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Mitchell EMC and Operation Round Up Recognizes Outstanding Students

Multiple scholarships for outstanding students were recently awarded through the Mitchell EMC Operation Round Up program. Eight high school graduates and four existing college students received scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. All recipients of the Operation Round Up Scholarships are children of Mitchell EMC members.

Mitchell EMC members enrolled in Operation Round Up allow their bills to be rounded up to the next whole dollar. Not only is the donation tax deductible, but the amount of the bill is easier to remember. And while it may not seem like much money, those funds make a huge impact on our local communities. Since the inception of the program in 2002, Operation Round Up has contributed more than \$1 million to community projects (including scholarships) within Mitchell EMC's service area. Additionally, Mitchell EMC awarded the James C Brim, Jr., Memorial Scholarship.



Scholarship Recipients, left to right: Dani Eure, Ivey Carden, Hannah White, Kaycie Eubanks, Kayla Stubbs, Allyn Jones, Pamela Halliday, Rebekah Smith, Austin Berchtold, Angela Wenzel, and Ashley Beck, recipient of James C Brim, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Not pictured: Marlie Holton, Anna Brock, Mariah Watkins, Tayler Adams and Kyndal Adams

Merritt Daniels, Hannah Hays, and Carlmalita Parker were recognized as recipients of the 2014 Washington Youth Leadership Tour. These students will be featured in a future newsletter along with the details of their experience in our nation's capitol city.





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Mitchell EMC and Pelham Middle School FFA celebrate EARTH Day Every Day!

Reduce, Recycle, Restore, Reuse, Replenish



Justin Sealy, Pelham City Middle School Agricultural Instructor, stands with Basic Agricultural Science Class. Mitchell EMC donated a 100- Gallon Composite Tumbler in support of Earth Day to Reduce, Recycle, Restore, Reuse and Replenish!

Sun Power FUN for Sherwood Christian Academy

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 partners with Sherwood Christian Academy to provide educational materials used in classrooms to educate students about Green Energy and its impact on our environment. The solar sprint car race held on May 12th, allowed students the opportunity to build a sprint car powered by the sun. "This partnership is one of the ways that Mitchell EMC gives back to the communities that we serve," says Mitchell EMC CEO Tony Tucker.



Sherwood Christian Academy Fourth- Grade Students with Mitchell EMC Employees

Mitchell EMC receives the Business "Garden Spot" of the Month



Mitchell EMC received the Business "Garden Spot" of the Month award from the Camilla Garden Club in May. Pictured here is Mitchell EMC employee Carl Crutcher with his recently planted flowers surrounding the U.S. Flag at the cooperative's headquarters. "Carl does a wonderful job in keeping the EMC's lawns filled with seasonal plantings for everyone to enjoy. This is all about Carl," said Mitchell EMC's President/CEO Tony Tucker. Carl has worked with Mitchell EMC for 14 years.

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Mitchell EMC Recipes



Mitchell EMC Right-of-Way Program

The Right of Way maintenance program at Mitchell EMC strikes a delicate balance in keeping the property beneath the power lines free from hazards while simultaneously keeping you as well as cooperative employees safe from potential dangers. Mitchell EMC maintains a 30 foot right of way easement—15 feet on each side of its power lines.

“Right of Way” refers to the strip of land owned by another party on which utilities place their facilities. The utilities have access to this land, and they are responsible for the maintenance of the area to ensure the facilities are clear from vegetation and obstructions.

Right of way crews work year-round according to a detailed 5 year rotation cycle to keep more than 5,500 miles of ROW clear for its power lines. Where it is apparent the property owners are actively maintaining the right of way and nothing is planted on or close by that could interfere with the power lines, ROW crews will move to the next property where clearing is needed. And, when ROW needs clearing, underbrush is cut, and trees growing too near the power lines are trimmed or in some cases potentially removed. Exposed stumps are treated to prevent sprouting.

Fortunately many Mitchell EMC member-owners are cooperative when crews arrive to maintain the property within the right of way. A well maintained ROW directly benefits the property owner and it may also potentially benefit others nearby. Did you know your untrimmed trees could cause power outages for your neighbors too? A clear

ROW reduces costly repairs to the power distribution system and considerably improves service reliability. Members tell us one of the most noticeable changes they see as a result of ROW maintenance is the absence of those annoying blinks on their digital clocks and electronics.



Overhead power lines are not the only concern. A clear space is also needed around underground transformers. When underground wiring needs repair, line technicians will need open access to those large green boxes (a.k.a. pad-mount transformers). These transformers carry several thousand volts of electricity. Even small additions of shrubs and flowers planted too close to the transformer can be hazardous and may interfere with power delivery. At least 10 feet of clear unobstructed space on all sides of the transformer should be maintained. An underground transformer indicates underground service and power lines are buried from the transformer to your home. For your personal safety never dig anywhere in your yard without first calling 811 to find out where the buried lines are located.

At Mitchell EMC safety and power delivery go hand in hand. Remember, both line and right of way crews working under or around Mitchell EMC power lines and transformers typically drive trucks identified with the cooperative's logo. If you have questions about someone working near energized lines, underground transformers, etc., please telephone Mitchell EMC.



Roasted Summer Squash

Ingredients

yellow squash or zucchini, desired amount
½ tsp garlic flakes or garlic powder
salt to taste
black pepper
1 tablespoon of olive oil
½ cup parmesan cheese

Directions

Cut the squash into ¼ in. slices and cut each slice into half-moons. Coat squash in oil. Add seasonings. Place squash on cookie sheet. Place on lower rack in a 400 degree oven. Bake for 12 minutes. Remove and coat with cheese. Return to oven and let bake for 3 minutes or until cheese is melted. This is an easy and delicious way to enjoy summer squash.

Submitted by: **Kathy Dawson**
Mitchell County

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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 Mitchell EMC Recipes,
P.O. Box 409, Camilla, GA 31730 or email to
mitchellemcrecipes@mitchellemc.com



TOU Customers

Beginning June 1st through September 30th. On-peak hours are weekdays beginning at 3:00pm and ending at 8:00pm. Excluding weekends, Independence Day and Labor Day. All other hours are off-peak.

TRUCK BIDS

Mitchell EMC is accepting bids on the following retired trucks and equipment through August 4, 2014.



1998 Ford F150	#2066	Vin #1FTZF18W9WNB81874	Mileage 146,805
2003 Ford F150	#2084	Vin #1FTRF18W23NB28350	Mileage 184,789
2003 Ford F150	#2085	Vin #2FTPX18LX3CA95632	Mileage 194,669
2000 Freightliner Bucket Truck	#6057	Vin #6FV6JLBB7YHG77803	Mileage 134,570
1998 Butler Trailer	#8140	Vin #1BUD14207V1009196	
2002 Ditch Witch	#9146	Vin #5V0206	

They vehicles can be viewed during operating hours at the Camilla Headquarters location. If you are interested in placing your bid, please call 229-336-5221 ext. 240.

Mitchell EMC reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

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