

The Messenger

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Affordable Connectivity Program ~ Wind Down

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is an FCC benefit program that has helped households to afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more. This program started during the Covid-19 pandemic and has assisted more than 23,000 households in South Dakota. In January, the FCC announced a wind-down of the program due to lack of funding from congress. Those households affected by this wind down could see their monthly internet bill increase by \$30 a month or up to \$75 monthly if on tribal grounds. Midstate will continue to monitor this wind down and will be sending notices to those customers directly affected.

CALENDAR

March 5

Disconnect of all accounts with a 30 day balance.

March 20

Bills due by 12:00 PM
Overdue notices mailed out

March 28

April bills are mailed out and due April 20th.

March 29

Offices Closed in observance of the Easter Holiday

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2024 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

WWW.MIDSTATESD.NET

The deadline to apply for the Midstate Communications scholarship is fast approaching! The Midstate board of directors is offering high school seniors the opportunity to apply for one of seven \$750 scholarships that will be awarded to students living in the Midstate Communications service area. The deadline for applying is Friday, March 15th. Apply for the scholarship on the Midstate Communications website by scanning the QR code above or going to www.midstatesd.net.

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NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY

LET'S FIGHT HEART DISEASE

The Midstate Communications staff decked out in RED at both the Kimball and Chamberlain offices on February 2nd in observance of National Wear Red Day. This day is celebrated every year on the first Friday in February to bring greater attention to heart disease as the leading cause of death for Americans and promote steps people can take to protect their heart.

What's On



We are gearing up for March Madness with South Dakota State Basketball action. Follow all the teams that make it to the state dance on Midstate X-Stream and Midstate TV.

High School Girls State Basketball Tournament
March 7th - 9th

High School Boys State Basketball Tournament
March 14th - 16th

Follow the games for the girls and boys tournaments on:

Class B Channel #243
Class A Channel #245
Class AA Channel #246



We also have a number of talented area musicians that will be performing their instruments at All State Band on March 23rd. Catch this performance!

SD All State Band
March 23rd

Channel #243

Follow Midstate Communications on Facebook for upcoming times for these events.

Internet Showdown: Fiber vs. Wireless What You Need To Know!



You've seen those TV commercials, imagining the convenience of bundling your cell phone and home internet services. Before you dive in, let's unravel the truth: not all internet is created equal. Here is a breakdown of the key differences between Fiber and Wireless: **Speed and Reliability:** Fiber offers a dedicated line to your home ensuring faster and more consistent

speeds. Using wireless your speed may vary depending on the distance from the nearest tower and interference. **Connection Type:** Fiber uses optical fibers to transmit data via light signals. Wireless relies on radio waves to transmit data through the air. **Bandwidth and Capacity:** Fiber can handle more bandwidth whether downloading your high-definition movie or uploading your next TikTok. Wireless can be affected by the number of connected devices and network congestion. **Latency:** Fiber has lower latency which means it will respond quicker to real-time responses such as your Zoom meeting for work or online gaming. Wireless has higher latency which can result in a slower online gaming experience or delay in video conferencing. Fiber provides a robust and consistent experience, while Wireless might have its limitations. Choose wisely for a seamless online journey!



Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day, but not everyone knows why these items are associated with luck:



The four-leaf clover is the most prominent symbol tied to St. Patrick's Day. According to legend, the first leaf stands for hope, the second for faith, the third for love, and the fourth for luck.



Horseshoes have long been considered lucky. They were originally made of iron, a material believed to ward off evil spirits, and traditionally held in place with seven (the luckiest number) nails.

**Thanks for supporting Midstate Communications,
and enjoy the luck of the Irish on March 17th!**