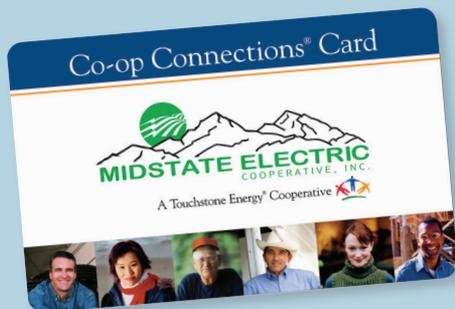




MIDSTATE CONNECTION

Office Hours: 7:00 am-5:30 pm, Monday-Thursday
Closed Fridays & Holidays

Business Hours: 541-536-2126
After Hours Outages: 800-752-5935



Touchstone Energy® Co-op Connections® Update

The Co-op Connections Card is a money-saving member benefits program that provides valuable local and national discounts. The most widely used benefit of the card, the pharmacy discount, has saved members \$1,011,428 since June 2009.

For more information call 541-536-2126 option 5.

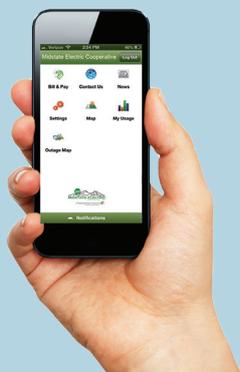
The Center of Member Engagement



Manage your electric account 24/7 by accessing SmartHub at www.mse.coop.

With SmartHub, you can:

- Pay your bill online
- View billing history
- Monitor energy use
- Receive notifications via email or text message
- Report outages and track outage restoration progress
- Check MEC's newsfeed



Friends Stay Connected



SUMMER OUTDOOR SAFETY TIPS

Outdoor ELECTRICAL SAFETY

In June, we step into the summer season. As the weather warms up and outdoor activities beckon, please think about electrical safety when planning your projects and enjoying time outside.



Cut Trees Safely

A careful site evaluation is very important before you begin a tree cutting project. Take time for

a safety check. Look up and around for powerlines. Contact with a powerline while falling a tree could be fatal.



Power Poles Have Only One Purpose

That purpose is to provide support for overhead power and communication service

and not for attaching signs and posters. This can create hazardous working conditions for our lineworkers. Nails, tacks, and staples attached to poles make it difficult for our lineworkers to climb and can seriously injure them if they should slip or fall. These objects may also puncture the rubber gloves or other safety equipment used by our lineworkers, making them vulnerable to electrocution.



Look Before You Lift

Never place or move a metal ladder, irrigation pipe, or wooden pole where it can come in contact with a

powerline. If using machinery, always make sure equipment is low enough to avoid powerlines.



Call Before You Dig

If you are planting shrubs, digging fence post holes, or doing other excavation work, remember to call

before you dig. A simple outdoor chore can be deadly if you come into contact with an underground powerline. State law requires two business days notice if you plan to dig deeper than 12 inches. Call the Oregon One-Call Center at 811. The center will arrange for someone to come out and mark any buried lines on your property.



Recreate Safety

Do not climb trees near powerlines or build anything in the tree. Never fly kites, toy airplanes or metallic

balloons near powerlines or in stormy weather. Avoid using metal or wire on kites. If your kite, balloon, or aerial toy gets snagged on overhead lines, do not try to untangle it.

Stay Away from Downed Powerlines

Never go near a downed powerline, even if you think it is not energized. Call 911 immediately and then MEC at 800-752-5935.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!



2021 PHOTO CALENDAR CONTEST

One of our members' favorite yearly events is MEC's photo calendar contest. After the success of our first ever digital photo contest last year, we are excited to say we will continue the format for this year's contest.

We invite members to share their most beautiful, engaging, and fun photos for the chance to appear in our 2022 calendar.

A total of 13 winners will be selected. Each monthly winner will receive \$50 and our cover photo winner will receive a grand prize of \$200.

Submissions are accepted until Monday, August 16, 2021

- The contest is open only to members of MEC -

Each person may submit up to five photos. Each photo should include:

- Photographer's name and address.
- A short description of what is shown in the photo.
- An email address and telephone number where the photographer can be contacted.
- Printed photo entries must be at least 300 dpi at 10 inches by 8 inches tall. Horizontal or landscape photos only – vertical photos will not be accepted.
- Digital JPEG photos must be at least 300 dpi at 10 inches by 8 inches tall. Horizontal or landscape photos only. Vertical photos and files larger than 20 megabytes will not be accepted.

Digital submissions should be submitted online at www.mse.coop/calendar-contest along with supporting information. Please put the words "2021 Calendar Photo Contest" in the subject line.

Printed submissions can be dropped off at our office or mailed to:

Midstate Electric Marketing Department
PO Box 127, La Pine, OR 97739

Winning photographers will receive photo credit and copies of the calendar to share.

By entering the contest, you agree to give MEC one-time rights to publish your photo in the calendar and to use it to promote the calendar contest in the future in print and social media.

Helpful Hints:

- Use the highest resolution setting on your digital camera.
- Photograph beautiful places and wildlife. Selected photos will have dramatic colors or scenery.
- Photos should reflect the beauty of the areas where we live.
- Submit photos that suggest a season or holiday.
- Just after sunrise and just before sunset are beautiful times to photograph.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 69th Annual Meeting of Midstate Electric Cooperative was held virtually on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

Results of the director election were announced. Vic Russell–District 1, Daniel Jansen–District 8 and Dick Luebke–District 9 were unopposed. Ron Cass was elected to represent District 2. These directors will serve the MEC members for a three-year

term. Board officers for 2021 are Russell–President, Luebke–Vice President and Tanna King–Secretary Treasurer. Other directors on the board include Gordon DeArmond, Ron Sommerfeldt, Bud Kendall, and Alan Parks.



Operation Round Up®

You can support worth-while projects in MEC's service area by rounding up your monthly electric bill to the next whole dollar. Every penny donated is used to support charitable causes and nonprofit community services and programs.

Call 541-536-2126 option 3 to sign up. Single donations can be made by mailing a separate check to Operation Round Up®, PO Box 127, La Pine, OR 97739.



Capital Credit Forfeiture Notice

Midstate Electric Cooperative gives notice that unclaimed Capital Credit payments are now and have been available since November 22, 2013 at the office of the Cooperative–16755 Finley Butte Rd, PO Box 127, La Pine OR 97739, 541-536-2126 or 800-722-7219–to the members listed on our website–www.mse.coop. Unless the members named, or their heirs, claim payment no later than Wednesday, October 13, 2021, the Capital Credits for patronage dividends earned during the years 1997 through 2000 will be forfeited to the Cooperative as permanent equity.