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Mitchell EMC Scholarship Opportunities Available

Mitchell EMC is proud to offer two (2) scholarship opportunities for the youth of our area. We are currently accepting applications for the Walter Harrison Scholarship and our Operation Round Up Scholarships. Application forms and criteria can be found on our web site, www.mitchellemc.com.

Walter Harrison Scholarships:

- Mr. Walter Harrison was a pioneer in the electric industry in Georgia, and this scholarship is named in his honor and memory.
- It is a statewide \$1,000 scholarship.
- Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement and financial need.
- Application deadline is **February 1, 2019**.



Operation Round Up Scholarships:

- Funds for these scholarships are provided by consumer participation in the Operation Round Up program at Mitchell EMC.
- A maximum of fifteen (15) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors and/or college/technical school students.
- Scholarships are awarded based on “*All Around Student Performance*” including academic performance, volunteerism, and participation in school, church and community activities. Financial need is also considered.
- Application deadline is **March 1, 2019**.



Please note that the scholarships have different deadlines and should be mailed to different addresses listed on the scholarship form. We encourage students to apply for both scholarships. Applications will be judged by an independent scholarship committee, and winners will be notified by May 1.

PELHAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ADVANCES TO STATE WIRING COMPETITION

Hunter Coker of Pelham, who is a member of Pelham High School's FFA chapter, recently came in second in the Area 5 Electrification Career Development Event (CDE) Competition. Hunter will advance to the State CDE competition in January.

"This CDE allowed me the opportunity to learn about wiring and the electrical code, and to be able to practice in a safe environment. The knowledge and skills will be beneficial to me in the future," says one recent student participant.

"We're very proud of Hunter's accomplishment. The electrification CDE is a tough competition," says Nathan Ireland with Mitchell EMC.

Each participant completes a practical wiring problem testing their knowledge of the National Electric Code, a multiple choice written exam, and gives an oral presentation describing necessary steps to complete a specific electrical task.

For more than 50 years, this unique educational activity has partnered FFA chapters with their local electric membership cooperative (EMC) to teach electrical wiring and interpersonal skills. Mitchell EMC employees mentor FFA students to prepare them for the contest, hold local practice sessions and staff the area and state contests.

"We believe that this EMC/FFA Electrification CDE is an opportunity to expand a student's knowledge, and maybe even help him determine a career path, says Nathan Ireland with Mitchell EMC.

The contest reinforces electrical wiring as taught in the vocational agriculture education program and expands the student's grasp of electric energy and the role of EMCs in Georgia's energy future. Any active FFA member who is in grade 10, 11, or 12 in the state of Georgia is eligible to participate and compete

for scholarship funds to use at any college, university or vocational school in Georgia.

By offering scholarships to area and state winners, EMCs across Georgia give youth added incentive to participate in the CDE. And the benefits don't stop when the contest ends. Their participation can play a huge role in propelling students forward into the future. Students develop a passion for wiring through CDE which inspires them to pursue degree programs and industry certifications in the electric and agriculture fields. Some have graduated with engineering degrees, while others have gone on to become agriculture teachers in local high schools, colleges and universities.

Mitchell EMC is consumer-owned cooperative providing electricity and related services to 15,379

members in Baker, Dougherty, Mitchell and Worth Counties, and in parts of Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Thomas, Tift and Turner counties.

Georgia FFA is the 3rd largest state association with more than 42,000 members. There are currently 342 chapters and more than 475 agricultural education teachers in Georgia. An integral part of the agricultural education program in public schools, FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in

the lives of students by developing their potential for leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Founded in 1928, the former "Future Farmers of America" brought together students, teachers and agribusiness to solidify support for agricultural education. The name of the organization was changed to the National FFA Organization in 1988 to reflect the growing diversity of agriculture. Today, more than 650,000 student members are engaged in a wide range of agricultural education activities.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Is your hot water tank warm to the touch? Consider insulating it to save 7 to 16 percent annually on water heating costs. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

Source: energy.gov



Georgia Agricultural Tax Exemption Expires December 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.

Members can renew their GATE certificate online: <https://forms.agr.georgia.gov/gate/>.



Downed and Dangerous

If you see a downed power line, always assume it is energized and dangerous. Avoid going near it or anything in contact with the power line.



Downed power lines can energize the ground up to **35 ft.** away - so keep your distance.



Never drive over a downed line or through water that is touching the line.



If you see a downed line, notify the local authorities immediately.



Never try to move a downed power line, even if you think the line is deenergized or if you're using a non-conductive item - this will not prevent injury or death!

Source: ESFI.org

Mitchell EMC Facilities Charge Adjustment

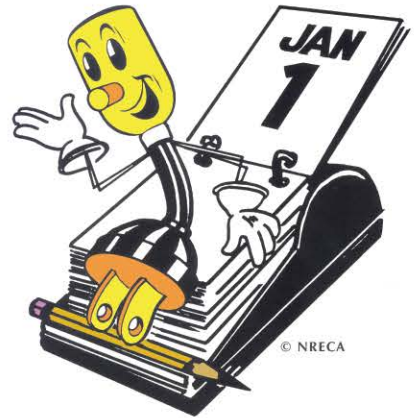
Currently, some of the fixed costs of servicing your account are recovered through what you pay for electricity. We are moving to more accurately allocate these costs, both fixed and energy, to their true sources. Effective with member billings that begin on January 1, Mitchell EMC's Facilities Charge will increase by \$3.00 per month.

The Facilities Charge partially covers the fixed costs of delivering your electric service. These fixed costs include reading your meter; maintaining the electric distribution system used in keeping your power flowing; maintaining rights of way; and performing other tasks necessary to ensure a reliable electric distribution system. The Facilities Charge **does not** include the cost of the actual electricity you use. The monthly Facilities Charge is changing because the costs of servicing your account are rising. Every member benefits from these services, so the monthly Facilities Charge helps Mitchell EMC ensure that the cost are spread fairly among our membership.

We continue to offer free in home energy audits to help Members with options to make their homes more energy efficient. Our energy efficiency program includes rebates whether you are building a home, or just upgrading your present home. To find out more about these rebates visit <https://mitchellemc.com/customer-service/consumer-rebates>.



**Mitchell EMC
offices
will be closed on
Dec. 24th & 25th
in observance of
Christmas and
January 1st for
New Years.**



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



Christmas Greens

Ingredients:

- 4 cups chopped fresh collard greens
- 4 cups chopped fresh mustard greens
- 1 cup chopped red onion
- 1 tablespoon spicy seasoning blend
- 1 tablespoon lemon herb seasoning
- 2 cups water
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce

Combine greens, onion and seasoning with water in a large pot. Cover and cook over medium low heat until greens are tender. Sprinkle with vinegar and serve with hot sauce. Makes 8 servings.

Thanks!

to

Betty Lewis,

Dougherty 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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