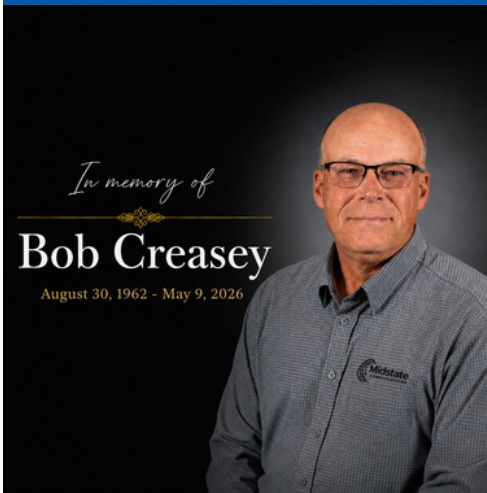


Midstate Messenger

MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

June 2026



Midstate COMMUNICATIONS *Save the Date!*

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION Cookouts

📅 June 9 th	Stickney Community Center
📅 June 11 th	Pukwana Community Center
📅 June 18 th	Gann Valley Fire Hall
📅 June 23 rd	Platte Community Center

A photograph showing a person in a blue shirt and gloves grilling hot dogs on a large outdoor grill. The grill is filled with many hot dogs.

Midstate Communications extends our deepest sympathies to the family of Bob Creasey, who passed away on May 9, 2026. Bob was a dedicated Midstate Communications board member and, at the time of his passing, the board's president.

Bob was on the Midstate Communications board for over twenty-five years in the Platte/Geddes district and was committed to the concerns of the telecommunications industry. His leadership and friendship will be missed.

Midstate Communications is excited to once again host our annual Customer Appreciation Cookouts across our service area this summer! These events are our way of saying thank you to the members and communities we proudly serve throughout the year.

Midstate will bring the employees, the grill, and the food — and we invite you to join us for a FREE lunch, friendly conversation, and community fun. Attendees will also have the opportunity to register for door prizes and visit with Midstate Communications staff about our services, fiber internet, streaming TV, and more.

All cookouts will take place from 11 AM to 1 PM. As part of this year's cookouts, we are also encouraging attendees to help us give back by bringing an item to support their local food pantry.

We look forward to seeing you this summer and thank you for being a member of Midstate Communications Cooperative!

Important Dates

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

June 20 - Bills due by 12:00 PM.

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



Planning a new home, shop, cabin, or farm project? Midstate Fiber Internet delivers the fast, reliable connection you can count on for streaming, working, learning, and staying connected.

If you're considering service at a new location, don't wait until the ground starts to cool down. Call or text Midstate Communications at 605-778-6221 to discuss your project and get on the schedule before the next plow date arrives!

ANNOUNCING

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

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

DISTRICT 1
Kimball, Gann Valley, Fort Thompson

DISTRICT 2
Delmont, New Holland, Stickney, White Lake



To find more information about the qualifications for being a board member in District 1 or 2, see the information on our website at www.midstatesd.net. Nominating petitions must be submitted on or before June 16, 2026.

Planting Strong Connections



Midstate Communications employees are digging into a new health and wellness project this spring: an employee garden! Team members have been working together to plant tomatoes and peppers, with plans to add onions, cucumbers, and pumpkins in the coming weeks.

If the garden grows as fast as our coffee intake around the office, we should have quite the harvest by fall! Even better, many of the empty coffee canisters are being reused around the plants for a little support from the South Dakota wind. With plenty of teamwork, sunshine, and a little patience, we're excited to see what grows this summer.



Gene shrugged. "Larry says everybody's using them."

Linda shook her head. "These Super Boxes can be dangerous. I read on the Midstate Communications website, that many of them connect strangers or malware right into your home network. That means hackers could potentially access personal information, passwords, banking activity, and other devices connected to your Wi-Fi."

Gene's smile faded a little. "So this thing could actually mess with our internet?"

"Absolutely," Linda said. "People often notice slower Wi-Fi, buffering TVs, camera problems, and devices acting strangely after hooking one up."

Then Linda added one more warning.

"And streaming TV you haven't paid for is illegal. Some people have received copyright warning letters or even risked losing internet service because of illegal streaming activity."

Gene looked at the box for a moment before unplugging it.

"Well," he said, "guess we'll stick with the Amazon Fire Stick and Netflix we actually pay for."

Linda smiled. "Safer, legal, and a whole lot less trouble."

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 provide financial support for education to students throughout our service area.

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2026 Midstate Communications Scholarships. Each student will receive a \$750 Scholarship. Congratulations to these students and the entire class of 2026!

Cadence Konechne
Kimball High School
Parents: Kelly & Kayla Konechne

Mariah Gosmire
White Lake High School
Parents: Sandy Falk & Jason Gosmire

Addison Walstad
Platte - Geddes High School
Parents: Lynn & Erin Walstad

Mallory Gant
Platte - Geddes High School
Parents: Jason & Christina Gant

Kyza Johnson
White Lake High School
Parents: Justin & Annie Johnson

Remie Roduner
Wessington Springs High School
Parents: Steve & Jennifer Roduner

Sienna Gillen
Kimball High School
Parents: Matt & Emily Gillen

The Real Cost Of A Super Box

Gene walked into the house carrying a little black box with a grin on his face. "Linda, I just paid for this Super Box, and now I can get every TV channel for free," he said proudly.

Linda looked up from her tablet. "Gene, if something sounds too good to be true, it usually is."



WE'LL PAY
YOU \$20
TO PAY US VIA
AutoPay

**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 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!