

## Trivia~Trivia~Trivia

**How many watts of electricity can a lightning bolt carry?**

(Hint: the answer can be found in last month's 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 Debra Veurink! She knew that "Sidejacking" refers to the ability to hijack a web session on another computer that is connected to the same open Wi-Fi network.

## Customer Appreciation Winners...

We rolled out the grill, and received a great response! Great food and conversation was shared by all who came out for the Gann Valley and Delmont Customer Appreciation lunches. We always enjoy spending a day with our customer owners and look forward to visiting other exchanges next year. The door prize winners at each event are as follows:

### Delmont:

Arthur Ehresmann . . . \$30.00 Midstate credit  
Scott Clites . . . . . \$20.00 Midstate credit  
Jolene Link . . . . . \$10.00 Midstate credit

### Gann Valley:

Jerri Lutter . . . . . \$30.00 Midstate credit  
Carol Grabin . . . . . \$20.00 Midstate credit  
Joanne Grohs . . . . . \$10.00 Midstate credit

### 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.*

## Rural Broadband: Essential to Prosperity. Vital to America.

High-speed broadband Internet access has become today's essential service, but new government rules being proposed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) could impact your access to broadband Internet service. You can help by lending your voice to the debate.

At the onset of telephone service back in the 1950s, the federal government created a universal service policy to ensure that all Americans—including those in rural areas—have access to affordable communications services. The government decided these were essential services that required financial support to build and maintain. As a result, it created something called the Universal Service Fund (USF).

Like many rural companies, Midstate Communications, has been the recipient of USF and invested millions of dollars over the years to build advanced networks to meet the needs of customers. We've done this with the understanding that the government would continue to support our efforts through USF. Without receiving support from the federal government, it would be impossible for us to maintain our existing infrastructure as well as expand our capabilities to meet our customer needs in the future. As with our national highway system, the information highway costs money to sustain.

Federal support has made it possible for our company to deliver the network that spurs economic opportunity, supports educational options and increases our ability to attract new businesses to our area. Now the government is thinking about changing the fund. If this federal support gets cut, our towns and outlying areas could get stuck on the wrong side of the digital divide.

The FCC wants to do away with USF and other financing methods that support rural, high-cost telephone and broadband services. It wants to create something called the Connect America Fund. While this is a good idea to help facilitate the transition to support for increased broadband services in rural communities, FCC officials need to ensure that they don't destroy the funding that now delivers telecommunications services to the rural areas of America.

All rural consumers need to get educated about the proposed policies and communicate to members of Congress and the White House about the negative impact this could have on our community. The current FCC proposal would penalize rural broadband providers such as our company, and put existing affordable, high-quality broadband service for rural areas in serious jeopardy. Also, it would undermine our ability to upgrade that service in the future.

The current USF structure has been a great success story for our country. It has enabled our country to stay connected. It has allowed our company to deliver on the promise of affordable, advanced communications services for rural consumers and business. But the job isn't done.

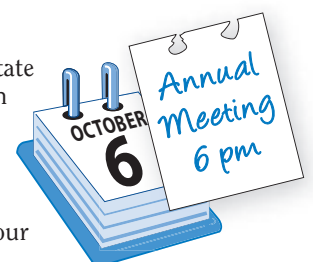
As consumers, you can make a difference in this debate. Your contact with policy-makers will ensure that the FCC makes the right changes to USF so that rural communities remain connected to the global world and may reap the rewards of an accessible, affordable and sustainable broadband network.

To support this effort, send a letter to your members of congress and the White House by visiting [www.saveruralbroadband.org](http://www.saveruralbroadband.org).

## Mark your calendar and plan to attend October 6, 2011!

The 59th Annual Meeting of the members of Midstate Communications Cooperative will be held at the Kimball High School Gymnasium on Thursday, October 6, 2011. Supper will begin being served at 6:00 p.m. with the business meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment and door prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the meeting.

Make plans to attend and become an active member of your cooperative.



