

Mitchell EMC



The news
you need to
know in
5 minutes!

CAMILLA, GEORGIA
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Georgia Agricultural Tax Exemption Expires Dec. 31

If you're an agricultural producer and receive the Georgia Agricultural Tax Exemption (GATE) on electricity, don't forget to renew it by the end of the year.

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, Attention: Billing, P.O. Box 409, Camilla, GA 31730.



FFA Wiring Competition

The EMC/FFA Electrification Contest, part of the Georgia Department of Education's Agricultural Education division, is organized through local FFA chapters and sponsored by the electric membership corporations of Georgia. Participating high school students can win scholarship funds to use at any college, university or vocational school in Georgia. 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 the EMCs in Georgia's energy future.

Mitchell EMC hosted the Area FFA Wiring practice on October 25, 2016. There were ten students representing four area schools that participated in the practice. The Region FFA Wiring Competition will be held December 1 at ABAC. Mitchell EMC is proud to be a sponsor of local FFA Chapters.



LEFT PHOTO: 1st Place - Kirk Beacham (Colquitt County Middle School), Advisor Stacy Beacham.

BELOW: 2nd Place - Jackson Newberry, **3rd Place** - Gavin Landin (Seminole County High School), Advisor Dusty Smith.



A Community Partner Since 1937

Capture Your Share of the Sun With



Thinking of going solar, but don't want the high cost and complications associated with rooftop solar panels? Or maybe there simply isn't enough sunlight where you live. With Cooperative Solar, you now have an easy way to capture your share of the sun – and it's only available from your local EMC.

- It's affordable.
- There are no long-term contracts.
- It's more cost-effective than owning or leasing a rooftop solar system.
- There's nothing to finance.
- There are no shade limitations.
- You'll have no holes in your roof.
- Concerns about roof age condition are eliminated.
- No need to be concerned about roof orientation to the sun.
- There are no maintenance issues.
- Neighborhood covenants do not affect access.
- Renters can participate.

For more information, contact:



In partnership with:



greenpoweremc.com/solar

Smart Meter Rollout

Service, reliability and customer satisfaction are our primary goals at Mitchell EMC.

There are programs that help ensure reliability, one of the programs is regular updating of our meters. This program is in place to ensure that Mitchell EMC delivers safe, reliable, and uninterrupted service to our members.

By investing in new technology to improve service, your cooperative is looking out for you. With data from the meters coming to our offices, we will be able to read your meter remotely. Remote meter reading and remote reconnects mean co-op employees will spend less time on the road. Also, more detailed information will be provided about what is happening in the field. This will make response times faster to outages. Some features such as outage reporting will be turned on once the installation process has begun in most of our service area.

This process will be ongoing in your area over the next two to three months. You may see Mitchell EMC vehicles in the area. If you have special circumstances concerning access to your property, please call and speak to our Engineering Services Manager. Be assured, we are there to serve you.

If you have any questions, please call Mitchell EMC at 229-336-5221 or 1-800-479-6034 and ask to speak with our Engineering Services Manager. *As always, serving you is our pleasure.*



SOMETHING NEW

to help us

SERVE YOU BETTER

We're installing new meters to improve efficiency and reliability for our members

Mitchell EMC Presents

PHOTOS with Santa



DECEMBER 8TH & 12TH

6:00-8:00 PM

MITCHELL EMC AUDITORIUM

475 CAIRO ROAD

CAMILLA, GA 31730

\$5.00 1-4X6

\$10.00 2-5X7 PRINTS

ALL MONEY RAISED

WILL BENEFIT THE

ALZHEIMERS ASSOCIATION

Serving in 14 Southwest Georgia Counties...



**Mitchell EMC Wishes You
a Happy and Safe New Year!
Our offices will be closed on
January 2, 2017.**

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



According to the Consumer Electronics Association, the average household owns 24 consumer electronics products, which are responsible for 12 percent of household electricity use. ENERGY STAR-certified audio/video equipment is up to 50 percent more efficient than conventional models.

Source: EnergyStar.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



Spicy Black-Eyed Peas

Ingredients:

4 slices of bacon
1 medium onion, chopped
1 (16-ounce) package dried black-eyed peas, washed
1 (12-ounce) can diced tomatoes and green chilies
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
3 cups water

In a large saucepan, cook the bacon until crisp. Remove the bacon, crumble, and set aside to use as a topping for the peas. Sauté the onion in the bacon drippings until tender. Add the peas, diced tomatoes and green chilies, salt, chili powder, pepper and water. Cover and cook over medium heat for 45 minutes to 1 hour, or until the peas are tender. Add additional water if necessary. Serve garnished with crumbled bacon.

Thanks!

to **Stephanie Paige**,
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 Heather Greene, P.O. Box 409, Camilla, GA 31730 or email to heather.greene@mitchellemc.com.