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The Messenger

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CALENDAR

October 5

Disconnect of all accounts with a 30 day balance.

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71st Midstate Communications Annual Meeting

October 9

Native American Day
Offices Closed

October 20

Bills due by 12:00 PM
Overdue notices mailed out

October 31

November bills are mailed out and due November 20th.

Annual Meeting Reminder

Our 71st Annual Meeting is a family-friendly event you won't want to miss on Thursday, October 5th at the Kimball High School. The evening starts out with a complimentary meal at 5:30 PM, our way of saying thanks for your support. We will have a short business meeting starting at 6:30 PM regarding updates on Midstate Communications. We end our evening with Cash Bingo & Door Prizes! Bring your family along for an evening of fun and community spirit.




Our CO-OP Builds COMMUNITIES

Help us celebrate Co-op Month in October ▶

October is Co-op Month and a time to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of member-owned companies across America. As a co-op, Midstate Communications doesn't have to answer to faraway shareholders. Instead, we focus on meeting the needs of our local members and building connections within our communities.

Thank you for choosing Midstate Communications for your internet and communication services. You're part of our 71 years of success!

Take a Shot

AT GETTING YOUR PHOTO ON OUR
2024 DIRECTORY COVER

Photo Credit: Kristina Sprick



It's time to show off your photography skills and capture the beauty of our cooperative. Send in your best shots for our directory contest, and you could win some fantastic prizes! Check out all the details on how to enter on our website www.midstatesd.net. Act fast thou as the deadline for entering is October 15th, 2023.



Halloween is a fun time, and I can certainly provide you with some internet tips and tricks with a Halloween twist. Here are a few spooky and helpful suggestions:

- 1. Goblin-Free Software Updates:** Don't ignore software updates! They often contain important security patches that keep your devices safe from digital goblins and malware.
- 2. Pumpkin Spice Up Your Privacy Settings:** Regularly review and update your social media privacy settings. Keep your personal information only visible to trusted friends and family.
- 3. Vampire Energy Saving:** Unplug your devices when they're not in use to prevent "vampire" energy drain. It saves energy and reduces your electricity bill.
- 4. Zombie-Proof Passwords:** Create strong and unique passwords for your online accounts. Think of them as zombie barriers for your digital life. Use a mix of uppercase, lowercase, numbers, and special characters for extra security. Password managers are a Midstate IT Technician's favorite locked door to keep Zombies out!
- 5. Haunted Wi-Fi Networks:** Avoid connecting to unsecured Wi-Fi networks, just like you'd avoid a haunted house. Always use a password-protected network or a VPN when browsing in public places.

Remember, these tips will help you navigate the online world safely, even during the spookiest of seasons. Happy Halloween, from all of us at Midstate Communications and stay safe on the internet!



Cooperative Spirit By The Midstate Staff

At Midstate, our dedicated employees have been actively taking part in many Homecoming parades this September, while also lending a hand in packing food for the Kimball backpack program. We enjoy the opportunity to connect with and support our communities fostering a cooperative spirit that strengthens the bonds that tie us together.

