

# Midstate Messenger

MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

July 2026

## District Elections Cancelled



The District elections scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> for candidates from Districts 1 and 2 are canceled, as only one petition was filed for each position. Incumbents Dave Lehr, District 1 representative, and Robert Holleman, District 2 representative, were the only candidates to successfully file petitions to run for the board seats.

As the only candidates for their respective Districts, Dave and Robert will be reappointed 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 2 represents Delmont, New Holland, Stickney, and White Lake.

## Important Dates

**July 3** - Midstate Offices Closed

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

**July 20** - Bills due by 12:00 PM.

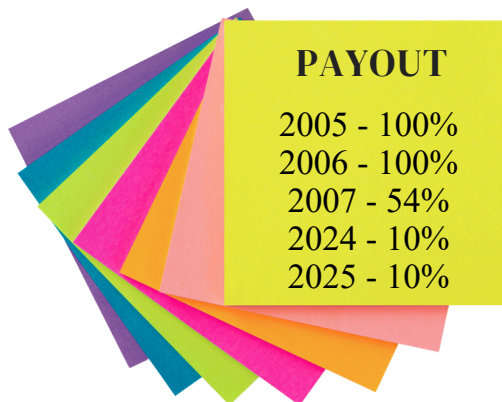
**July 30** - August bills are mailed out and due August 20th by 12:00 PM



On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we celebrate more than the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. We also celebrate the stars of our families and neighborhoods - the people who grill the burgers, light the fireworks, and build the relationships we cherish. It's a time to gather and recognize our country's blessings. Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday, USA!

Midstate Communications wishes you a wonderful holiday weekend with family and friends. Our offices will be closed Friday, July 3rd.

## **Benefit\$ of Cooperative Membership**



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 with a unanimous vote, it was decided to payout capital as listed on the left note.

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 services each member purchased.



# Company's Coming..Is The Wifi Ready?

Linda had the guest towels ready, the fridge stocked, and snacks waiting for the grandkids.

Gene was holding a sticky note.

“The kids are coming this weekend,” Gene said. “Before they even get their shoes off, they’ll be asking for the Wi-Fi password.”

Linda smiled. “Not ‘How are you, Grandpa?’”

“Nope,” Gene said. “‘What’s your Wi-Fi?’ Then out come the phones, tablets, game systems, and everything else they brought along.”

“That’s why I set up a guest Wi-Fi network,” Linda said.

Gene frowned. “A guest what?”

“A separate Wi-Fi connection for company,” Linda explained. “They can get online without using our main home Wi-Fi password.”

Gene looked relieved. “So they get internet, and we keep our regular password private?”

“Exactly,” Linda said.

With Midstate’s managed Wi-Fi and the free CommandIQ app, customers with a Midstate router can create a guest Wi-Fi network right from their phone.

Before company arrives, download the free CommandIQ app, set up a guest network, and be ready for the famous question: “What’s your Wi-Fi password?”

## 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
Ultimate Outdoor Adventures	2900 E 26 <sup>th</sup> St Ste 310	Sioux Falls, SD 57103-4060	\$733.91
B & L Business Enterprises, Inc	28867 Clover Rd	Pierre, SD 57501-6350	\$515.64
Ensz, Don & Carl Vonsternberg	415 Prince St	Alexandria, VA 22314-3113	\$279.34
Dave’s Aerial Spraying	726 Oak St N	Fargo, ND 58102-3828	\$378.97
Farmers Fed Pork Coop	509 Dakota Ave	Wahpeton, ND 58075-4414	\$794.26
Community First National Bank	PO Box 227	Platte, SD 57369-0227	\$662.18
English, Rich & Evelyn	204 W Havens Ave	Mitchell, SD 57301-3957	\$306.74
De Waard, Leon & Mary	408 S 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Stickney, SD 57375-2100	\$304.63

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 15th Day of June, 2026

Midstate Communications, Inc.

BY:   
 General Manager





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](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: \_\_\_\_\_

Go PAPERLESS?     YES     NO

If yes, please go to [www.midstatesd.net](http://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!