

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JUNE 1, 2008**

Company: Venture Communications Cooperative

Address: 218 Commercial Ave. SE

PO Box 157

Highmore, SD 57345

Telephone number: 605-852-2224

Company contact: Rod Kusser

Study Area Code: 39-1680

Lifeline/Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:

✓

Advertise in media of general distribution.* (See attached advertisement(s).)

✓

Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Link Up.* (See attached letter.)

✓

Company's Lifeline/Link Up information in directory.

✓

Company's Lifeline/Link Up information available on Company website.

((www.companywebsiteaddress.com) www.venturecomm.net - Under "Local Service")

✓

Company's information posted on USAC website.

✓

Other (describe): Lifeline/link Up article in our
newsletter each year.

*Required

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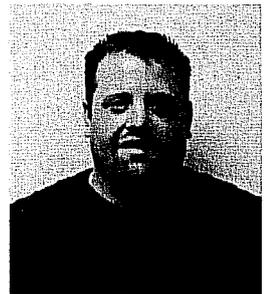
2007 Director Election Results Directors to serve 3 year terms

The election process to elect directors for four districts is now complete. Incumbent, Harry Thomas, was the sole petitioner for District #1 (Onida, East Onida, West Onida, and Blunt exchanges). District #6 (Selby and Bowdle exchanges) also had only one petitioner, the incumbent, Charles Birkholt. Ron Anderson, incumbent, and Michael Novotny were on the ballot for the District 10 (Rosholt exchange) election with Ron Anderson being re-elected. Director Wayne Erickson of District 11 (Sisseton exchange) was also uncontested. Each elected director will serve a three-year term on the Venture Communications Cooperative Board of Directors.

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Have a safe and enjoyable summer with your family and friends from all of us at Venture Communications

Venture Welcomes New Employee Nincehelsner joins staff

Venture Communications is pleased to announce the addition of a new installer/repairman serving the exchanges of Onida and Blunt. Trent Nincehelsner is originally from the Pierre area and attended Mitchell Technical Institute before going to work for Northeast Nebraska Telephone Coop. He also worked for a time installing and maintaining the Digital Dakota Network until the contract ended and then he joined the staff at Santel Communications.



Trent has an 8 year old son and is currently engaged and plans to marry next summer. Please help us in welcoming Trent to the Venture staff.

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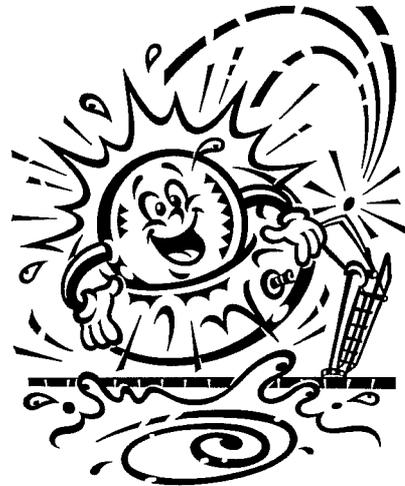


Directory Listing Corrections

You should have recently received a letter in the mail requesting any corrections to your white page listing in the Venture Communications directory.

If your listing is correct as shown, there is no need to call in. If you would like any corrections made to your listing, please contact us immediately so the appropriate changes can be made.

The directory will be out in December but all changes need to be called in to us as soon as possible to meet our deadline. Please contact us at 1-800-824-7282 with changes. We appreciate your prompt and courteous cooperation.



Lifeline~Link-Up Available

Assistance for telephone service is available to low income members. There are two federal programs that are provided by Venture Communications.

The "Lifeline" and "Link-Up" programs were established to address concerns about affordability of telephone service and to provide assistance for low income citizens. To be eligible for either of these programs, the applicant must participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs: food stamps, federal public housing assistance, low-income home energy assistance, medicaid, supplemental security income (SSI) or have a income at or below 135% of federal poverty level. LIFELINE provides eligible subscribers with a credit of \$8.25 each month on the basic service portion of their telephone bill. LIFELINE subscribers may also receive blocking of long distance calls on their telephone line at no charge. LINK-UP provides eligible subscribers with reduced installation charges for their basic home telephone service. It does not cover the cost of wiring inside your home and is limited to one time per home address per subscriber.

