

Midstate Messenger

MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

July 2025



Are you planning a home project, shop, or new structure? Don't forget to call Midstate before you break ground to get on our plow list!

If you'll need internet service at your new location, reach out so we can get you on our summer plow list. Call or Text us at: 605-778-6221

Summer's flying by - don't wait!

July 4 - Closed

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

July 20 - Bills due by 12:00 PM.

July 30 - August bills are mailed out and due August 20th by 12:00 PM



Capital Credit Disbursement Surpasses 1 Million Dollars

Over one million dollars will be returned to Midstate Communications member-owners the end of July. At the May meeting, Midstate's Board of Directors discussed the distribution of capital. After a discussion and with a unanimous vote, it was decided to payout 100% of 2005, 85% of 2006, 10% of 2007, and 7% of 2024.

Midstate Communications members in good standing who purchased internet, telephone, and/or long-distance service during the years mentioned above, and have undistributed capital will receive a capital credit check this year. The payout amounts differ among the members because capital credits are allocated based on the amount of service each member purchased.

District Elections Cancelled



The District elections scheduled for July 17th for candidates from Districts 1 and 3 are canceled as only one petition was filed for each position. Incumbents Clayton Knippling, District 1 representative, along with Maria Goodman, District 3 representative, were the only candidates to successfully file a petition to run for the board seats.

As the only candidates for their respective Districts, Clayton and Maria will be re-appointed to three-year terms on the board of directors for Midstate Communications at the October Annual Meeting of Members. District 1 represents the communities of Fort Thompson, Gann Valley, and Kimball. District 3 represents Chamberlain, Oacoma, and Pukwana.

16 Billion Reasons To Change Your Password

Yes, you read that right—16 billion passwords reportedly were compromised in a massive data breach in June. If you’re still using the same old password (or a variation of “123456”) or can’t recall the last time you updated yours, now’s the time.

Stay protected:

- Change your passwords—use something strong and unique.
- Turn on two-factor authentication (2FA) for extra security.
- Use a password manager to keep track of everything.

Want help or tips? Scan this QR code, visit our website or give us a call or text at 605-778-6221 We’re here to help you stay safe online.



Do We Owe You Money?

Notice is hereby given that the records of Midstate Communications, Inc., indicate that the following named persons, firms or entities are entitled to receive the amount shown from Midstate Communications, Inc.:


Name	Address	Address	Amount
Mike & Estelle Konechne	26451 374th Ave	White Lake, SD 57383-6016	\$127.59
Darwin Wilkins	850 E 600 S Apt 5	Saint George, UT 84770-3881	\$127.92
Curt & Willie Wood	PO Box 177	Chinle, AZ 86503-0177	\$128.26
Genea George	6774 Highway 64	Hartman, AR 72840-8979	\$134.20
Jim & Wanda Crichton	PO Box 224	Delmont, SD 57330-0224	\$138.49
Brian Mohr	19535 Jes Pl	Pierre, SD 57501-7501	\$151.28
Wayne Anderson	Po Box 95	Stickney, SD 57375-0095	\$179.09
Don & Carl Vonsternberg Ensz	415 Prince St	Alexandria, VA 22314-3113	\$179.49
Dave's Aerial Spraying	726 Oak St N	Fargo, ND 58102-3828	\$198.99
Rich & Evelyn English	204 W Havens Ave	Mitchell, SD 57301-3957	\$230.12
Health Care Services	Po Box 259	Fort Thompson, SD 57339-0259	\$349.79
B & L Business Enterprises, Inc	127 Orion Ave	Pierre, SD 57501-5664	\$375.00
Community Health Rep.	Po Box 259	Fort Thompson, SD 57339-0259	\$442.87
Edwin Hartman	PO Box 128	Webster, SD 57274-0128	\$497.85
Ultimate Outdoor Advent	2900 E 26th St Ste 310	Sioux Falls, SD 57103-4060	\$519.25
Farmers Fed Pork Coop	509 Dakota Ave	Wahpeton, ND 58075-4414	\$571.07
Swift Horse Lodge	PO Box 157	Fort Thompson, SD 57339-0157	\$657.65

This amount will be forfeited to Midstate Communications, Inc., six months after the date of the first publication unless the money is claimed and proper evidence of ownership is submitted to Midstate within the six month period.

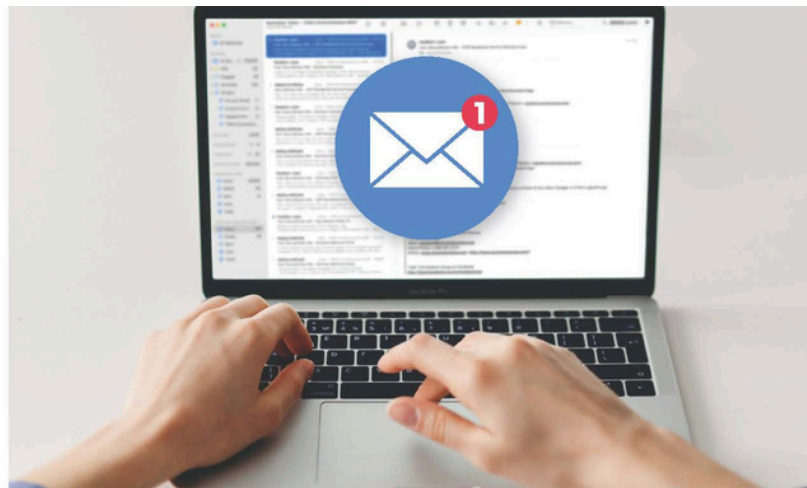
For further information contact Chad Mutziger, General Manager at Midstate Communications, Inc., PO Box 48, Kimball, SD 57355-0048 or call 605-778-6221.

Dated this 12th Day of June, 2025

Midstate Communications, Inc.

BY: 
General Manager





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!