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## It's a Matter of (Co-op!) Principles

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

For me, this is a time of year for reflection, and topping my list of things I'm grateful for is our wonderful community. I know I speak for all Mitchell EMC employees when I say that we are thankful to be in such an incredible place. We are fortunate to



live in the same place where we work, which makes our ties to this community that much stronger.

You may recall that last month, my column touched on the first three Cooperative Principles, so this month, I'd like to tell you about the remaining four principles. The Cooperative

Principles are essential to the co-op business model and benefit all members of the co-op.

### **Autonomy and Independence**

The fourth principal, Autonomy and Independence, means that the co-op operates in an autonomous way that is solely directed and guided by its members reflecting the values and needs of our local community. This means the co-op is not being influenced by leaders or shareholders several states away. Instead, the co-op is led by the local members it serves.

### **Education and Training**

The fifth principle, Education and Training, focuses on enhancing the knowledge of co-op employees and board members, which enables them to contribute to the development of the co-op.

By investing in continuous learning for our employees and board members, our co-op is making a commitment not just to individual professional and personal growth, but to the future of the co-op and the high quality of service our members expect and deserve. It's a win-win situation.

We also strive to inform our members (that's you!) and the public about the mission and operations of the co-op. In fact, that's why you receive this newsletter every month, so we can share the latest co-op news and updates, as well as energy efficiency and safety tips.

### **Cooperation Among Cooperatives**

Cooperation among cooperatives is the sixth principle and fosters the way that co-ops work together to address bigger challenges. While this



principle applies to all types of cooperatives, it is especially relevant in the energy industry. In our case, we put this principle in action after major storms and disasters that cause widespread power outages. When this happens, we call on nearby co-ops to come to our aid and assist with restoration effort—and we of course extend the same help to them when they need us. I can't think of a better example of cooperation among cooperatives.

In addition, because we are part of the national electric co-op network, we can connect and collaborate with other electric co-ops to tackle industry-related challenges, like cybersecurity and an everchanging energy landscape.

### **Concern for Community**

The seventh principle, Concern for Community, is essential to who we are as cooperatives. We serve our community not only by being an essential service, but by helping to power our local economy. Whether through economic development, volunteerism or donations to local causes, we invest in this community because it's our home too.

I think you'll find that most cooperatives bring good people together to make good things happen in the community. We hope you feel that way about us, your local electric co-op.

On behalf of everyone at Mitchell EMC, we're thankful for your membership, and we hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

## Powering Up After an Outage

When the power goes out, we expect it to be restored within a few hours. But when a major storm or natural disaster causes widespread damage, extended outages may result. Our line crews work long, hard hours to restore service safely to the greatest number of members in the shortest time possible. Here's how we get to work when you find yourself in the dark:



### 1. High-Voltage Transmission Lines:

Transmission towers and cables supply power to transmission substations (and thousands of members), and they rarely fail. But when damaged, these facilities must be repaired before other parts of the system can operate.

### 2. Distribution Substation:

A substation can serve hundreds or thousands of members. When a major outage occurs, our line crews inspect substations to determine if problems stem from transmission lines feeding into the substation, the substation itself or if problems exist further down the line.

### 3. Main Distribution Lines:

If the problem cannot be isolated at a distribution substation, distribution lines are checked. These lines carry power to large groups of members in our local communities.

### 4. Tap Lines:

If local outages persist, supply lines (also known as tap lines) are inspected. These lines deliver power to transformers, either mounted on poles or placed on pads for underground service, outside businesses, schools and homes.

### 5. Service Lines:

If your home remains without power, the service line between a transformer and your residence may need to be repaired. If you experience an outage, please give us a call so we can isolate the issue.



Mitchell EMC would like to wish you all a very

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

Our offices will be closed on  
November 25th & 26th.



VETERANS DAY 2021



*We thank you for  
your service.*

## Energy Efficiency

### Tip of the Month

Fall is the perfect time to prep your home for the upcoming winter chill. One of the best ways you can save energy and stay comfortable is to caulk and weatherstrip areas that typically need sealing.

Start by sealing around windows and doors. Seal plumbing, ducting, and areas where electrical wiring comes through walls, floors and ceilings for additional energy savings.

Source: [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)



# Serving in 14 Southwest Georgia 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 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.

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




**COOK UP ENERGY SAVINGS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.**

- Clean oven burners regularly.
- Match the pan size to the burner you're using.
- Use small appliances like slow cookers and toaster ovens when possible.

**From our table to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!**

**DON'T FORGET**



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK BY ONE HOUR

## Equipment Auction

Mitchell EMC has the following vehicles/equipment for sale 'as is' to the highest bidder. You can view the items at our Camilla Office Monday - Friday, 8am until 5pm. For more information, contact Keith Gilliard, Shop Mechanic, at (229)336-5221 or (800)479-6034. Please submit your bid in a sealed envelope no later than 5pm, Friday, November 5th, 2021, to the Camilla Office location, PO Box 409, Camilla, GA 31730. The winners will be contacted by Friday, November 12th. Pickup and payment of vehicles/equipment no later than Tuesday, November 30th.

Item #	MEMC#	Year	Make	Model	Description	Mileage	VIN
1	5056	2011	DODGE	5500	SERVICE BUCKET RAM 4X4 - 5500 CA	276,662	3D6WU7ELXBG627565
2	6066	2008	INTERNATIONAL	4400	BUCKET TRUCK 4400 SBA 4X2	105,330	1HTMKAAN99H101373

**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



## Pumpkin Crunch

### Ingredients:

- 1 Box yellow cake mix
- 1 15oz can pumpkin
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 3 eggs
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup butter
- Whipped topping

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray bottom of 9X13 pan. Combine pumpkin, evaporated milk, eggs, sugar, cinnamon, and salt in a large bowl with mixer. Pour into 9X13 pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix over pumpkin mixture evenly, top with pecans and drizzle with melted butter. Bake at 350° for 50-55 minutes or until golden brown. Top with whipped topping or ice cream. *Enjoy!*

Submitted By: Mary Neeld,  
Mitchell County

## 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.