# NOTICE OF FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the records of Midstate Communications, Inc., formerly known as Midstate Telephone Company, indicate that the following named persons, firms or entities are entitled to receive the amount shown from Midstate Communications, Inc.:

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
DOLORES LLOYD	3003 FOOHILLS BLVD	\$54.72	CHARLES L. LANE	PO BOX 16	\$6.15
ROBERT FYLER	6910 LONG VALLEY SPUR	\$56.26	RICKEY & SANDRA FUHS	PO BOX 7	\$19.96
STEVE & MARY PRIEBE	3039 9TH ST	\$3.81	COREY SMITH	1228	\$17.79
LAWRENCE SWANSON	404 LEA HARBOR CT	\$54.36	JOHN BUNKER	1221 E 5TH AVE APT 3	\$2.22
LEONARD SCHOENFELDER	409 W CEDAR AVE	\$43.81	MICHELLE BURGESS	38627 269TH ST	\$45.77
EVAN BULTJE	PO BOX 1006	\$3.37	ALONZO DIVIS	PO BOX 74	\$440.12
CINDY SPERLICH	PO BOX 163	\$106.68	DARREN FECHNER	812 BURGESS RD	\$7.19
JOSEPH SHIELDS	PO BOX 21	\$9.61	SHELLEY SMITH	414 E STEPHENS AVE APT 6	\$59.88
STEVEN & KAYLEEN PICKNER	404 W 13TH AVE	\$14.36	DAVID TUDOR	PO BOX 252	\$9.93
TODD & NICKI BROWNELL	8 RIM RD	\$31.95	VERNE HELGESON	PO BOX 204	\$4.13
SOEY	2712 MILLWOOD AVE	\$10.13	CRYSTAL RED HAIL	15880 CHAFFEE PL	\$9.66
LDS MISSIONARIES	1870 N 630 E	\$4.50	ERIC SHETLER	PO BOX 42	\$21.96
CODY SHARPING	PO BOX 172	\$2.46	ANABELLE LONG	PO BOX 547	\$8.25
RONNIE MAYNARD	5001 W HERITAGE PL APT 6	\$10.31	PATRICK & ROBIN STRIBLING	PO BOX 2182	\$20.55
CELESTINE COLHOFF	PO BOX 801	\$23.50	KATHY SWATEK	PO BOX 195	\$2.75
LONNIE & TRICIA GREGERSON	1108 STATE AVE	\$30.03	TERRY STEWART	PO BOX 414	\$25.13
BETH SOLJE	9220 PITCHING WEDGE DR	\$49.19	LEE WOLFCAPE	1901 LOMA LINDA LOT 61	\$7.23
DENNIS NYBLOM	54 CENTRAL DR CT W	\$24.27	MARY WITTER	1720 CHERRY AVE APT 4	\$6.29
JULIE NOVAK	301 E LIGHTNER AVE APT 1	\$36.09	CHAD & SUE UITTENBOGAARD	594 LILY ST SW	\$8.68
STEVE WEBER	PO BOX 823	\$9.54	DEAN JONES	603 N WARNER BROTHERS PL	\$22.83
ANNETTE HERREN	223 W 2ND AVE	\$79.31	NEOLA MOELLER	5115 ROLLING GREEN AVE APT 116	\$2.49
DEBRA KOLIS	50 E RIVER RD APT 112	\$40.93	201 W 2ND ST	PO BOX 146	\$16.84
FARM PRO	120 W AIRPORT RD STE A	\$105.82	CLOVER HANTEN	PO BOX 146	\$24.40
GARY SACKETT	117 ANTOINETTE PL APT C	\$45.71	JOAN HOLOUBEK	1513 PEBBLE BEACH RD	\$3.20
CHAD RINGS	534 HURDLE CIR APT 421	\$15.86	CHARLES RED BEAR	PO BOX 347	\$2.71
GRACE MORRISON	507 E HAVENS AVE LOT 7	\$2.70	J.G. SHIELDS	12521 S 184TH AVE	\$9.35
DEBRA ISBURG	PO BOX 854	\$106.47	MARY C. WOMACK	PO BOX 192	\$4.30
MICHAEL MAHANEY	PO BOX 153	\$7.75	VICKIE KNIFE	PO BOX 162	\$10.36
THOMAS TATUM	PO BOX 1947	\$45.62	JOHN C & MOLLY SUE HARMON	2511 MIDLAND RD	\$8.74
