

# The Messenger

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## CALENDAR

**September 2**

Labor Day Holiday  
Offices Closed

**September 5**

Disconnect of all accounts  
with a 30 day balance.

**September 20**

Bills due by 12:00 PM  
Overdue notices mailed out

**September 30**

October bills are mailed out  
and due October 20th.

**October 3**

72nd Annual Meeting  
Doors Open at 5:30 pm

**TODAY IT'S HIGH SCORES.**

**TOMORROW IT'S HIGH YIELDS.**

**His future is a really gig deal.**

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As kids head back to school, the need for reliable, high-speed internet becomes even more critical. The attached image highlights how a young gamer's high scores today could be laying the groundwork for tomorrow's innovations. Gaming is more than just fun; it's a training ground for essential skills like problem-solving, teamwork, and strategic thinking—skills that are invaluable both in the classroom and the future job market. Fiber internet from Midstate Communications doesn't just support your child's education; you're investing in a future where technology and agriculture intersect. Whether it's school projects or gaming adventures, ensure they have the gig-speed internet needed to excel today and lead tomorrow.

**REGISTRATION OPEN NOW**

SoDakCircuit.com

Have you registered for the FREE Esports competition coming up on September 21st in Sioux Falls? This is for kids and adults! Register and find out the variety of games available at [www.sodakcircuit.com](http://www.sodakcircuit.com)

**Co-op Life.**

It's better here.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**72ND ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

Thursday, October 3, 2024  
Kimball High School Gymnasium  
Doors open at 5:30 pm

# Low Income Assistance Available to Telephone & Broadband Subscribers

Midstate Communications is authorized to offer Lifeline assistance to our customers. The Lifeline Universal Service Program is a government-supported program available to qualified, low-income consumers and offers a discount for eligible telephone and bundled Internet service meeting the minimum standards. If you are a telephone service subscriber only, you can receive the monthly Lifeline discount of \$5.25. Lifeline discount amounts applied to stand-alone Internet or a bundled service package which includes not only telephone voice service, but also Internet Service will receive the maximum Lifeline discount, currently \$9.25.



If you move your monthly Lifeline discount to another provider, it will generally require that you agree to not transfer your Lifeline benefit again to another provider for twelve months. There are certain exceptions to this requirement.

## Tribal Lifeline/Link-Up

The Tribal Lifeline program provides a reduction in monthly charges to telephone or bundled Internet service to customers who live on tribal lands and are currently receiving benefits from a qualifying public assistance program. Eligible subscribers may be eligible for additional discounts up to \$34.25.

The Tribal Link-Up program provides a reduction in connection charges to telephone customers who live on tribal lands and are currently receiving benefits from a qualifying assistance program.

## How to Qualify for a Lifeline Discount:

You may qualify for Lifeline assistance if you participate in any ONE of these government benefits programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Supplemental Security Income
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Veteran's Pension and Survivors Benefit Program
- Income Below the Federal Poverty Guidelines

If residing on tribal land the following eligibility criteria is also available to be utilized:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribally-administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Food Distribution on Indian Reservations
- Head Start

## THREE WAYS TO APPLY

- APPLY ONLINE – Find the online application at [www.lifelinesupport.org](http://www.lifelinesupport.org)
- APPLY AT MIDSTATE – Stop in our Kimball or Chamberlain offices during business hours.
- CONTACT MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS – Call or text us at 605.778.6221.