To be eligible for the ENHANCED LIFELINE or the ENHANCED LINK-UP programs, the applicant must live on tribal or trust land and participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs: food stamps, federal public housing assistance, head start (meeting income qualifying standards), low-income home energy assistance, medicaid, national school lunch program's free lunch program, supplemental security income (SSI), tribally administered temporary assistance for needy families, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program or income at or below 135% of federal poverty level. ENHANCED LIFELINE provides eligible subscribers a reduced basic local residential rate to \$1.00 per month. They may also receive long distance blocking on their telephone at no charge. ENHANCED LINK-UP provides eligible subscribers with a reduction of up to \$100 of charges for installation for basic home telephone service.

If you meet the eligibility requirements, you can obtain an application from our main office in Highmore or the office in Sisseton located at 614 Veterans Avenue, and return it to either location. When you no longer participate in any of the qualifying public assistance programs, you are no longer eligible for LIFELINE or LINK-UP. You are obligated by law to notify Venture Communications and advise us that you are no longer eligible. If you have any questions about LIFELINE or LINK-UP, please contact us at 1-800-824-7282 for more information.

Lifeline and/or Link-Up Assistance Application

Name (Please Print):

Last First M.I.

Address:

Street Apt. No.

City State Zip Code

Social Security Number: _____

Telephone Number (if you have existing service): _____

Telephone Number where you can be reached or receive messages: _____

1. I am applying for: _____ Lifeline (monthly telephone service discount)
_____ Link Up (telephone connection charge discount)

Note: Telephone service MUST be in applicant's name.

2. I am currently receiving assistance benefits from at least one of the following programs (*check all that apply and provide documentation showing participation in at least one of the programs checked*):

- _____ Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)
_____ Food Stamps program
_____ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
_____ Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
_____ Low Income Home Energy Assistance
_____ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program
_____ National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program

3. Or,

_____ My household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (*copy of a current tax return, a Social Security Statement of Benefits, or three consecutive months of pay stubs must also be submitted*)

I agree to notify the telephone company when I no longer qualify based on the above criteria.

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE. I have read the information on this application and understand that I must meet at least one of the qualifications to receive Lifeline/Link-Up assistance on my primary residential line.

Signature

Date

Send the completed application to: Venture Communications Cooperative
PO Box 157
Highmore, SD 57345

**SELF-CERTIFICATION FOR LIFELINE/LINK-UP APPLICANTS
QUALIFYING UNDER INCOME-BASED CRITERION**

I, _____, certify under penalty of perjury that I qualify for Lifeline/Linkup assistance based on my household income that is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. I further certify under penalty of perjury that there are _____ members in my household and that the supporting income documentation presented to my telecommunications provider accurately represents the annual income of all members of my household.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Cable TV Areas Served

- ◆ Blunt, Britton, Eden, Gettysburg, Harrold, Highmore, Hitchcock, Hoven, Langford, Onaka, Onida, Pierpont, Ree Heights, Rosholt, Seneca, Sisseton, Tolstoy, Tulare, Wessington, Wessington Springs



Channel Listings Include (Channels Vary by Service Area)

- ◆ All major networks (ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX and Public Broadcasting)
- ◆ ESPN, USA, Disney, CNN, Nickelodeon, American Movie Classics, The Weather Channel, TNN, Discovery, WGN (Chicago) and much more
- ◆ Premium Channels Available (optional for an additional fee)
- ◆ Go to www.venturecomm.net for a complete channel lineup.

Additional Features

- ◆ Local Channel available in most areas.
 - 1) provides local weather information.
 - 2) provides community service advertisements free of charge.
 - 3) other messages or advertisements may be placed on the local channel for a small fee.
- ◆ One Bill – Cable TV charges are included in your monthly telephone bill, leaving you only one bill to pay.