LES WRIGHT	214 6TH ST	\$30.83	BERNARD KOCH	36753 267TH ST	\$5.80
TIM MYOTT	40112 253RD ST	\$14.98	MIKE SWANSON	PO BOX 362	\$7.36
ARLETTE ALLAROUND	PO BOX 467	\$90.98	DANA ASHES	PO BOX 134	\$7.09
C.K. HALL	GENERAL DELIVERY	\$9.14	JOSHUA MOHNER	37025 258TH ST	\$8.17
ROSA ALMAGUER	409 N 1ST AVE PO BOX 276	\$231.98	TODD BOESEN	23976 366TH AVE	\$12.51
MARCELLA HURLEY	400 N PLUM ST APT 2	\$77.28	THUNDERHEART EXPRESS	24088 S HIGHWAY 19	\$5.28
ANGELIA PHILBRICK	PO BOX 91	\$0.75	GARY HOLST	24195 367TH AVE	\$41.98
THOMAS J EDWARDS	7810 N CAMPDEN AVE	\$123.80	JEFF ANDERSON	204 E DIVISION ST	\$3.18
JAN L.S. PUDIL D.V.M.	1220 N STATE PKWY APT 601	\$58.52	HUGG-INN	37509 285TH ST	\$11.41
KEN HAUGEN	550 W WILLOW ST	\$99.10	SCOTT SKAAR	1822 4TH AVE SW	\$13.33
DENNIS & TERRI ROUTIER	PO BOX 598	\$80.68	MATHEW & SUSAN DOERING	410 E 1ST ST	\$7.33
BRAD DAVIDSON	PO BOX 674	\$200.83	NATVIG LAW	PO BOX 167	\$32.96
KEITH MENDEHALL	PO BOX 892	\$133.44	JAEINUS CRAFTROD	BOX 572	\$6.89
DAVE ADAMS	PO BOX 91	\$37.99	CHRIS OR JUSTIN GUNNARE	1121 N MAIN ST	\$2.67
CORY HOFFROGGE	2225 9TH ST APT 3	\$20.68	MERLE MARKS	PO BOX 453	\$4.78
BRAD SWENSON	PO BOX 519	\$177.73	JULIE & WENDY LEY HINKER	107 OLSON BLVD	\$4.64
JODI BUCHONZ	PO BOX 200	\$34.58	CHRIS BRONDSOEN	PO BOX 15	\$6.97
GLENN & GINGER HAROLDSON	9761 KERN AVE	\$30.45	KYLIE K CHENOWETH	PO BOX 433	\$2.58
ALLEN GOODBOE	PO BOX 295	\$46.74	JEREMY HAAK	746 ILLINOIS AVE SW	\$7.52
JERRY & SALLY HILLS	1554 HOLMES AVE	\$76.34	DAN VANDER WAAL	40032 277TH ST	\$55.86
BROWNELL'S HOME IMPROVE	1575 DEEGES DR	\$28.27	SUN PRAIRIE	509 DAKOTA AVE	\$80.50
BERNARD MILLYARD	PO BOX 429	\$115.54	RAYMOND BAUMGART	PO BOX 3	\$2.97
JANET HARRISON	PO BOX 574	\$31.46	PHILIP & JANIE MCAFEE	4779 SHADY GROVE RD	\$3.84
KAYLA STEWART	123 S GRACE ST APT 22	\$28.17	GARY MCCARTHY	27556 372ND AVE	\$4.97
PEGGY RAKER	47155 258TH ST	\$41.99	JOE MEGINNESS	PO BOX 179	\$4.54
BRIAN & KIM VOLLAN	9967 S 86TH TER APT 207	\$99.59	UHAUL CO	PO BOX 21505	\$4.98
RICE CREEK CONSTRUCTION	PO BOX 1738	\$40.41	MARTIN TRLR 25	1801 S MAIN ST TRLR 25	\$2.91
ERIC MENTELE	500 E 12TH ST APT 3	\$15.09	LUCAS & MICHELLE BINA	PO BOX 54	\$3.75
CAROLEE WALKING BULL	PO BOX 166	\$2.29	JEDD & JAMIE SCHOMP	12328 188TH ST	\$2.40
STEVE & TAMMY FISHER	PO BOX 812	\$23.68	NANCY WALSTAD	27504 368TH AVE	\$25.83
L. DYKSTRA	251 CADOLINO LN APT E	\$65.20	YVONNE M BOWEN	PO BOX 223	\$10.67
JACK A. RENQUENTRE	PO BOX 198	\$11.40	FRANK TURAY	50004 675TH RD	\$6.71
DANIELLE PROVINCIAL	PO BOX 445	\$31.88	QWEST	421 SW OAK ST STE 240	\$14.56
PEGGY SAND	1229 E WESTFIELD PL	\$60.25	BILL & KIM OLSON	PO BOX 553	\$5.18

