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Merry Christmas

from Mitchell EMC

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Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Heading out of town for the holiday season?

Remember to unplug electronics that draw a phantom energy load. Some gadgets like TVs, phone chargers, gaming consoles and toothbrush chargers use energy when plugged into an outlet—even when they're not in use.



Merry Christmas from Mitchell EMC

By **Tony Tucker**, *President/CEO*

"The holidays." I love everything about this time of year. Just the thought of the holiday season brings a smile to my face and evokes a sense of comfort and nostalgia. Recalling family gatherings and traditions warms my heart and fills my senses.

It's a time of reflection. I'm grateful for my own family as well as my co-op family. At Mitchell EMC, we're driven by a sense of mission and purpose. Our team feels a strong connection to our community and our members, because we live here too.



While many of our community-focused programs and activities ramp up this time of year, we have several programs and services in place to help our members year-round. I'd like to remind you about some of these offerings in hopes you'll find them beneficial.

We hope you'll take advantage of our Mitchell EMC Mobile App, an app that empowers you to monitor, manage and pay your energy bill conveniently through your phone. Another service we offer is prepaid metering, which is intended to help budget your monthly energy costs. Mitchell EMC members can pay for electricity before it's used, then use the electricity until the credit expires. During the time period paid for, you'll receive regular feedback on your balance.

Our **Operation Round Up** program is made possible by Mitchell EMC consumers just like you. By participating in Operation Round Up, your monthly electric bill is rounded up to the next highest dollar. This extra change is deposited in the Mitchell Electric Charitable Fund to help worthwhile projects and programs in our communities.

But the most important investment we make is in our local youth. Mitchell EMC has logged hundreds of volunteer hours supporting schools, youth clubs and programs along with providing scholarships for local students in our service area. Each year, through our Youth Tour program, we send high school juniors to Washington, D.C. for a week-long immersion to experience democracy in action.

At the heart of all of these programs is you—the members we proudly serve. Looking back, I'm grateful for so many wonderful community partners and for the positive impact we can continue to make.

This holiday season, I wish you and your loved ones peace, joy and prosperity. Speaking on behalf of our team at Mitchell EMC, I know the future will be bright, because of you.





Scholarship Opportunities

Mitchell EMC is pleased to be a part of helping our youth pursue their dream of a college education. We annually offer the prestigious **Walter Harrison Scholarship**, a program sponsored by the EMCs of Georgia, and the **Mitchell EMC Operation Roundup Scholarship**. Visit our website and look under the community tab to find out all the details and to download your application for our 2022 Scholarships!

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 sale 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.**

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.

HOLIDAY SAFETY WORD SEARCH

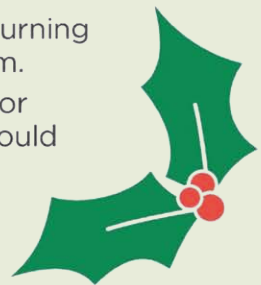
Remember to keep electrical safety in mind this holiday season!

Read the safety tips below, then find and circle the **bolded** words in the puzzle.



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D C R A K P T C K J X N C J Q
E X R E I O J I T B S L E Y I
M P W W T W F R V V Z U U V J
X R K Z Z A T T L X W L M X Y
D T Z G P N W C C N L Z A H Z
I N S P E C T E D P F R R Z T
D P G V B E E L L Q P H V W F
A J K F L B A E S K H I Z W M
N M V D T W V X R I R B H U C
C O N B B R W O H O W Q N Q P
X A W X S N O I T A R O C E D
C K L B T K R A J B C M D Y P
X C M A Y S K B O Y Q M Q K Q

- Do not overload electrical outlets with too many **decorations** or appliances.
- Make sure your Christmas tree is **watered** daily.
- Turn off all **electrical** decorations before leaving home or going to sleep.
- Never leave a **candle** burning if you're not in the room.
- Extension cords used for holiday decorations should always be **inspected** for damage or exposed wires.



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



Biscoff & White Chocolate Saltine Toffee

Ingredients:

1 sleeve saltine crackers (about 40 crackers)
1 cup light brown sugar
1 cup (2 sticks) butter
6 tablespoons Biscoff
2 cups white chocolate chips
sprinkles (optional)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400° and arrange rack in the center position. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Arrange crackers evenly on your baking sheet, leaving a bit of space in between each cracker. Combine butter and brown sugar in a saucepan over medium-high heat, stirring constantly until melted. Allow mixture to come to a boil for 3 minutes without stirring. Pour the hot mixture over your crackers and bake for 5 minutes. While your crackers are in the oven, melt the Biscoff in a small saucepan or in a microwave safe bowl. Remove the toffee from the oven and spread the melted Biscoff over the top. Quickly sprinkle with chocolate chips. Return to oven for 1 more minute, then remove. Use a spatula to gently smooth out the Biscoff and white chocolate mixture. Place in the freezer for one hour to set. Break into pieces to gift or enjoy yourself. Keep airtight in refrigerator or at room temperature for 10-14 days.

Recipe Online Source: Kitchen Meets Girl

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.

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