Lifeline/Linkup and Enhanced Lifeline/Linkup Discounts

Venture Communications offers a program to its low-income subscribers that results in a rate reduction on installation and monthly services. Subscribers who participate in any of the following programs also qualify for participation in our Lifeline/Linkup programs:

- Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)
- Food Stamps program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program
- National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program

In addition, a subscriber may qualify for this program if their household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Participation in any of the above programs as well as some tribal assistance programs will qualify a subscriber living on tribal lands for the Enhanced Lifeline program.

For additional information and applications forms, please contact our office at 800-824-7282.

Directory



Save up to \$177 EVERY YEAR !

*Spend it, invest it, save it
You make the choice.*

Lifeline—Link-Up is a federally funded program created to provide every customer the opportunity to have affordable telephone service.

You may be able to save \$8.25 EVERY month if you've enrolled in one of the following:

- Food Stamps
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program
- National School Lunch free lunch program

Individuals who live on a federally recognized reservation or trust land may qualify for a discount of \$14.75 EVERY month if they receive assistance from one of the following:

- Food Stamps
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program
- National School Lunch free lunch program
- Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance program
- Tribally or State Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Head Start (meeting income qualifying standards)
- Household of 4 living on tribal/trust land w/combined income of \$27,000

Call Venture Communications

1-800-824-7282

Visit with a local, reliable person to get signed up today.

