

Midstate Messenger

MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

June 2025

Outdoor Family Fun, Seamless Wi-Fi



Whether it's a backyard movie night, a summer BBQ with streaming music, or checking the game from the deck—your internet should work where you are. With Midstate's powerful managed Wi-Fi solutions, you can enjoy a strong, seamless connection both inside and outside your home. Let's make your summer more connected than ever. Call or message Midstate today and let us help design a Wi-Fi experience built around your lifestyle—indoors and out.

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

June 20 - Bills due by 12:00 PM.

June 27 - July bills are mailed out and due July 20th by 12:00 PM



2025 CUSTOMER APPRECIATION COOKOUTS

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

June 10th - Fort Thompson

June 12th - Academy

June 17th - Delmont

June 19th - Chamberlain

FREE Food, Freebies

and fun!



Summer is a time to relax, connect, and fire up the grill—and we're doing just that with our 2025 Customer Appreciation Cookouts! You're invited to enjoy a delicious FREE lunch (we're talkin' big, juicy hotdogs!) and catch up with your local Midstate Communications team.

These cookouts are one of our favorite ways to say thank you to the amazing communities we serve. Here's where you'll find us this summer:

- 📍 June 10 – Fort Thompson Tribal Hall
- 📍 June 12 – Academy Fire Department
- 📍 June 17 – Delmont Community Center
- 📍 June 19 – Chamberlain Community Center

Swing by for free food, fun giveaways, and friendly faces. We can't wait to see you there!

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



Announcing BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Cooperative members will elect two members for three-year terms to the Midstate Board of Directors in District 1 and District 3. Petitions must be completed and returned to our Kimball office on or before June 17, 2025. Find out more information about becoming a board member on our website at:

<https://web.midstatesd.net/blog/category/news/>

Midstate Communications Awards \$5,250 in Scholarships

Midstate Communications supports our youth through education as they become our future leaders. We have awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships over the years to students graduating from our area schools, and are privileged to be able to provide financial support for educational purposes to students throughout our serving area.

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2025 Midstate Communications Scholarships. Each student will receive a \$750 Scholarship. Congratulations to these students and the entire class of 2025!



Lillyan Fechner

Armour High School

Parents: Heather & Darren Fechner

Selah DuVall

Chamberlain High School

Parents: Darrel & Yvette DuVall

Tate Tolsma

Corsica - Stickney High School

Parents: Paula Tolsma & Shannon Tolsma

Cooper Leiferman

Kimball High School

Parents: Brent & Cassi Leiferman

Sydney Neuman

Platte - Geddes High School

Parents: James & Teresa Neuman

Carson Vanden Berge

Platte - Geddes High School

Parents: Scott & Laura Vanden Berge

Bane VanZee

Platte - Geddes High School

Parents: Brandon & April VanZee

Staying Cyber-Safe While Traveling

Travel opens doors to new experiences, cultures, and memories—but it can also open the door to cyber risks. Whether you're working remotely from the beach or checking email in an airport lounge, it's important to stay vigilant with your online safety. At Midstate Communications, we care about your digital well-being—at home and on the go. That's why we're sharing a few quick tips to help protect your personal information while traveling:

1. Use a Privacy Screen

Public places like airports and cafés are prime spots for “shoulder surfers”—people trying to peek at your screen. A privacy screen filter for your phone or tablet makes it hard for anyone nearby to view your activity unless they're directly in front of your device.

2. Connect with a VPN

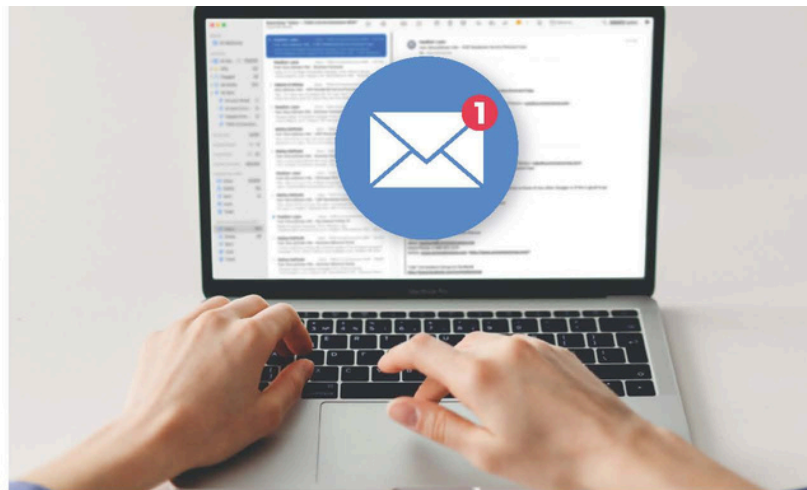
Public Wi-Fi may be convenient, but it's also a hotspot for hackers. A VPN (Virtual Private Network) encrypts your connection, keeping your personal data safe from prying eyes. Just be sure to activate it every time you connect to public Wi-Fi.

