





## Weeds in the Inbox

Gene stood over his garden, smiling. “Beans are coming in nice this year.”

Linda stepped closer and pointed. “Those aren’t all beans, Gene.”

He squinted. “Well... they look like it.”

“Not everything that pops up belongs,” she said.

Gene dusted off his hands as a notification went off on his cell phone. He tapped the email app “Well now... I just got an email and it looks like I won a free grill from the local hardware store. I just need to click on a button to accept it,” he said, already reaching to click.

Linda didn’t even look up. “Is it from an email address you know?”

“Well... no.”

Linda smiled. “Gene, that’s called phishing,” she said. “Scammers send emails that look real to get you to click before you think.”

Gene paused. “So what should I watch for?”

“If it’s from someone you don’t know, promises unexpected good news, or tries to rush you—that’s your sign that it is too good to be true.”

Gene pulled his hand back. “So... no free grill?”

Linda smiled. “Not unless you ordered one. Give yourself nine seconds to think before you click.”

The takeaway? Not everything that pops up belongs—whether it’s in your garden or your inbox.

It’s always better to Call Before You Click. Contact the business directly—or call or text Midstate at 605-778-6221. We’re here to help.

# Announcing BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

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

**District 2** (Delmont, New Holland, Stickney & White Lake)

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

## Board of Directors Election Notice

Midstate Communications members will elect two board members to serve three-year terms.

To qualify, you must:

- Live in District 1 or District 2
- Be a member in good standing with the Cooperative

How to Get on the Ballot

- Request a nomination petition from the Midstate Communications office in Kimball
- Submit your completed petition on or before June 16, 2026

If two or more qualified candidates file in a district, ballots will be mailed to members in that district. For those wanting to cast their ballot in person, an election meeting will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 - 11 am in the Midstate office in Kimball.

If you're interested in running or have questions, call or text us at 605-778-6221—we're happy to help.

The business affairs of Midstate Communications are guided by a board of directors representing four districts, helping ensure your cooperative stays locally focused and member-driven. Current incumbents of the election mentioned above are:

**District 1:** Three-year term: Dave Lehr

**District 2:** Three-year term: Robert Holleman



# GRADUATION INSPIRES HAPPY FACES

Congratulations to all local graduates!



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TO PAY US VIA  
**AutoPay**

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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 [estatement.midstatesd.net](http://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:     4<sup>th</sup>     10<sup>th</sup>     19<sup>th</sup>

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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