AR History Report

~~Sisseton Courier (SCO)~~

05/20/2008

08:40:27

01/01/2007 TO 12/31/2007

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Customer Number/Name		AR Code	Total Due						
VENTURE		A1							
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOP									
Trans Code	Trans Date	Source Doc	Description	Type	SPC	Term	Disc	Cat	Amount
201A Charge	01/02/2007	0394700030	WHO'S WHO					T1	\$30.00
201D Charge	01/02/2007	CS#3234	COLOR COPIES					T1	\$16.00
201E Charge	01/02/2007	CS#3234	SALES TAX					T1	\$0.80
40 Payment	01/11/2007	73158	Payment						\$406.25
201A Charge	01/23/2007	0395900034	WINTER SHOW					T1	\$10.00
201A Charge	01/23/2007	18" AD	FREE PANCAKE SUPPER					T1	\$94.50
201A Charge	02/06/2007	0397900031	WHO'S WHO					T1	\$24.00
201A Charge	02/06/2007	19 1/2" AD	USE DISH AS A BIRDBATH					T1	\$102.38
201A Charge	02/06/2007	24" AD	LIFELINE					T1	\$126.00
201A Charge	02/13/2007	0398000034	DOUBLE SPORTS PAGE					T1	\$20.00
201A Charge	02/13/2007	19 1/2" AD	USE DISH AS A SLED					T1	\$102.38
201A Charge	02/13/2007	SPONSOR PAGE	TIOSPA SPORTS PAGE					T1	\$25.00
40 Payment	02/14/2007	73440	Payment						\$151.30
201B Charge	02/20/2007	1WEEK	NTC OF UNIV. SERVICES					T1	\$14.88
201A Charge	02/27/2007	19 1/2" AD	FRISBEE					T1	\$102.38
201G Charge	02/28/2007	1 YEAR	SUBSCRIPTIONS					T1	\$35.00
201A Charge	03/06/2007	0400500032	WHO'S WHO					T1	\$24.00
40 Payment	03/13/2007	73687	Payment						\$552.02
201A Charge	04/03/2007	0402900031	WHO'S WHO					T1	\$24.00
201A Charge	04/03/2007	24" AD	LIFELINE					T1	\$126.00
40 Payment	04/17/2007	74042	Payment						\$24.00
201A Charge	05/01/2007	0406200029	WHO'S WHO					T1	\$30.00
40 Payment	05/21/2007	74360	Payment						\$150.00
201B Charge	05/22/2007	1 WEEK	STMT OF DISCRIM					T1	\$8.99
201B Charge	05/22/2007	2 WEEKS	PUBLIC NOTICE					T1	\$12.28
201A Charge	05/29/2007	INSERT	GRADUATION					T1	\$35.00
201A Charge	06/05/2007	0408700029	WHO'S WHO					T1	\$24.00
201A Charge	06/05/2007	24" AD	LIFELINE					T1	\$126.00
201D Charge	06/18/2007	CS#4153	EASEL PAD					T1	\$25.90
201E Charge	06/18/2007	CS#4153	SALES TAX					T1	\$1.55
201A Charge	06/19/2007	0410600033	DAIRY MONTH					T1	\$10.00
40 Payment	06/26/2007	74687	Payment						\$86.27
201A Charge	07/03/2007	0412000028	WHO'S WHO					T1	\$30.00
201A Charge	07/17/2007	0413100033	HORSE & BUGGY DAYS					T1	\$10.00
40 Payment	07/23/2007	74944	Payment						\$187.45
201A Charge	07/24/2007	0413800033	ACHIEVEMENT DAYS					T1	\$10.00
201A Charge	08/07/2007	0415300030	WHO'S WHO					T1	\$24.00
201A Charge	08/14/2007	24" AD	LIFELINE					T1	\$126.00
40 Payment	08/14/2007	75116	Payment						\$50.00
201A Charge	08/27/2007	2007-08	SHS SPORTS PROGRAMS					T1	\$65.00
201A Charge	08/27/2007	SHS	SPORTS CALENDARS					T1	\$60.00
201A Charge	08/27/2007	TIOSPA ZINA	SPORTS CALENDARS					T1	\$60.00
201A Charge	08/28/2007	'07	4-H INSERT					T1	\$60.50
201D Charge	08/30/2007	CS#4558	COPY MAP					T1	\$4.00
201E Charge	08/30/2007	CS#4558	SALES TAX					T1	\$0.24
201A Charge	09/04/2007	0418900028	WHO'S WHO					T1	\$48.00
201A Charge	09/11/2007	14" AD	BASEBALL SEASON IS OVER					T1	\$80.50
40 Payment	09/13/2007	75388	Payment						\$399.74
201A Charge	09/25/2007	0420500033	HOMECOMING					T1	\$20.00
Customer Charge	10/02/2007	0422700027	WHO'S WHO					T1	50.00
Customer Charge	10/02/2007	14" AD	FLIP OVER RUSHNET					T1	80.50
Customer Charge	10/02/2007	24" AD	LIFELINE					T1	138.00
Customer Charge	10/16/2007	SHARE	CO-OP AD					T1	30.00
Customer Charge	10/23/2007	0425300034	POST SEASON PLAY					T1	20.00
Payment	10/22/2007	75813	Payment						148.50
40 Payment	11/19/2007	76061	Payment						\$318.50
201A Charge	12/04/2007	0430000021	WHO'S WHO					T1	\$48.00
201A Charge	12/04/2007	24" AD	LIFELINE					T1	\$138.00
201A Charge	12/11/2007	0430100034	SHOP LOCAL					T1	\$20.00
40 Payment	12/17/2007	76325	Payment						\$108.00
201A Charge	12/18/2007	27" AD	SECURE IT PLUS					T1	\$155.25
201A Charge	12/25/2007	15" AD	CHRISTMAS AD					T1	\$86.25

Total Customer Charge

\$2,196.78

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InvoiceNumber: **4452**Date: **January 31, 2007****Bill To:**

Venture Communications
 218 Commercial Ave. SE
 P.O. Box 157
 Highmore, SD 57345

Ship To:

Date	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Amount
01/10/07	adv. 21" Lifeline Link-Up	21.00	3.85	80.85

Total **\$80.85**

Please pay from Invoice. Thank you.

