

Midstate Messenger

MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

May 2025

Exciting days are being scheduled ahead! It's our Midstate Summer Cookouts! We will bring the Midstate staff and our grill to serve you lunch! Ask about Midstate fiber internet and register for door prizes. Fun awaits! Save these dates on your calendar. More details will be released soon!

- June 10th - Fort Thompson
- June 12th - Academy
- June 17th - Delmont
- June 19th - Chamberlain



May 5 - Disconnect of all accounts with a 30 day balance

May 20 - Bills due by 12:00 PM. Overdue notices mailed out

May 26 - Midstate Offices Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

May 30 - June bills are mailed out and due June 20th by 12:00 PM



Announcing BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2024

District 1 (Kimball, Gann Valley, & Fort Thompson)

District 3 (Chamberlain, Oacoma, & Pukwana)

*Delivering the Best Technology,
Customer Experience and Value
to our members*

Cooperative members will elect two members for three-year terms to the Midstate Communications Board of Directors. To qualify you must live in and be a member in good standing with the Cooperative in Districts 1 and 3. You can request a nomination petition from the Midstate Communications office in Kimball and it must be filed on or before June 17, 2025. Ballots will be mailed out for those districts with two or more members who have successfully filed a petition. For those wanting to cast their ballot in person, an election meeting will be held on July 17th from 9 - 11 am in the Kimball office. If you have questions about taking out a nomination petition, please call or text us at 605-778-6221.

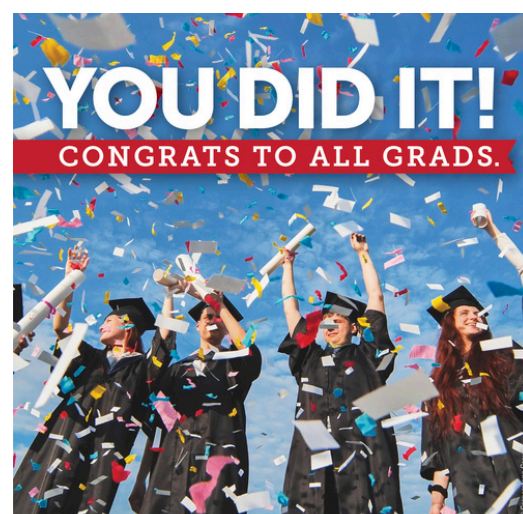
The business affairs of Midstate Communications are managed by the board of directors in four districts. Current incumbents of the election mentioned above are:

District 1: Three-year term: Clayton Knippling

District 3: Three-year term: Maria Goodman

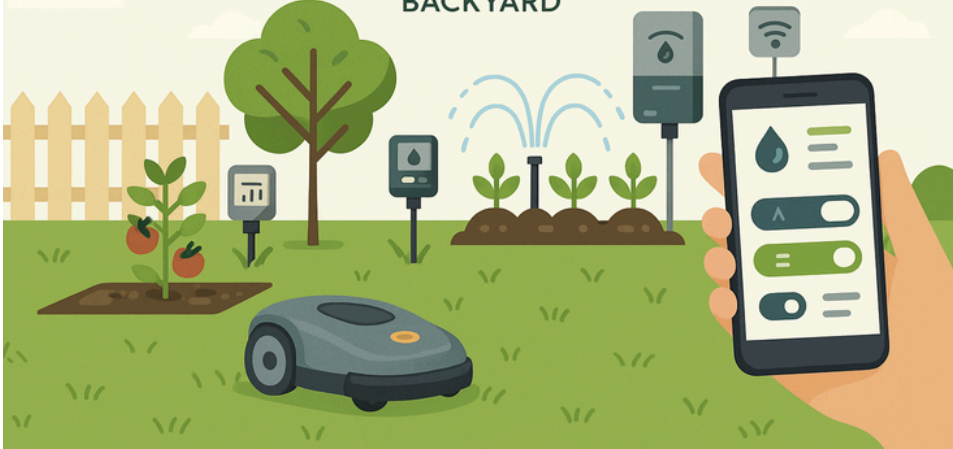
Midstate Service Checkup

Is your Midstate plan still the perfect fit for you? Call or text us today at 605-778-6221 for a quick review of your services — we'll make sure you're getting the best value and the features you need. It's easy, it's free, and it's all about keeping you connected the way you want to be!



SMART GARDENING AND LAWN CARE

BRINGING TECHNOLOGY TO YOUR BACKYARD



There's something special about spending time in your backyard or garden—whether it's growing veggies, tending flowers, or simply enjoying a lush lawn. But let's be honest: the upkeep can be a lot of work! Luckily, today's smart technology is making outdoor care easier, more efficient, and even better for the environment. Smart gardening and lawn care use connected devices and apps to help you manage watering, soil health, and mowing—many right from your smartphone or tablet. And with Midstate's powerful fiber network, these smart tools can really shine, helping you create a beautiful and sustainable outdoor space with less stress and effort.

How Smart Gardening and Lawn Care Work

Just like smart homes and smart lighting, smart gardening uses technology to improve everyday tasks. With tools like soil sensors, weather-aware irrigation systems, and even robot lawnmowers, you can automate or simplify much of your regular maintenance. These devices gather real-time data, helping you make better decisions about when to water, fertilize, or plant—saving both time and natural resources.

Popular Smart Gardening Tools

- **Robotic Lawn Mowers:** Think of them as Roombas for your yard! These AI-powered mowers navigate your lawn, dodging flower beds and patio furniture with ease. Some even help tackle weeding!
- **Smart Irrigation Systems:** Sensors monitor soil moisture and weather forecasts to water your lawn and garden only when needed, conserving water and promoting healthier growth.
- **Advanced Soil Sensors:** These handy gadgets measure moisture, pH levels, and nutrient content deep in the soil, giving you the info you need to boost your lawn's and garden's health.

Looking Ahead

Smart gardening and lawn care are making it easier than ever to enjoy beautiful, eco-friendly outdoor spaces—while protecting your back, your time, and your wallet. As technology continues to evolve, smart outdoor solutions will only become more powerful and accessible.

Thanks to Midstate's reliable fiber internet, you can tap into the full potential of these smart tools and take your backyard oasis to the next level. Follow us on social media for more ideas on how to make the most of your connected home—inside and out!