3. Track Your Travel Crew with Life360

Stay connected to your group using the Life360 app. It allows real-time location sharing, which can come in handy if someone wanders off or you need peace of mind while exploring unfamiliar areas.

With a few simple tools and habits, you can enjoy your trip and keep your digital life secure. For more cybersecurity tips, follow us on our website or social media!





GO FROM MAILBOX TO INBOX WITH **PAPERLESS BILLING & AUTOMATIC PAYMENT**

CHOOSE PAPERLESS BILLING ALONG WITH AUTO BANK OR AUTO CREDIT CARD AND GET A ONE-TIME \$20 BILL CREDIT*

Now's the time to switch to Midstate Communications paperless billing, which means you'll receive your statements via email rather than "snail mail."

With auto bank or auto credit card and paperless billing, you'll have one less bill in your mailbox each month, less clutter on your kitchen counter, and receive a recurring \$1.50 credit every month on your invoice! Plus, you'll help us use less paper and save some trees.

1. Complete and return the auto bank or auto credit card form on the back of this sheet.
2. Go to <https://estatement.midstatesd.net> to set up eBill
3. Once logged in, click on SETTINGS.
4. At the top click on GENERAL.
5. Choose WEB BILL ONLY and we will set up your \$1.50 monthly discount and give you a one-time \$20 discount!



**12 month eBill commitment required.*

MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC
Customer Authorization for Direct Payment via ACH or Credit Card

Direct Payment via ACH is the transfer of funds from a consumer account for the purpose of making a payment. If you wish to have your account set up on Direct Payment from your Bank Account or Credit Card, please complete the Authorization form below and return to: Midstate Communications, Inc. PO Box 48 Kimball, SD 57355.

Name _____ Account # _____

CHECK ONE: ☐ New Payment ☐ Change Information ☐ Cancel Auto Bank/Auto Credit Card

I (we) agree that the authorized MONTHLY debit date will be as elected: ☐ 4th ☐ 10th ☐ 19th

I (we) understand that this is a recurring entry request and that debits will occur at substantially regular intervals, as chosen above, without further affirmative action by the receiver.

AUTOMATIC BANK WITHDRAWAL:

CHECK ONE: ☐ Checking Account ☐ Savings Account

Depository (Bank) Name: _____ Routing Number: _____

Name on Account: _____ Account Number: _____

Please enclose a personalized **VOIDED CHECK or an account verification letter from your financial institution containing their letterhead.*

AUTOMATIC CREDIT CARD WITHDRAWAL:

CHECK ONE: ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV # _____

**I agree to inform Midstate when my card expires and provide them with a new card number and updated expiration date.*

I (we) authorize Midstate Communications, Inc. to electronically debit my(our) account and, if necessary, to electronically credit my(our) account to correct erroneous debits to the account listed above. I (we) agree that ACH transactions I (we) authorize comply with all applicable laws.

I (we) agree that the authorized debit amount will be: The balance due on the account on the elected debit date stated above.

I (we) understand that this authorization will remain in full force and in effect until I (we) notify Midstate Communications, Inc., in writing, that I (we) wish to revoke this authorization. I (we) understand that Midstate Communications, Inc. requires a minimum of five business days prior notice to cancel this authorization.

Customer(s) Printed Name(s): _____

Customer(s) Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Go PAPERLESS? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please go to www.midstatesd.net – Click on My Bill Pay – Sign up for Estatement. You will need your latest invoice with the account number and the amount due. Once signed up, you will need to change your invoice preference to WEB BILL ONLY. Click on SETTINGS and at the top click on GENERAL. Choose to receive “Web bill only” Once your sign up is complete, you will begin to receive a \$1.50 per month discount on your bill!