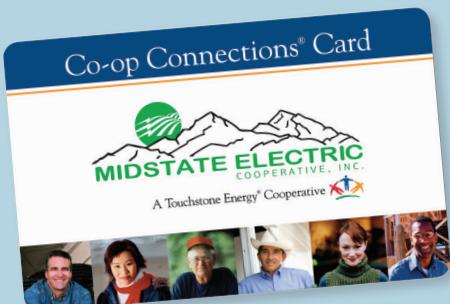




Office Hours: 7:00 am-5:30 pm, Monday-Thursday  
Closed Fridays & Holidays

Business Hours: 541-536-2126  
After Hours Outages: 800-752-5935



### 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 \$1,011,963 since June 2009.

For more information call 541-536-2126 option 5.

### The Center of Member Engagement



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

With SmartHub, you can:

- Pay your bill online
- View billing history
- Monitor energy use
- Receive notifications via email or text message
- Report outages and track outage restoration progress
- Check MEC's newsfeed



### Friends Stay Connected



# MIDSTATE CONNECTION



### Over the last five years...



**Cost of Rent**  
increased  
**3.4%**



**Medical Care**  
increased  
**2.8%**



**Education**  
increased  
**2.2%**



**Electricity only**  
increased  
**1%**

### Considering all the ways we depend on electricity; it remains a great value.

Electricity powers our quality of life. From the infrastructure of your home [appliances, water heater and HVAC system] to charging your smartphones, computers, TV and Wi-Fi router, your energy bill covers so much more than lighting.

Today, there is more demand for electricity than ever before. At home, in schools and business, and in commercial sectors such as transportation, the need

for electricity is increasing.

Typically, when demand goes up, so too does the price, as is the case with most goods or services, like cable or even your favorite specialty coffee. However, that is not true with electricity.

So, the next time you are enjoying your favorite podcast, TV series or movie, consider the value of electricity and how it enhances your quality of life.

**Holiday Closing for Labor Day, Monday, September 6**

## Safety Reminder

At MEC, safety is always at the top of our list: safety of our employees, safety of our members, and safety of the general public. This time of year, there are lots of yard and garage sales, which also means lots of signs. Please keep the following tips in mind when promoting your sale:

- Sharp objects on utility poles create a risk to our line crew when climbing boots snag or slip on embedded staples, screws, or nails.
- Despite safety gear, nails and screws can poke through gloves, boots, and protective clothing causing tears which reduce line workers' first line of defense between them and several thousand volts of electricity.
- When working to restore power, line workers can waste valuable time when they need to remove signs and balloons from utility poles.
- Holes created by nails, staples, tacks, and screws shorten and weaken pole life



requiring more frequent and costly pole replacements.

- Posting signs and advertisements on utility poles violates city ordinances and state law.



## 2021 PHOTO CALENDAR CONTEST

We invite members to share their most beautiful, engaging, and fun photos for the chance to appear in our 2022 calendar. A total of 13 winners will be selected. Each monthly winner will receive \$50 and our cover photo winner will receive a grand prize of \$200.

Digital submissions should be submitted online at [www.mse.coop/calendar-contest](http://www.mse.coop/calendar-contest) along with supporting information. Please put the words "2021 Calendar Photo Contest" in the subject line.

Printed submissions can be dropped off at our office or mailed to:

Midstate Electric Marketing Department  
PO Box 127  
La Pine, OR 97739

Winning photographers will receive photo credit and copies of the calendar to share. By entering the contest, you agree to give MEC one-time rights to publish your photo in the calendar and to use it to promote the calendar contest in the future in print and social media.

Submission deadline is Monday, August 16, 2021.



## 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.



## Capital Credit Forfeiture Notice

Midstate Electric Cooperative gives notice that unclaimed Capital Credit payments are now and have been available since November 22, 2013, 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.mse.coop](http://www.mse.coop). Unless the members named, or their heirs, claim payment no later than Wednesday, October 13, 2021, the Capital Credits for patronage dividends earned during the years 1997 through 2000 will be forfeited to the Cooperative as permanent equity.