This amount will be forfeited to Midstate Communications, Inc., six months after the date of the first publication of this notice unless the money is claimed and proper evidence of ownership is submitted to Midstate within the six month period.

For further information contact Mark Benton, General Manager at Midstate Communications, Inc., PO Box 48, Kimball, SD 57355-0048 or call (605) 778-6221.

Dated this 20th Day of June, 2011.

Midstate Communications, Inc.

BY:   
General Manager

## Huge Back to School Savings!!

This year move to the front of the class with two great back to school promotions from Midstate Communications and Midstate Telecom.

**Sign up for either Quick Connect High Speed Internet or Midstate Digital Cable Television Service during the month of August and get: FREE installation and 1/2 off your first month of service on two great services!**

With QUICK CONNECT HIGH SPEED INTERNET you get:

- Always online Connection
- Blazing fast speeds
- Uninterrupted phone service so you can surf the net and make calls at the same time over the same phone line.
- No more busy signals

With Midstate DIGITAL CABLE TV SERVICE you get:

- Over 150 quality channels to choose from
- Music Channels
- All your local channels and weather for no additional monthly fee
- Great HD Lineup
- Uninterrupted service during heavy rains and snow storms
- Local Community Access Channels
- All the State High School Athletic events

**Sign up for either of these great services or both of them during the month of August and start saving today!**

\*Six month service agreement required. Services and promotion is subject to availability. If disconnected before the six month service agreement has expired you will have to pay the installation fee and the remainder of the first month of service. Offer expires August 31, 2011.

## Lehr Re-elected in Kimball District Election

In the Kimball District Exchange election two nomination petitions were completed and submitted by the following members: Dave Lehr and Sarah Talbott. Members of the Kimball District Exchange re-elected Dave Lehr to serve a three-year term.

District elections were scheduled as well in Stickney and New Holland but were cancelled as only one nomination petition was submitted in each exchange. Randy Breukelman, in Stickney and Bob Holleman in New Holland were each re-elected. Each member will be appointed to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in October.

## Midstate Digital Cable Channel of the Month!



FX is the flagship general entertainment basic cable network from Fox. The diverse programming of FX features a growing roster of distinctive original series, including two Golden Globe Award winners for Best Drama Series, The Shield and Nip/Tuck; and Rescue Me featuring Denis Leary. FX's line-up also boasts critically acclaimed Original Movies like Redemption, starring Jamie Foxx, and an established film library with box-office hits from 20th Century Fox and other major studios. Additionally, the network features America's number one spectator sport, NASCAR.

Starting in fall 2011, FX will broadcast college football games on Saturdays. FX will broadcast 13 games as parts of Fox Sports contracts with Big 12, Pac-12, and Conference USA conferences.

**Catch all the great programming FX has to offer on Midstate Digital Channel 208.**