



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

# MIDSTATE CONNECTION

Office Hours: 7:00 am-5:30 pm, Monday-Thursday  
Closed Fridays & Holidays

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## Touchstone Energy® Co-op Connections® Update

The Co-op Connections Card is a money-saving member benefit program that provides valuable local and national discounts. The most widely used benefit of the card, the pharmacy discount, has saved members \$1,013,112 since June 2009.

For more information, or if you need a Co-op Connections Card, call [541] 536-2126 option 5.

## SmartHub - The Center of Member Engagement



Manage your electric account 24/7 by accessing SmartHub at [www.mse.coop](http://www.mse.coop) and Electric Services option.

With SmartHub, you can:

- Pay your bill online
- Monitor energy use
- View billing history
- Receive notifications via email or text message
- Report outages and track outage restoration progress
- Check MECs news feed



## Spring Forward, Review Safety Checklist

Daylight Saving Time begins every year on the second Sunday in March. This year it begins Sunday, March 13, 2022.

As you set your clocks forward one hour, the National Safety Council recommends reviewing the following spring safety checklist:

**Smoke Alarms** - Smoke alarms should be in every bedroom and in the common areas on each floor of a home. Test your smoke alarms every month and replace the battery at least once a year.

**Carbon Monoxide Detectors** - CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each bedroom and on every level of the home. Test your CO alarms every month and replace the battery at least once a year.

### Be Prepared for Emergencies -

Have a home and car emergency kit. The Federal Emergency Management Agency says an emergency kit should include one gallon of water per day for each person, at least a three-day supply of food, flashlight, and batteries, first aid kit, filter mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape. Visit the FEMA website, [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for a complete list and additional safety information.



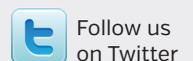
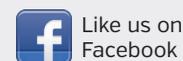
## Operation Round Up®

You can support worth-while projects in MEC's service area by rounding up your monthly electric bill to the next whole dollar. Every penny donated is used to support charitable causes and nonprofit community services and programs.

Call [541] 536-2126 option 3 to sign up. Single donations can be made by mailing a separate check to Operation Round Up®, PO Box 127, La Pine, OR 97739.



**Friends Stay Connected**



# PAY-AS-YOU-GO

**It's like filling up  
your gas tank—only you're  
filling your POWER tank!**

- **No Deposits (put your existing deposit to work)**
- **No Late Fees**
- **Set Low Balance Alerts (phone, text & email alerts)**
- **Monitor Your Electric Usage**
- **24/7 Web/Phone Access**
- **24/7 Payment Options**
- **Makes Budgeting Easy**
- **Easy to Get Started**

**Put your POWER  
in your HANDS  
with POWERPAY!**



## ASK US HOW!



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## MEC's Scholarship Program

MEC is offering seven \$2,500 scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year. To qualify for the scholarship, members must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Applicants' primary residence must be served by MEC.
- Applicant must meet the entrance requirements of the elected school.
- College/Technical/Line Worker school must be an accredited school.

The deadline for submitting the application and all required materials is Monday, May 9. For more information call (541) 536-2126 option 5.

## MEC's 70th Annual Meeting - Saturday, May 14, 2022 - La Pine High

Preparations are progressing for Midstate's 70th Annual Meeting of the Members on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at La Pine High School. The event gives you a chance to participate in the business of your electric cooperative. It also provides you with a first-hand look at our programs and services. Registration, displays/demonstrations, health fair and barbecue all begin at 10:00 am and the business meeting starts at 12:00 noon.