



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

# 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



## Focused on YOU.

Electric cooperatives were created to serve their members. Because we're a co-op, we're able to adapt to our community's unique needs. That's the power of co-op membership.

## October is National Co-op Month

Fall is a busy time, and October is a particularly eventful month with school, community, and sports activities in full swing. It's also when all cooperatives celebrate National Co-op Month.

When we say Midstate Electric Cooperative celebrates Co-op Month, it really means we are celebrating you! After all, our co-op wouldn't exist without you, our members.

Our core business purpose is to serve as your electricity provider, but the larger mission of the co-op is to help make our corner of the world a better place. "Concern for community" is one of seven guiding principles that all co-ops share. Similar to how our wires run through our service territory, our concern for community flows through all of our decisions--because being a co-op means being a responsible partner and good neighbor. Midstate works to help our community

thrive through initiatives led by our employees and local board that's comprised of neighbors who live right here in our community. Because we're local, we understand our community's unique needs and strive to help meet them.

We're proud to support local youth through our Youth Tour and scholarship programs. With your help, we offer Operation Roundup to provide assistance to our community's most vulnerable. We also support dozens of local organizations each year through donations and sponsorships.

The word "cooperative" is close to "cooperation," meaning people working together towards a common goal--mutually benefitting one another and the larger community. That's the essence of the cooperative spirit. Our employees and member-elected board members are invested in the community in which live and serve.

Above all, as a co-op we put our members' priorities first. As your trusted energy partner, we know that saving energy and money is important to you. That's why we have numerous programs in place to help, including free energy audits and our conservation rebate program.

We want to empower you to manage energy use at home. If you haven't already, I encourage you take a moment and download our SmartHub app. Through the app, you can conveniently monitor and manage your energy use. And we're of course here to help, so give us a call if you have questions about your energy bills.

Midstate is continuously examining ways to operate more efficiently while continuing to provide the highest level of friendly, reliable service you expect and deserve. After all, we're your local co-op. We were built by the members we serve.

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





Washington, D.C.

# YOUTH TOUR

MEC will participate in the 2023 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Washington, D.C. Youth Tour. More than 1,800 rural students participate in the Youth Tour each June.

Students attending have the once in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn the important roles electric co-ops play in their community, to gain a personal understanding of American history, and to meet with congressional representatives and senators to understand their role as a citizen.

We will send one student delegate to represent MEC at the Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. next year. This all expenses-paid trip is a unique opportunity for a high school sophomore or junior whose parents are MEC members.

Call [541] 536-2126 option 5, for additional information. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

# Congratulations!

## 2023 MEMBER CALENDAR CONTEST WINNERS

- Cover (Right) - Matthew Swack
- January - Barbara McCoy
- February - Carolyn Waissman
- March - Matthew Swack
- April - Harvey Barragar
- May - Carl Swanson
- June - Scott Fenton
- July - Robert Petitt
- August - Theron Johnson
- September - Cindy S Hubbard
- October - Julia Delegates
- November - Cindy Berkey
- December - Connie Bruneau



Thank you to all who entered this year's contest. The 2023 Member Calendar will be provided to every member as an insert in November's Ruralite. Watch for your copy next month.

## Stay Clear!

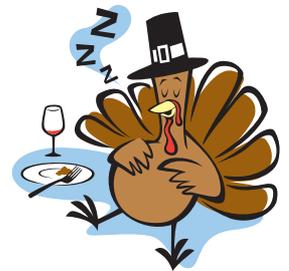
**A downed power line could still be live. It can cause serious injury or death.**

### Follow these tips to stay safe:

- If you see downed power lines, or other damaged electrical equipment, call 911 immediately and then notify Midstate Electric at 541-536-2165 or 800-752-5935.
- Assume all power lines are energized and dangerous.
- Lines that appear to be "dead" could become energized at any time as crews work to restore power or, sometimes, from improper use of emergency generators.
- DO NOT try to help by moving downed wires or cutting trees off power lines.
- If a power line is blocking the entrance to your driveway, do not attempt to drive over it.
- If a power line falls across your vehicle while you are in it, stay inside until help arrives.

## 13 Days of Thanksgiving Contest

Midstate Electric is giving away Thanksgiving turkeys to 13 lucky members next month! We want to show our appreciation to you, our wonderful members. Thank you for making this such a great community to serve! To enter the contest, complete this form and return it to MEC by October 27th. Winners' names will be drawn each business day from November 1st-November 22nd.



### 13 Days of Thanksgiving Contest

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ MEC Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: MEC Marketing & Communications Department in person or by mail at PO Box 127, La Pine, OR 97739. Winners will be notified the same day their name is drawn.