



MIDSTATE CONNECTION

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Closed Fridays & Holidays

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Your Co-op Connections Card Can Help You Save This Mother's Day

Check out all of the local and national discounts available to you through our free membership program, Co-op Connections!

Sign up for your free membership at www.coonnections.coop.



Once you login to your account, you can start taking advantage of discounts on movie and event tickets, hotels, amusement parks, and more.

This program even has discounted Disneyland and California Adventure park tickets! Take some time to browse around the site to see all the other deals at your fingertips.

Mother's Day pro tip: Get your orders in early using the 20% off discount available to you for 1-800flowers.com and Shari's Berries! Mom will love it!

Capital Credit Forfeiture Notice

Midstate Electric Cooperative gives notice that unclaimed Capital Credit payments are now and have been available since November 27, 2017 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.midstateelectric.coop.

Unless the members named, or their heirs, claim payment no later than October 5, 2023, the Capital Credits for patronage dividends earned during the years 2000 through 2002 will be forfeited to the Cooperative as permanent equity.

Midstate Electric Visits the Capitol

On March 22nd, Midstate Electric Cooperative was proud to visit the State Capitol for Legislative Days, organized by Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association (ORECA). Midstate Director and member of ORECA's Political Action Committee, Gil Ernst, was joined by Midstate's CEO/General Manager, Jim Anderson, Engineering Manager, Tom Weller, HR & Communications Manager, Sina Streeter, and Marketing Manager, Joe Hull to speak with elected officials and their staff members about legislation proposed in the current session.

The first meeting was with ORECA staff to get the latest status updates on the bills that had been identified as co-op priorities. It was decided that the group's time would be spent focusing on HB 2816, which requires data centers and cryptocurrency loads to meet clean energy thresholds, and SB 365, which would change the county permitting process for work in the right of way of public roads.

The group then met with Senator Dennis Linthicum, Representative Emily McIntire, and Representative Vikki Breese-Iverson. Last-minute schedule changes meant a meeting with Representative E. Werner Reschke had to be rescheduled for a future date and a meeting with Senator Tim Knopp was changed to meeting with one of his senior staff members. The group also met with Oregon Department of Energy staff to discuss challenges, successes and opportunities with State programs related to electric vehicles and energy efficiency.

The whirlwind of meetings was a great opportunity to communicate Midstate's values to lawmakers. In some cases, we were educating legislators about how a bill would impact the co-op's plans to build a more resilient system. In other cases, we were thanking a Senator for already supporting our stance on a bill. Legislative Days was a welcome chance to make a



Photo (Left to Right): Joe Hull, Tom Weller, Jim Anderson, Dennis Linthicum, Sina Streeter, and Gil Ernst.

connection with the legislators that serve Central Oregon.

Speaking up on issues that impact electric co-ops sends a message to elected officials about the needs of our communities – and their constituencies. We need to make our voice heard in conversations on energy policies that impact not only our co-op services, but also the communities we call home.

If you want to get involved in the conversation, please join ORECA-Action's Voices for Cooperative Power (VCP), a network of co-op members working together to influence elected officials who are making energy policy decisions that impact our co-ops and our way of life.

You'll be able maximize your voice and become part of a growing team of electric cooperative advocates in the state of Oregon and nationally. VCP makes it easy to have a say in energy policy decisions that impact you. Here's how you can get involved:

Sign up online at:

<https://voicesforcooperativepower.com/register>



Let's get connected on social media so you'll never miss an update on MEC activities, programs, and contests.



HOME ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Safety is Smart, Prevention is Power

Each year, electrical malfunctions account for **35,000 home fires** causing over **1,130 injuries**, **500 deaths**, and **\$1.4 billion in property damage**.

The average American home was **built in 1977**. Many existing homes **simply can't handle** the demands of today's electrical appliances and devices.

! Learn the warning signs of an overloaded electrical system:



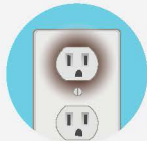
Frequent tripping of circuit breakers or blowing of fuses



Dimming of lights when other devices are turned on



Buzzing sound from switches or outlets



Discolored outlets



Appliances that seem underpowered

ESFi

⚡ How to avoid overloading circuits:



Label your circuit breakers to understand the different circuits in your home



Have your home inspected by a qualified electrician if it's older than 40 years or has had a major appliance installed



Have a qualified electrician install new circuits for high energy use devices



Reduce your electrical load by using energy-efficient appliances and lighting

ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH QUIZ

Win an Amazon Fire HD 10 Tablet!

- Do not go near a _____.
- Never fly a _____ near a power line.
- Stay away from large electrical equipment that is fenced in, called a _____.
- Never climb a _____ that has a power line running above or through the top of it.
- If I ever see a power line on the ground, I should STAY AWAY and have an adult call the electric _____ or 911.
- I should not climb or sit on a green metal box in a yard, also known as a padmount _____.
- Anything that is plugged in is dangerous around _____.
- I should never fly a remote-control plane, toy or _____ near a power line.
- Electrical cords that are _____ should not be used.
- I should always be _____ around anything that is plugged in.
- If something goes wrong with the flow of electricity, it could give you a _____.
- Tell your parents to call _____ before digging in the yard.
- Power lines run both overhead and _____.

How to win: Children up to age 12 can use the word bank to fill in the 13 Electrical Safety Tips. Return to MEC by May 25th to be in the running!

WORD BANK

TREE
UNDERGROUND
811
CAREFUL
SUBSTATION
DRONE
KITE
CRACKED
TRANSFORMER
SHOCK
POWER LINE
UTILITY
WATER

Member Name: _____ Member Phone: _____

Address: _____

Child Name: _____ Child Age: _____

Return to MEC Marketing & Communications in person or by mail at PO Box 127, La Pine OR 97739

Safe Electricity.org

IMPORTANT MEC INFORMATION & Dates to Remember

Annual Meeting, May 20th, 9am-12pm

MEC's 71st Annual Meeting of the Members is on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at our Midstate Headquarters.

The annual meeting is a FREE event for the entire family. It gives you, the member-owners, a chance to participate in the business of your electric co-op.

AGENDA

Doors Open - 9:00 a.m.

- Registration
- Health Fair
- Safety Trailer Demonstrations
- Barbecue Lunch & Refreshments

Business Session - 11:00 a.m.

- Business Meeting
- Election Results
- Door Prizes & Drawings

Please bring your "Quick Check Registration"

postcard that was mailed to the event registration table. The postcard will get you entered to win a door prize for a **\$100 electric bill credit!** There are multiple chances to win.

Don't miss out on the free health fair, giveaways, safety demonstrations, raffle prizes and complementary tri-tip and chicken BBQ. See you there!



MEC Office Closed for Memorial Day

MEC's office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 29, 2023. Our outage line is available 24/7 at 800-752-5935.

MEC Calendar Contest Begins June 1st



Be on the lookout for a GREAT SHOT! The contest will be open theme which allows for a nice cross-

section of photographs taken from around the Central Oregon area. Your photograph could be one of the lucky winners published in our 2024 Member Calendar. Watch for complete rules and details next month. In the meantime, keep on snapping those photos!