

Midstate Messenger

MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

August 2026

Planning a Project? Call Midstate!



It is hard to believe summer is already winding down, which means our opportunities to plow new fiber for 2026 will soon come to an end.

If you are planning a new home, shop, garage, business, or another building project and would like fiber extended to a specific structure, now is the time to reach out. Not sure where to begin or what work may be needed? Our staff can help walk you through the process and answer your questions.

Call or text Midstate at 605-778-6221 to get started.

Important Dates

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

August 20 - Bills due by 12:00 PM.

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

October 1 - Save The Date!
74th Annual Meeting
Doors open at 5:30 pm



CHOOSE FIBER INTERNET OVER 5G HOME INTERNET

With 5G home internet, the shared bandwidth of cell towers—plus line-of-sight issues from obstacles such as buildings or terrain—can cause slowdowns. And when internet speeds go down, you may start to feel down, since slower speeds impede working from home and cause annoying buffering during streaming.

Instead, say yes to getting (or keeping) our fiber internet with consistently fast speeds up to 1 Gig. That level of performance will quickly make your day.

Customer Appreciation Cookout Winners 2026

Thank You for Being Part of Our Cooperative!

Stickney Winners

- 1 Larry Vreugdenhil — \$50 Midstate Credit
- 2 Jerry Hatle — \$25 Midstate Credit
- 3 Jordan Tolsma — \$10 Midstate Credit
- 🎁 Kid's Winner — Marie W.

Pukwana Winners

- 1 Emmalee George — \$50 Midstate Credit
- 2 Clement Jankord — \$25 Midstate Credit
- 3 Richard Duvall — \$10 Midstate Credit
- 🎁 Kid's Winner — Gene L.

Gann Valley Winners

- 1 Elaine Wulff — \$50 Midstate Credit
- 2 Bob Koranda — \$25 Midstate Credit
- 3 Rex Zastrow — \$10 Midstate Credit
- 🎁 Kid's Winner — Luke A.

Platte Winners

- 1 Zeke Huizenga — \$50 Midstate Credit
- 2 La Mae Boyden — \$25 Midstate Credit
- 3 Carol Vanderpol — \$10 Midstate Credit
- 🎁 Kid's Winner — Shalene





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Available through the ESPN website and app, ESPN Unlimited brings together all ESPN networks and ESPN+ in one place. Subscribers can watch NFL, NBA, WNBA, NHL and MLB coverage, along with tennis and golf majors, WWE, SEC, ACC and Big 12 football and basketball, the College Football Playoffs and more. You can also enjoy popular studio shows such as SportsCenter, First Take and College GameDay.

The plan includes ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU, ESPNNEWS, ESPN Deportes, SEC Network, ACC Network, ESPN+, ESPN on ABC, SEC Network+ and ACC Network Extra. Whether you are following your favorite team or catching up on the day's biggest sports stories, ESPN Unlimited gives you more ways to watch.

To get started, visit the website [WatchTVEverywhere](https://wtve.net)

<https://wtve.net> and create an account or sign in using your Midstate TV information. Once you are logged in, select ESPN and follow the instructions to access ESPN Unlimited through the ESPN unlimited app or website.

What Those 5G Bars Don't Tell You

"I keep hearing about this 5G home internet," Gene said, looking at his phone. "It must be pretty good. I've got four bars and that little 5G symbol right there."

Linda glanced over her glasses. "Jill thought the same thing."

"Jill from quilt club?"

"That's the one. Her grandkids have been staying with her this summer. She said the internet works fine during the day, but around seven o'clock, when everyone gets home and starts streaming, gaming, and using their phones, it really slows down."

Gene looked at his phone again. "So these bars don't tell me the whole story?"

"Not when it comes to internet for the entire house," Linda said. "Those bars show the signal reaching your phone. They don't tell you how well a wireless connection will handle televisions, tablets, computers, cameras, and everything else connected at the same time."

"I suppose a lot of people are using the same tower in the evening," Gene said.

"Exactly. Wireless internet can change depending on distance, obstacles, signal strength, and how many people are using the tower. Midstate fiber follows a direct wired path to our home."

"And we don't have to keep track of how much internet the grandkids use," Gene added.

"That's right. Midstate fiber includes unlimited internet. We don't have to worry about reaching a monthly usage limit or having our service slowed because we used too much."

Gene nodded. "And if something goes wrong, we know who to call."

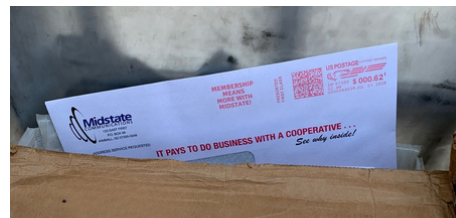
"Midstate employees live and work right here," Linda said. "They support our schools, attend community events, and give back to the towns we call home."

Gene picked up an envelope from the counter. "Speaking of giving back, did you see the capital credit check we just received?"

"I did," Linda said.

Gene smiled. "I don't suppose one of those cell phone towers will be mailing us one anytime soon."

Linda laughed. "I wouldn't wait by the mailbox."



Did You Receive This Letter?

The Midstate Board of Directors recently authorized a capital credit distribution of approximately \$1,009,317.54. If you had Midstate service in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2024,

or 2025, keep an eye on your mailbox—you may be receiving a check!

This is also an important reminder to keep your mailing address current with Midstate Communications. Even after you move away from our service area, future capital credit payments may still be waiting for you—and we want to make sure they find you.

What will you spend your check on? Join the conversation and tell us on the Midstate Communications Facebook page!