

## Trivia~Trivia~Trivia

### What cable channel can History International be found on?

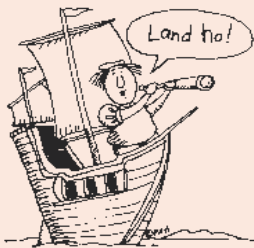
(Hint: the answer can be found in last months issue of the Midstate Messenger)

**\*\*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](http://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 Barbara Kroupa! She knew that the 59th Annual Meeting of Midstate Communications will be on October 6th, 2011.

## Our offices will be closed Monday, October 10, 2011 in Observance of Columbus Day.



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### 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.*

## October is Co-op Month...

Cooperatives across the United States will celebrate cooperative enterprise and the contributions cooperatives make to social and economic development this October. The theme of the 2011 celebration and that of the International Year is the same: "Cooperative Enterprises Build a Better World." The theme reflects the contributions that cooperatives make to their members and communities.

Cooperatives operate across all sectors of the US economy and include agriculture, food distribution and retailing, childcare, credit unions, purchasing, worker-owned, housing, healthcare, energy and telecommunications cooperatives. Cooperatives promote the fullest possible participation in the economic and social development of all people.

Cooperatives are a major economic force in developed countries and a powerful business model in developing ones. Worldwide, approximately 1 billion people are members of cooperatives. The economic activity of the largest 300 cooperatives in the world equals the 10th largest national economy. To learn more about cooperatives, visit <http://go.coop>.

Observing Co-op Month each October began in Minnesota in 1948, and became a government-sponsored national event in 1964. Since 1971, the US cooperative community has had responsibility for planning the annual Co-op Month celebration.

The United Nations General Assembly Resolution 64/136 proclaims the year 2012 as the International Year of Cooperatives. The International Year gives cooperatives and the public the opportunity to promote cooperatives, raise public awareness of the contribution of cooperatives to social and economic development and promote the formation and growth of cooperatives. The theme of the International Year of Cooperatives is "Cooperative Enterprises Build a Better World."

### Cooperatives in the United States...

- More than 29,000 cooperatives operate in every sector of the economy and in every congressional district; Americans hold over 350 million co-op memberships.
- U.S. cooperatives generate 2 million jobs and make a substantial contribution to the U.S. economy with annual sales of \$652 billion and possessing assets of \$3 trillion.
- Cooperatives are guided by a set of principles, including concern for community.
- More than 900 rural electric co-ops deliver electricity to more than 42 million people in 47 states. This makes up 42 percent of the nation's electric distribution lines and covers 75 percent of our country's land mass.
- About 1.2 million rural Americans in 31 states are served by the 260 telephone cooperatives.

## Plan to attend the 59th Annual Meeting!

Don't miss out. Join us for the 59th Annual Meeting of the Members of Midstate Communications Cooperative to be held on October 6, 2011! Become an active member of your cooperative. Come for the meeting, stay for the fun and entertainment. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the Annual Meeting!

### MEETING AGENDA

6:00 P.M. .... DOORS OPEN  
6:00 – 7:00 P.M. .... Dinner Served  
7:00 P.M. .... Meeting Called to Order

*Invocation*

*Welcome*

*President's Report*

*Determination of Quorum*

*Reading of Notice of Meeting*

*Proof of Due Mailing of Notice of Meeting*

*Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting*

*Manager's Report ..... Mark Benton, General Manager*

*Election Report*

*Unfinished Business*

*New Business*

*Adjournment*

*Entertainment ..... Aurora*

**Prize Drawings – MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**

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A&E is "Real Life. Drama." Now reaching more than 99 million homes, A&E is television that you can't turn away from; where unscripted shows are dramatic and scripted dramas are authentic. A&E offers a diverse mix of high quality entertainment ranging from the network's original scripted series to signature non-fiction franchises, including the Emmy-winning "Intervention," "Dog The Bounty Hunter," "Hoarders," and "Paranormal State" along with the most successful justice shows on cable, including "The First 48" and "Manhunters." When it comes to reality TV, A&E gives you the best options available with reality shows such as; "Storage Wars," "Gene Simmons Family Jewels," and "Billy The Exterminator."

**A&E Network can be viewed on Midstate Digital Channel #176.**



## Brian Meyer Scholarship Available for 2011 Spring Semester

The South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) is now accepting applications for the Brian Meyer Memorial Scholarship, which will be awarded for the spring 2012 semester.

The \$2,000 scholarship is available to applicants who have completed at least two semesters of course work at an accredited post-secondary school in South Dakota and reside in an SDTA member company service area. The scholarship can be used at any post-secondary educational institution in South Dakota including public and private universities as well as technical schools.

Applicants must complete an application, write a short outline of their career plans following completion of their post-secondary education, and submit a brief essay on the future of small town South Dakota and what can be done to enhance the quality of life in rural areas through the use of technology. Also needed are a copy of the applicant's most recent transcript and at least two letters of recommendation. **The deadline to submit an application for the Brian Meyer Memorial Scholarship is November 4, 2011.**

For more information on the Brian Meyer Memorial Scholarship, contact any post-secondary institution financial aid office, the South Dakota Telecommunications Association at 605-224-7629 or ginigrannes@sdtasonline.com. The application is also available online at [www.sdtasonline.com](http://www.sdtasonline.com).

SDTA membership is composed of the state's member-owned cooperatives, privately-owned, municipal and tribal telecommunications companies which collectively serve almost 80% of the state. Members of the South Dakota Telecommunications Association are: Alliance Communications (Garretson); Beresford Municipal Telephone; Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (Eagle Butte); Faith Municipal Telephone; Fort Randall Telephone (Wagner); Golden West Telecommunications Companies (Wall); Interstate Telecommunications (Clear Lake); James Valley Telecommunications (Groton); Kennebec Telephone Company; Long Lines (Jefferson); Midstate Communications (Kimball); Mount Rushmore Telephone (Keystone); RC Communications and Roberts County Telephone Coop (New Effington); Knology Community Telephone (Irene); Santel Communications (Woonsocket); Swiftel Communications (Brookings Municipal); TrioTel Communications (Salem); Valley Telecommunications (Herreid); Venture Communications (Highmore); West River Cooperative Telephone (Bison); West River Telecom Cooperative (Hazen, ND), Western Telephone (Faulkton).