Amount Paid: 80.85

Amount Due: 0.00

0 - 30 days	31 - 60 days	61 - 90 days	> 90 days	Total
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Invoice

Number: 4526

Date: March 06, 2007

Bill To:

Venture Communications
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P.O. Box 157
Highmore, SD 57345

Ship To:

Date	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Amount
02/07/07	adv. 21" Lifeline Link-Up	21.00	3.85	80.85

Total \$80.85

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Invoice

Number: 4598

Date: April 02, 2007

Bill To:

Venture Communications
218 Commercial Ave. SE
P.O. Box 157
Highmore, SD 57345

Ship To:

Date	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Amount
03/07/07	adv. 21" Lifeline Link-Up	21.00	3.85	80.85

Total \$80.85

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Invoice

Number: 4680

Date: May 02, 2007

Bill To:

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P.O. Box 157
Highmore, SD 57345

Ship To:

Date	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Amount
04/11/07	adv. 21" Lifeline Link-Up	21.00	3.85	80.85

Total \$80.85

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Amount Due: 0.00

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Invoice

Number: 4841

Date: July 06, 2007

Bill To:

Venture Communications
218 Commercial Ave. SE
P.O. Box 157
Highmore, SD 57345

Ship To:

Date	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Amount
06/01/07	adv. 21" Lifeline Link-Up	21.00	3.85	80.85

Total \$80.85

Please pay from Invoice. Thank you.

Amount Paid: 80.85

Amount Due: 0.00

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Invoice

Number: **4922**

Date: **July 30, 2007**

Bill To:

Venture Communications
218 Commercial Ave. SE
P.O. Box 157
Highmore, SD 57345

Ship To:

Date	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Amount
07/04/07	adv. 21" Lifeline Link-Up	21.00	3.85	80.85

Total **\$80.85**

Please pay from Invoice. Thank you.

Amount Paid: 80.85

Amount Due: 0.00

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Invoice

Number: **5014**

Date: **September 03, 2007**

Bill To:

Venture Communications
218 Commercial Ave. SE
P.O. Box 157
Highmore, SD 57345

Ship To:

Date	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Amount
08/01/07	adv. 21" Lifeline Link-Up	21.00	3.85	80.85

Total **\$80.85**

Please pay from Invoice. Thank you.

Amount Paid: 80.85

Amount Due: 0.00

0 - 30 days	31 - 60 days	61 - 90 days	> 90 days	Total
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Invoice

Number: **5115**

Date: **October 01, 2007**

Bill To:

Venture Communications
218 Commercial Ave. SE
P.O. Box 157
Highmore, SD 57345

Ship To:

Date	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Amount
09/05/07	adv. 21" Lifeline Link-Up	21.00	3.85	80.85
09/05/07	adv. 21" Baseball season/RUSH net	21.00	3.85	80.85

Total **\$161.70**

Please pay from invoice. Thank you.

Amount Paid: 161.70

Amount Due: 0.00

0 - 30 days	31 - 60 days	61 - 90 days	> 90 days	Total
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Invoice

Number: **5197**

Date: **November 06, 2007**

Bill To:

Venture Communications
218 Commercial Ave. SE
P.O. Box 157
Highmore, SD 57345

Ship To:

Date	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Amount
10/03/07	adv. 21" Lifeline Link-Up	21.00	3.85	80.85
10/03/07	adv. 14" Fast DSL	14.00	3.85	53.90

Total **\$134.75**

Please pay from invoice. Thank you.

Amount Paid: 134.75

Amount Due: 0.00				Total
0 - 30 days	31 - 60 days	61 - 90 days	> 90 days	Total
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Invoice

Number: **5392**

Date: **January 02, 2008**

Bill To:

Venture Communications
218 Commercial Ave. SE
P.O. Box 157
Highmore, SD 57345

Ship To:

Date	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Amount
12/05/07	adv. 21" Lifeline Link-Up	21.00	3.85	80.85
12/19/07	adv. 18" Secure IT Plus	18.00	3.85	69.30

Total **\$150.15**

Please pay from invoice. Thank you.

Amount Paid: 150.15

Amount Due: 0.00

0 - 30 days	31 - 60 days	61 - 90 days	> 90 days	Total
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00