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A Community Partner Since 1937

Worth County High School Stands Out For Sportsmanship

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Through a partnership of the Georgia High School Association and the state's 41 electric cooperatives, including Mitchell EMC, the award is presented annually to deserving high schools to underscore the importance of sportsmanlike qualities in student athletes, administrators, educators and event spectators. "We're pleased to recognize and honor schools that value, expect, and demand good sportsmanship from their athletes," says Tony Tucker, President and CEO with Mitchell EMC.

"We want to support efforts that help shape the moral, ethical, and spiritual character of young adults." Since its introduction in 2006, the Sportsmanship Award has grown in prestige and importance, particularly since school officials, teachers and coaches agree that a lack of sportsmanship can be an indicator of potential character issues and troubling personality traits.

For this reason Georgia high schools have placed an increased emphasis on a student's ability to demonstrate sportsmanlike qualities. Some are implementing zero tolerance policies which prohibit profanity, degrading remarks and intimidation during competition.

Since the Award recognizes not only student athletes but fellow students, school staff, parents and event spectators, it has become not only a school honor, but a community honor as well. The winners are selected by the GHSA region secretaries based upon suitable behavior throughout the school year. Worth County High is one of 48 GHSA-member high schools around the state (from 48 regions in six

classifications) that received the award for exhibiting exceptional sportsmanship.



A complete list of 2014 Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award winners can be found at <http://www.ghsa.net/ghsa-announces-2014-cooperative-spirit-sportsmanship-winners>. Mitchell EMC is a consumer-owned cooperative providing electricity and related services to over 17,000 consumers in 14 counties. Georgia EMC is a statewide trade association representing the state's 41 EMCs, Oglethorpe Power Corp., Georgia Transmission Corp. and Georgia System Operations Corp. Through a statewide network, Georgia's EMCs provide electricity and related services to approximately 4.5 million customers, nearly half the state's population.

The GHSA is a voluntary organization comprised of more than 400 public and private high schools that strives to promote good sportsmanship and a cooperative spirit among its member schools.

Capital Credit Retirement

As a Member of Mitchell Electric Membership Corporation, you are also an owner. Each year, revenues remaining after expenses, are allocated to you in the form of Patronage Capital. Patronage Capital represents equity or working capital, and is your ownership interest in the cooperative. These funds are utilized for a period of time to insure the financial stability of the cooperative and then returned to you in the form of a patronage refund. These funds are used in place of borrowed capital as a source of funding for distribution facilities and general utility plant expenses. This allows the cooperative to borrow less money and thus incur lower interest charges. By reducing interest expenses this way, Mitchell EMC saves money for its members.

The Board of Directors of Mitchell EMC is pleased to announce the refund of Patronage Capital for all years prior to and including 1983. If you were a member of Mitchell EMC during these years, you are eligible to receive a refund for the patronage allocated to your account as of December 31, 1983. A complete listing of all accounts entitled to a Patronage Capital refund can be found online at www.mitchellemc.com or at any Mitchell EMC office. The retirement of Patronage is just one of the unique benefits of being a member of Mitchell Electric Membership Corporation.

Estate refunds are also considered yearly and are distributed several times each year. Contact our office to request an estate refund. Once an estate refund distribution has been issued, all funds due this account are returned.

Our members are a vital part of our cooperative and Mitchell EMC is proud to serve you.

Fall Rural Electric Leaders Luncheon



Mitchell EMC hosted the Fall Rural Electric Leaders Luncheon on November 6, 2014. The program spotlighted local businesses. The Leaders enjoyed a wonderful devotion from Mazie Ireland. Kristi Worsham showed the leaders gift baskets available at Peyton's Pecans just in time for the holidays. Kyle Singleton from Blooms on Broad arranged a beautiful mantle and gave ideas for Christmas decorations. The finale was a fashion show featuring clothing from 85 Broad, Linens & Pearls, and Pursonalities. Mr. Tony Tucker also presented the Leaders with a cooperative update. A delicious meal enjoyed by all was prepared by John Rogers and his staff.

The Rural Electric Leaders Program was organized in 1951 by Home Economist (Mrs. Clarice Turk). The purpose of the program is to develop a grassroots organization to:

- assist with educating consumers and disbursing information to consumers in the different communities
- receive input to the cooperative from the different communities



The objective of the Rural Electric Leaders is to recruit community leaders from each community in the service area and designate a chairman and co-chairman. These ladies were to be the contact in the respective communities, and they hosted and helped plan training classes and schools.

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. If a new Tax exempt account needs to be added, then you will need to submit a new Addendum Form with those new accounts and meter numbers.**

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: Beth Williamson P.O. Box 409, Camilla, GA, 31730.



Serving in 14 Southwest Georgia Counties...

Sun Power for Schools Program

Mitchell EMC, through its affiliate Green Power EMC, promotes awareness, as well as produces Green Energy. Through the Sun Power for Schools Program, Mitchell EMC is partnering with Baconton Community Charter School to provide educational materials used in classrooms to educate students about Green Energy and its impact on our environment. The solar sprint car allows students the opportunity to build a sprint car powered by the sun.

On November 12, 2014, Baconton Community Charter School FFA students took part in the solar sprint. The fastest car went to the team of Kyle Hamilton and Jonathan Marks. Calypso Carpenter and Devin Wimberly took home the award for most original design. The students worked with their FFA Advisor Victoria Hill to design their cars before the competition. The students worked in teams of two.



The only stipulation the students had was that the car must work. They had freedom in design and originality. A total of thirty FFA students participated in the event.

“This partnership is one of the ways that Mitchell EMC gives back to the communities that we serve,” says Mitchell EMC CEO Tony Tucker.



Employee SPOTLIGHT



Michael Molden is Mitchell EMC's December Employee Spotlight. Michael has worked with MEMC for over two and a half years. He is a Line Tech Apprentice in the Camilla District Office.

In his spare time, Michael loves to play basketball and spend quality time with his family. He enjoys working with MEMC, because of the family atmosphere that he shares with his coworkers.

Michael spent nine days working with Planters EMC during the ice storm. They worked tirelessly to restore power for the consumers there. “I was touched by the appreciation that was given to me while we worked,” said Michael.

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



Honeybun Cake

1 package Duncan Hines Yellow Cake Mix
(without pudding)
8 ounces sour cream
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of Crisco oil
4 eggs

Mix well.

*In another
bowl mix:*

1 cup light
brown sugar
1 tablespoon
cinnamon
1 cup
chopped
pecans



Topping:

1 cup confectioners' sugar
2 to 3 tablespoons water

Pour $\frac{1}{2}$ of cake batter in a greased 9X13 in pan. Sprinkle all of sugar, cinnamon, and pecan mixture over this layer. Add remainder of batter mixture to pan. Bake as directed on cake package. Mix 1 cup confectioners' sugar with 2 or 3 tablespoons of water. Spread this over hot cake when removed from the oven. Let cool and enjoy.

Thanks!

to **Lenora Butler**,
Pelham, 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
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