that's not so easy to do these days. Thank you for being a tireless professional, a helpful coworker, and a good friend. *Now go and relax!*



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, Attn: Billing Department P.O. Box 409, Camilla, GA, 31730.



Equipment Bids

Mitchell EMC has the following vehicles / equipment for sale 'as is' to the highest bidder. 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 9th, 2018 to the Camilla Office location. The winners will be contacted the week of November 12th. Pickup and payment of vehicles / equipment no later than Friday, November 30th. **Mitchell EMC reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.**

Item #	Year	Make	Model	Description	Mileage	VIN
1	1994	FORD	E-150 VAN	ECONOLINE VAN	138,128	1FTEE14N8RHC19841
2	2004	INTERNATIONAL	4300 SERIES TK	BUCKET TRUCK	121,204	1HTMMAAN55H689745
3	2001	INTERNATIONAL	4900 SERIES TK	BUCKET TRUCK	141,936	1HTSDAARX1H376940
4	2010	CHEVROLET	4X4 1500 EXT CAB WT	PICKUP	185,979	1GCSKPEA8AZ244179
5	1999	ANDERSON	ANDERSON 8' X 20'	FLATBED TRAILER	N/A	4YNTE242XXC280078
6	1991	CLARK FORKLIFT	GPX20	FORKLIFT	5568 hrs	GPX230-0292-7600KOF
7	2009	FORD	4X4 150 SUPERCAB	PICKUP	169,481	1FTRX14W79KC70934

Cybersecurity is Everyone's Responsibility

By Tony Tucker, Mitchell EMC President and CEO

Technology breaches—think customer credit card data being stolen from Target, or consumer data being stolen from Experian—have become more commonplace, ushering in a new reality of increased security measures and constant monitoring of organizational and personal data to ensure our identities, credit card numbers or bank accounts have not been compromised.

This new reality has made many realize that keeping systems secure is not solely the responsibility of information technology employees. Rather, it is incumbent on every individual to do their part to keep critical personal and our organization's data safe from potential breaches.

It can seem a little overwhelming at times, and the idea that the next threat is always lurking around the corner can be stressful. But there are things you can do to protect your personal data, along with Mitchell EMC's data.

Keep your defenses up!

- Make sure all your computer software—including your web browser—are updated with the latest software. Keeping software up-to-date ensures security patches being deployed by our security team can succeed in blocking security threats.
- Create a strong password and keep it private—it could take up to two centuries to crack a password consisting of 12 characters or more!
- Treat all Wi-Fi networks as a potential risk. Encrypt sensitive data when using a public Wi-Fi network.

And never check financial or other sensitive accounts when using public Wi-Fi.

Don't Fall for a Phish!

- Be on the lookout for emails, phone calls and other messages that try to get to secure data. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. If something seems off, trust your instinct and convey your concerns to a manager or member of the security team.
- Don't click on links or attached files in emails or text messages from senders you don't know. Even if you do know the sender, hover over the link before you click as they may have been hacked or someone could be spoofing them! There are many ways to spot a phish, and you can visit www.staysafeonline.org to see them all.

Co-ops are working together.

Electric co-ops—with the Department of Energy and NRECA—are working together, through the RC3 Program, to better protect us from security threats. From the smallest co-op with limited access to technology staff to the largest co-op with greater resources, NRECA and America's electric cooperatives are creating a co-op network that fosters a culture of cybersecurity.

Whether keeping your data safe at home, at the co-op or on the go, remember: you are the first line of defense against cyber security threats!

Serving in 14 Southwest Georgia Counties...

Mitchell EMC is proud to help with back to school programs in our service area. School supplies were donated to Pelham School System for their Back to School Supply Drive. These supplies went to students in Pelham School System at no charge to the students.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Cooler temps are just around the corner! Is your home's heating system ready? Remember to replace furnace filters once a month or as recommended. If you heat your home with warm-air registers, baseboard heaters or radiators, remember to clean them regularly to increase efficiency.

Source: energy.gov



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



Chicken Pie

Ingredients:

- 2 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 1 ¼ cups chicken broth
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- ½ cup margarine (melted)
- 1 cup milk

Place chicken in 9X13 baking dish. Combine chicken broth and celery soup in bowl and mix well. Pour over chicken. Combine flour, baking soda, salt and pepper in a bowl. Stir in milk and margarine slowly. Spoon over chicken. Bake on 425° for 30 minutes.

Thanks!

to

Larry Hudson,

Baker 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

Heather Greene, P.O. Box 409, Camilla,

GA 31730 or email to

heather.greene@mitchellemc.com.