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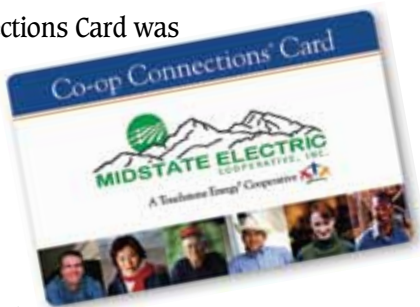
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## Touchstone Energy® Co-op Connections® Update

The Co-op Connections Card was distributed to Midstate Electric members in late June. Through November 30th, 2,013 prescriptions have been filled using the pharmacy discount.



Members have saved an average of 39% for a total savings of \$41,067.90.

The Co-op Connections Card is a member benefit card that allows members and their families to access pharmacy discounts, local and national business discounts and coupons.

Local businesses that are participating in the program are:

- 4 Seasons Recreational Outfitters (Sunriver)
- Anytime Fitness (La Pine)
- Bronze Beach Tanning & Salon (La Pine)
- Central Oregon Towing & Recovery (La Pine)
- Ecowater Systems (Sunriver)
- Floral Designs by Linda LLC (La Pine)
- La Pine Towing & Recovery (La Pine)
- Sebastian's Healthy Pet Food & Supply (Sunriver)
- Snow Cap Collision Repair & Paint (La Pine)
- Sunriver Dance Academy (Sunriver)

Visit [www.co-opconnections.com](http://www.co-opconnections.com) for a list of national business discounts and coupons.

If you do not have a Co-op Connections Card, call the Marketing Department at 541-536-2126.

## Over \$750,000 in Conservation Rebates Paid to Midstate Electric Members

Most companies don't encourage their customers to use less of the product they sell; that's where Midstate Electric is different. We not only encourage you to use less of our product, we pay you incentives to do it!

That may not make sense to some people, but it does to us because our customers are actually our "members" or "owners". As a cooperative, we provide programs and services that add value to our membership. Members participating in our Conservation Rebate Program have reduced electric bills and more money in their pockets.

In the last 3 years, we have paid over \$750,000 in conservation incentives for a savings of over 3,250,000 kWhs. The savings are attributed to members improving energy efficiency by weather-stripping and caulking; upgrading ceiling, floor and wall insulation; and installing high efficiency windows, heat pumps, water heaters and ENERGY STAR® qualified products.



For more information,  
call Marketing  
541-536-2126



## Stay Away From Downed Power Lines

Winter weather increases the chance of downed power lines. If you see a downed line, don't touch it! Keep others away and call us immediately. Only our employees have the equipment and knowledge required to correct the situation.

541-536-2126 or 800-722-7219  
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## The Weather is Colder... Keep Comfortable and Save Energy While Heating Your Home

In the winter, heating your home is probably your biggest expense accounting for between 35% and 65% of your total monthly utility bill. Here are a few energy saving tips to consider:

- Set your thermostat at no higher than 68 degrees. Night time setback is advisable for manual thermostats. Let a programmable thermostat turn the heat up an hour before you wake up. If you have a heat pump, raising the thermostat more than 2-4 degrees at a time will cause the electric heating strips to come on significantly increasing your heating costs.
- Wear the layered look...bundle up when it's real cold. Keep the body temperature up instead of turning the thermostat up.
- Keep your furnace filters clean, check them monthly and change or clean them as needed. Make sure the heating vents are unobstructed. It's a good idea to have your entire heating system checked every year by a qualified heating contractor.
- In the evening, close your blinds and drapes to keep the cold out and the warmth in. In cooler months be sure to open them in the morning so the warmth of the sun can help warm your home.
- Don't let heat escape. Keep windows and doors closed during cold periods. Check the weather-stripping and caulking on exterior doors and windows. Adjust or replace weather-stripping and caulking if needed.

For more ways to save energy, contact Marketing at 541-536-2126.



Midstate Electric offers easy online bill payment at: [www.midstateelectric.coop](http://www.midstateelectric.coop).



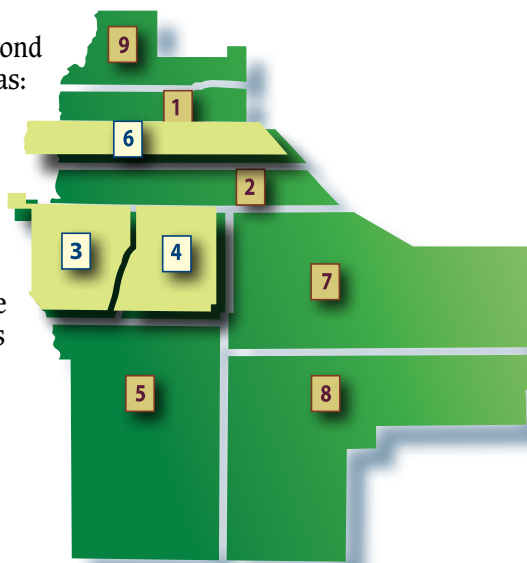
Pay your bills or review detailed information about your account.

## Board Districts 3, 4 and 6 Up for Election in 2010

Director positions on the Board of Midstate Electric Cooperative for District 3, 4 and 6 are up for election at the Annual Meeting on May 15, 2010:

### District 3

Current Director – Gordon DeArmond  
District 3 (Crescent) is described as: North boundary is the Deschutes County and Klamath County line, including the ODOT Tunnel at Willamette Pass. West boundary is the Douglas County and the Klamath County line, and a portion of Lane County to include the ODOT Tunnel. South boundary is a line running east and west one mile north of Highway 58 Junction. East boundary is Highway 97 one mile north of Gilchrist, then due north.



### District 4

Current Director – Ron Sommerfeldt  
District 4 (Gilchrist) is described as: North boundary is the Deschutes and Klamath County line. West boundary is the center line of Highway 97 to a point one mile north of Gilchrist then due north to the Deschutes County line. South boundary is an east-west line one mile north of Highway 58 Junction. East boundary is the Klamath and Lake County line.

### District 6

Current Director – Bud Kendall  
District 6 (La Pine) is described as: North boundary is the north line of Township 21 South, which is about 1.5 miles north of the intersection of State Rec Road and Highway 97. West boundary is the Lane County and Deschutes County line. South boundary is Burgess Road (and its extension east and west.) East boundary is six miles east of East Lake.

## 2010 Dates to Remember

January 1	New Year's – Office Closed
May 7	Scholarship Applications Due
May 15	Annual Meeting
May 31	Memorial Day – Office Closed
July 5	Independence Day – Office Closed
August 13	Calendar Photo Contest Deadline
September 6	Labor Day – Office Closed
November 25 & 26	Thanksgiving – Office Closed
December 24	Christmas – Office Closed
December 31	New Year's – Office Closed

Save  
The Date

**Midstate Electric  
Annual Meeting  
Saturday, May 15, 2010**

Celebrating a 58 Year Tradition...Don't Miss It

