



# MIDSTATE CONNECTION

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Electric cooperatives are joining co-ops across the U.S. to celebrate National Co-op Month. As your local electric co-op, our services are shaped to meet your specific needs. We love growing with you, the members we are proud to serve.



Electric co-ops, including Midstate Electric, exist to serve their members. Our priority is to provide affordable, reliable energy to our local communities. Because we are led by you, the members we serve, we can evolve to meet your needs.

This October, as we celebrate Co-op Month, we're focusing on the ways "Co-ops Grow" for their members.

**Co-ops Grow Communities:**

Co-ops help communities grow by promoting economic empowerment, fostering community engagement, and supporting the unique needs of co-op members. "Concern for Community" is one of our core principles—and being community-focused is essential to everything we do.

**Co-ops Grow Together:**

Co-ops are all about cooperation, not competition. That's why electric co-ops work

together to share lessons learned, successful strategies and better ways to serve our members. We're better when we grow together!

**Co-ops Grow Tomorrow's Leaders:**

Electric co-ops serve as fertile ground for growing tomorrow's leaders through a variety of youth engagement programs. Whether through school demonstrations, community events or the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program, we're committed to providing opportunities for local youth to learn and thrive in our community and beyond.

**Co-ops Grow for You:**

At Midstate Electric, your satisfaction is our number one goal. It's why we were formed many years ago to fulfill a uniquely local purpose. We've come a long way since then, and your needs continue to evolve. That's why we'll never stop growing for you!

*Help us celebrate by entering our Co-op Month Contest - there are two ways to win!*

Complete this form and return it to MEC by October 31, 2023 to be entered into a drawing for a \$100 electric bill credit.

**National Co-op Month Contest Entry Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

MEC Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

**OR LIKE, SHARE or COMMENT** on one of our October "Co-ops Grow" posts on Facebook or Instagram to be entered. We will monitor all Facebook and Instagram entries and award a \$100 credit to a lucky member each full week in October.

*Nine \$100 credits will be awarded. 5 mail-in winners AND 4 Facebook/Instagram winners.*

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



## Operation Round Up® SMALL CHANGE. BIG DIFFERENCE.

Many Midstate Electric members “round up” their electric bill payment each month and contribute to Midstate Electric’s Operation Round Up® Program.



Member’s donations are put to use in several community projects in our local areas. Thank you to the 2,634 members who are currently participating!

If you are not participating in the program yet, it is simple to join in. Participants have their electric bill voluntarily “rounded up” to the nearest whole dollar amount with the extra change going into a separate Operation RoundUp® fund.

For example, if your bill is \$87.56, you will be billed an even \$88.00 and the extra \$0.44 goes toward helping various causes in the community. On average, participating members can expect to donate about \$6.00 per year, and at most, \$12.00. Together, those small amounts will make a big difference! It is an inexpensive and convenient way to give to charitable programs within the community.

Members are always welcome to donate additional funds to the program by calling the office. Program donations are tax deductible. A year-end donation total will be located on December, January, and February statements for all participants.

Last year, Operation Round Up® donations helped:

- La Pine Community Kitchen
- Bend Science Station
- La Pine Park & Recreation Foundation
- Habitat for Humanity La Pine Sunriver
- Assistance League of Bend Serving Deschutes
- Rising Stars Preschool

For more information, please visit <https://www.midstateelectric.coop/operation-roundup>.

## 13 DAYS OF THANKSGIVING CONTEST

To show our appreciation for MEC’s wonderful membership, we are giving away 13 Thanksgiving turkeys next month. Thank you for making this such a great community to serve! Get your name in the raffle by completing the form below and submitting to MEC by October 31st. Winners’ names will be drawn each business day from November 1st-November 22nd.



### 13 Days of Thanksgiving Contest Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

MEC Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Congratulations!

### 2024 MEMBER CALENDAR CONTEST WINNERS



*Thank you to all who entered this year’s contest. The 2024 Member Calendar will be provided to every member as an insert in November’s Ruralite. Watch for your copy next month.*

- Cover** (left) – Jakob Welch
- January** – Carolyn Weissman
- February** – Rick Anderson
- March** – Steven Emerson
- April** – Theron J. Johnson
- May** – Judy A. Johnson
- June** – Steven Holm
- July** – Carol Anderson
- August** – Jakob Welch
- September** – Robert Pettitt
- October** – Michelle Corse
- November** – Julia Delegates
- December** – Constance Bruneau

### REMINDER - MEC Rebate Program Changes Effective October 1st:

- BPA will no longer require PTCS certification for any heat pump rebates.
  - The rebate amount for heat pump conversion from electric furnace is changing from \$1,400 to \$1,000.
  - There is a new measure: conversion from electric furnace to variable speed heat pump will have a rebate of \$1,200.
  - A heat pump upgrade measure will only be available for variable speed heat pumps with a rebate of \$200.
  - NEEM homes rebate change: NEEM 1.1 will have a \$1,200 rebate, and NEEM 2.0 will have a \$1,400 rebate.
- Rebate amounts are set by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and are subject to change at any time by BPA. Visit our website and click on the Energy Efficiency tab for further rebate information. Rebates are planned to remain at these levels through September 2025, but may change per BPA.
- For rebate questions, please call (541) 536-2126 option 5.