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A Monthly Publication for Midstate Electric Members

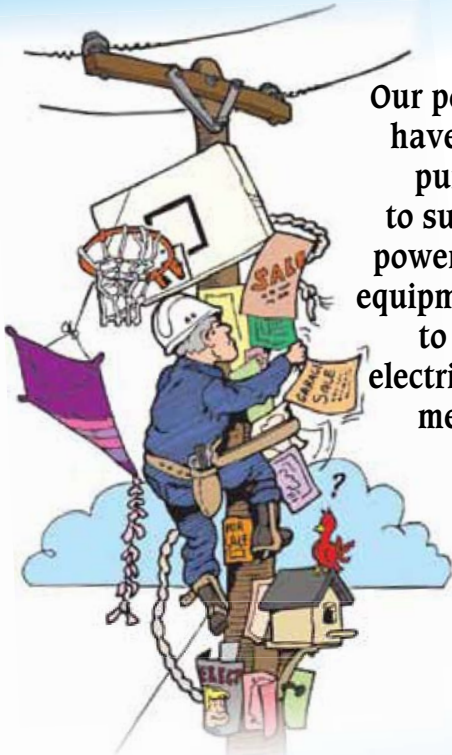


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SAFETY REMINDER



Our power poles
have just one
purpose...
to support the
power lines and
equipment needed
to deliver
electricity to our
members.

Unfortunately, some people have other plans for the poles, like displaying garage sale signs, mounting bird houses and other things. Using our poles for things other than their intended purpose can create a dangerous situation for our linemen. A linemen's climbing gear can slip on the nails and screws used to attach these prohibited items. Their rubber gloves, used to protect them from high voltage, can be torn. Both of these situations can cause disastrous results. Unauthorized attachments will also weaken poles, causing them to rot, and shorten their life substantially. So, next time your pet is lost or you're having a garage sale, put yourself in a linemen's boots and use a wooden stake to support your sign.

We're always thinking of
WAYS TO HELP
our members

SAVE ELECTRICITY.

And then we thought,
WHY STOP THERE?



TOGETHERWESAVE.COM

To help our members save money, we joined the Co-op Connections Card Program. The card provides pharmacy discounts, local and national business discounts and coupons. To see available discounts, visit www.co-opconnections.com.

The biggest benefit for our members has been the pharmacy discount. In just nine months, members have filled 5,576 prescriptions for a savings of \$103,666.

The card is yours. The savings are yours. All because you're a member of Midstate Electric Cooperative. If you need a card, call the Marketing Department at 541-536-2126.

Paperless Billing No More Bill Stubs, Envelopes, Stamps or Checks

Life is a little easier and greener with paperless billing. With this online resource, you can manage your account at your convenience, anytime, anywhere!

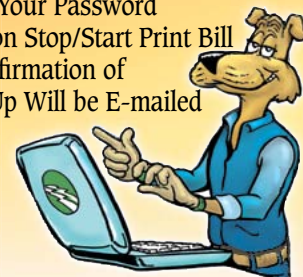
Benefits include:

- 24/7 access to your account information
- Automated e-mail notification indicating that your monthly statement is available
- Ability to view or print your statement
- Review your billing, payment and usage history
- Have your payment drafted through any bank, savings and loan or credit union, as well as your VISA, MasterCard or Discover

Please Note: Paperless Billing is not available to Invoice/Summary Billing Customers at this time.

To sign up:

- Go to www.midstateelectric.coop
- Click on Pay Your Bill
- Enter Your E-mail Address
- Enter Your Password
- Click on Stop/Start Print Bill
- A Confirmation of Sign Up Will be E-mailed to You



Be On the Lookout for A Great Shot!

The Midstate Electric 2011 Member Calendar Photo Contest Begins in June

The contest theme for this year will be an open theme which allows for a nice cross section of photographs taken from around the Central Oregon area. Watch for complete rules and details next month.



**Don't wait...
take some time and
start shooting...
NOW!!!**

Conservation Program Rebates Through September 30, 2010

Heat Pumps	ENERGY STAR®
Duct Sealing	Appliances
Weatherization	Compact Fluorescent Lights
Water Heaters	New Homes

Rebates may only be available for specific periods and may end anytime. For details, call the Marketing Department at 541-536-2126.

Holiday Closings

**Memorial Day
Monday, May 31**

**Independence Day
Monday, July 5**

Power of Community Grassroots Program

Are you a member of the Power of Community grassroots program? If your answer is "not yet," please consider signing up today. Midstate Electric needs your support in reaching out to elected officials who make policies that can help, or hinder, our member-owned co-op.



Currently, the electric utility industry is in a state of transition. Changes from the way we purchase power to the advances in technology affecting the way power is generated - even the way we are more conscious when using electricity is shifting energy consumption - all amount to potential impacts to your electric bill.

In these times of economic uncertainty, joining the Power of Community program is one thing you can do to help keep your power reliable and rates stable. The Power of Community program is a grassroots organization of Oregon's member-owned electric utilities. This free program is offered through Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association and Midstate Electric.

There are many issues outside the immediate control of Midstate Electric and its board of directors. During session last year, the Oregon State Legislature debated many issues that touched on operations and service at our co-op.



On the national level, energy legislation is currently under consideration in Congress. Joining with other grassroots members from around the state and region is an effective and powerful way to hold our Congressional delegates and State Legislators accountable to us, the ratepayers.

As a Power of Community member, you will receive updates on current issues highlighting bills and issues in the Oregon State Legislature when in session. Occasionally, we may send you an action alert that will request you contact your elected officials to express support or opposition to policies, including step-by-step instructions. You are never under any obligation to participate and we will never share your personal contact information.

If you would like to stand up for Midstate Electric, please join the Power of Community program. If you are already a member - thank you for your support - please encourage your friends and neighbors to join today! We need to grow our numbers to grow our effectiveness. To sign-up on-line visit <http://oreca.org/powercom.php> or fill out the following coupon.

Yes. I will take part in the grassroots effort called Power of Community to help keep my power reliable and rates stable.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail address: _____

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