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Mitchell EMC Offers Students Lessons in Leadership and Civic Responsibility

“Leadership is not about titles, positions or flowcharts. It is about one life influencing another. –John C. Maxwell”

Outstanding students from across Georgia, including Luke Cooper, Worth County High School; Landon Davidson, Sherwood Christian Academy; Mychael Hall, Deerfield Windsor School; Slater Stringer, Westwood School, recently returned from the Washington Youth Tour, a week-long leadership experience exclusively for teens sponsored by the electric cooperatives in Georgia, including Mitchell EMC.

From June 13-20, they joined 1,800 of their accomplished and ambitious peers in Washington, D.C. to understand the importance of civic engagement, to tour national historic sites and to learn valuable leadership lessons they can utilize in their communities back home. The lessons learned by students cannot be replicated in the classroom.

Heather Greene with Mitchell EMC believes that this carefully chaperoned tour of the nation's capital, full of our national treasures, provides not only an opportunity for an enriched history lesson but also a unique experience that includes interactive exhibits and firsthand accounts.



In Georgia, this year's contingent included 115 student delegates, 13 chaperones and three tour directors who attended a kick-off banquet in Atlanta for the student delegates and their families before departing the next morning for D.C. for the remainder of the trip.

“The students watch history come to life as they walk and talk in the same places where people have helped shape our country,” says Greene with Mitchell EMC.

“They also meet other delegates from across the country with different backgrounds, life experiences and walks of life to give them a broader perspective and deeper appreciation of the world at large.”

With a firm commitment to enriching our future, the purpose of the Youth Tour is to help EMCs develop our state's most precious resource, our youth, according to Greene.

While in D.C., stops included Mount Vernon, Arlington Cemetery, U.S. Capitol, National Archives, National Cathedral, and the Smithsonian Museums. The students also toured the revered Jefferson, Lincoln, FDR, MLK, WWII, Vietnam and Korean War memorials. In addition, the group had dinner one evening at Toby's Dinner Theater and saw the play “Grease”.

In addition to taking in the sights of the nation's capital, students gained perspective on some of today's important issues and their role as involved citizens. Everyone had the opportunity to engage with staff and/or members of Georgia's congressional delegation as well as a visit with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue.

Finally, all state groups convened for All-States Youth Day, sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, to learn from public figures and other inspirational speakers. The Georgia delegation met with a number of congressional leaders. Nearly 50,000 students from rural areas and small towns across America have participated in this program. Some

Youth Tour alumni have gone on to design airplanes, to lead companies and to serve in the highest ranks of government, including the U.S. Senate, and many more are serving in some role in state and local government.

Photos from this year's tour are posted on the national Youth Tour Web site at <http://photos.youth-tour.org>.

Mitchell EMC is a consumer-owned cooperative providing electricity and related services to 15,830 consumers in Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Thomas, Tift, Turner and Worth counties.





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.***

Our offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2 in observance of LABOR DAY.

September Final Month to Claim Undeliverable Patronage Capital

Members can review a list of unclaimed patronage capital due to be escheated online or in one of our district offices.

The last possible date to claim these funds is on September 27, 2019. If these funds are not claimed by this date, they will be donated for charitable uses, as permitted by O.C.G.A 44-12-236.

Our headquarters office located in Camilla and district offices located in Albany and Sylvester have hardcopy list available for review. Our offices are open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Members can also access this list at www.mitchellemc.com, then About Us - Patronage Capital - Patronage Capital Escheatment.

Margin Assignment for 2018

Margins accrued by Mitchell EMC (revenue after all expenses have been paid) have been assigned to Member's patronage credit records. This assignment is made by applying the percentage of the Cooperative's margins to each Member's annual bill, before taxes. The percentage from Mitchell's margins for 2018 is 1.47%.

The table below shows examples of how you may figure your assignment. Simply multiply the percentage figures shown below times your total billing, less sales taxes, for the year.

Percentage	If annual bills (less taxes) were:	\$500	\$750	\$1,000
1.47%	Credits assigned from Mitchell's operating margins	\$7.36	\$11.04	\$14.72

Remember to keep us informed of your correct mailing address, especially if you should move out of Mitchell EMC's service area. If you have any questions about your assignments, please call us at 229-336-5221 or 800-479-6034.



Employee SPOTLIGHT



Chris Sharp is Mitchell EMC's September Employee Spotlight. Chris is a Line Tech 1st Class, and has been employed with MEMC for 14 years.

When he is not on the job, Chris enjoys woodworking, spending time riding his mule with his family, hunting and fishing. He has a hidden talent that many people are not aware of, he is pretty good at drawing. Three words that can be used to describe Chris are hardworking, easy going and outdoors.

"I have the opportunity to provide a service to our community as well as to other cooperatives when his service is needed," said Chris.

Chris would like to remind everyone that if you're traveling and see one of our crews on the side of the road, we kindly ask that you move over if possible and give them a little extra space to work. We deeply care about the safety of all, and this extra precaution ensures just that.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Cookware Tip: Copper-bottomed pans heat faster on the stove. In the oven, ceramic and glass dishes are better than metal. With ceramic and glass dishes, you can turn the oven down about 25 degrees, and your meal will cook just as quickly.

Source: energy.gov



Attention Farmers *Just a reminder...*

Time Of Use (TOU) rates for irrigation systems began on June 1. The TOU kWh cost is based on the time of day in which it is used. The rate will distinguish between ON-PEAK and OFF-PEAK usage. *TOU rates apply from June 1 through September 30. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 229-336-5221 or 1-800-479-6034.

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



Mexican Chicken Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 cup of rice, cooked
- 1 can white meat chicken, crumbled
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons of mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoon sour cream
- 2 cups mexican cheese or extra sharp shredded cheese
- 2 or 3 tablespoons of jalapenos
- 2 or 3 tablespoons diced peppers

Directions:

Cook rice, mix all ingredients together. Pour mixture into a 9X13 baking dish and bake at 350° for 45 minutes.

Thanks!

to

Olivia Hampton,
Mitchell 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.

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