

Trivia~Trivia~Trivia

How many combined years have the current employees worked at Midstate Communications?

(We will choose the closest guess without going over!)

****Deadline to enter is the 15th of the Month.** All correct entries will be entered into a drawing for \$10.00. Submit your answers by: 1) Writing your answer on a piece of paper with your name, address and telephone number and mailing to our Midstate office at PO Box 48, Kimball SD 57355 or 2) Go online to our website at www.midstatesd.net and click on the Trivia link in the bottom left corner and submit your answer online following the online instructions. **Trivia submissions will not be taken by telephone.**

And the Winner is...

Congratulations to Marsha Dozark! She knew that Midstate's Facebook Address is www.facebook.com/midstatecommunications.com.

Midstate Communications offices will be closed on February 20, 2012 in observance of Presidents Day.



Important Dates to Remember...

Please mark the following dates, regarding our billing schedule, on your calendar. Bills are mailed the last business day of each month, and payment is due on the 20th of the month. Paying on time saves frustrating calls and unwanted late fees.

- **Last Business Day of Each Month**
Bills mailed out from Midstate's office
- **5th of Each Month**
Disconnect of all accounts with a 30 day balance.
- **20th of Each Month**
Bills are due in either Midstate office by 12:00 p.m.
- **20th of Each Month**
Overdue notices mailed out and late fees will be applied to all delinquent accounts.

**All Midstate bills are due upon receipt. Any bills that have not been received by the 5th of the following month will be disconnected. To be reconnected the bill must be paid in full and will be subject to a down payment and appropriate reconnect fees.*

TV Format Changes...

Over the last few months television viewers may have noticed a change to the appearance of some of the local network channels. With these recent changes you may now notice, a black bar may appear along the top and bottom of the screen or along the left and right side of the screen, or possibly even a combination of both scenarios. The changes made by the programmers not only affect Midstate Video subscribers but virtually any video subscriber throughout the country. You may have tried making adjustments to the setting on your television set to alleviate these black bars but unfortunately there is no setting to remove them. Simply put, if you are receiving a picture on your television screen your Video TV service is working correctly.

These changes came about because most television content is now being recorded for the newer flat or wide screen high definition televisions. Therefore, the programmers are now sending the video signals to meet these newer screen requirements. As a result, video providers such as Midstate, are required to provide the signal that is sent to us, in order to display the higher quality picture that flat screen and wide screen television users expect.

For those of you using older standard definition televisions, your television picture will be affected the most. We apologize for this inconvenience and will continue to search for solutions that are acceptable for all viewers.

We Love It When You "Like" Us on Facebook!

Midstate Communications is on Facebook, and we encourage you to visit our page and "Like" us. By doing so, you'll be the first to know of Midstate specials and promotions and know what's happening at Midstate including:

- Addition of New Products and Services
- Company Developments
- Contests and Voting
- Upcoming Promotions
- Customer Alerts
- Midstate Local 244 Channel Programming
- Special Midstate Digital Cable Events such as High School Sporting Events.



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Not on Facebook yet? Give it a try. Facebook can help you more easily stay in touch with family and friends, share photos, get support when life is a challenge and celebrate big accomplishments!

High School Seniors...Over \$5,000 in Scholarships Available

Midstate Communications Board of Directors is pleased to announce that we will once again be offering the Midstate Communications Scholarship Program to graduating seniors. Young people are considered a very valuable resource at Midstate Communications. This program was established to encourage the youth in our service areas to further their educational aspirations after graduating from high school.

The Midstate Communications Scholarship Program has set aside eleven (11) \$500 scholarships to be awarded to high school seniors whose parents/guardians are active customers in good standing at Midstate Communications. To be eligible, the applicant must currently be a high school senior that plans to attend a college, university, vocational or technical post secondary school.

To be considered for this year's scholarship, applications must be postmarked no later than **March 30, 2012**. Applications can be obtained from high school guidance counselors, at either of the Midstate Communications offices or online at www.midstatesd.net.



What Are You Missing if You Don't Have Midstate Local 244 on Digital Cable?

If you are a supporter of Platte/Geddes School, Kimball/White Lake Schools or Chamberlain School District and you haven't tuned into Midstate Local 244 you're missing out on all the action. Midstate Local 244 captures the events that are happening at these schools and re-plays them for you to view at your own pleasure or to tape and save forever. Don't miss out on all these activities:

- High School Football Events
- High School Basketball
- High School Volleyball
- Elementary Concerts
- Middle School/High School Band Concerts
- School Plays and Musicals
- School Christmas Concerts
- High School Homecoming Coronations
- Prom
- Graduation
- And much much more to come.....



Get a full listing of events and air times online at www.midstatesd.net, and click on the Channel 244 icon.



Versus to become NBC Sports Network...

The New Year brought with it a new identity for Versus, the cable sports network best known for hunting and fishing shows, the Tour de France and the National Hockey League. Now a part of the NBC Universal, Versus is transitioning into NBC Sports Network and will undergo an extreme makeover throughout the year. "It's going to be radically different over time," says Jon Miller, the president of programming, who is building what he calls "a full-service sports network," that will include live events, news and talk shows and original programming.

"The new NBC Sports Network has made a long term deal to extend their NHL contract for 10 years, acquired broadcast and cable rights for Major League Soccer along with creating original programming," Miller says.

You can catch all the action on Midstate Digital Channel #121.



Computer Training is Here!

The IT Services department is excited to announce upcoming computer training classes for our customers. We will be offering this class FREE of charge to our customers! Our Internet 101 class will be centered around e-mail and using the internet. We don't just focus on how to send an email or how to use Internet Explorer, but will go into more detail on adding attachments to your emails as well as using different Internet Browsers such as Firefox and Google Chrome. We are confident that you will gain valuable knowledge from our class. The class will run approximately one hour with time for questions to follow. Coffee and cookies will be served. Class sizes are limited, so please pre-register by visiting our website at www.midstatesd.net or call our IT Services department at 605-778-8028 or internet@midstatesd.net. Our schedule of locations and times is as follows and is subject to change.



Kimball

February 8th 6:30-7:30 PM
Midstate Communications Office (East Building)

Chamberlain

February 29th 6:30-7:30 PM
Senior Citizens Center (219 N Main Street)

Platte

March 24th 10AM, 1PM & 3 PM
Classes During Farm, Home & Sports Show

Word Search...

CELLPHONE	FAXING	PHONENUMBER
COMMUNICATION	LETTER	POSTOFFICE
COURIER	MAGAZINE	SMS
EMAIL	MEETING	TELEGRAM
EMAILADDRESS	MESSAGE	TELEPHONE
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