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# Dispute over Northern Cheyenne Tribal head continues

**Northern Cheyenne Tribal leader arrested  
Bureau of Indian Affairs recognizes interim Tribal president**

MONTANA — The divide amongst members of the Northern Cheyenne tribe is deepening as two men fight over who is president of the tribe. Both of the parties say they're following the Northern Cheyenne constitution and have legal documentation to support their claim as president.

Bureau of Indian Affairs police arrested and removed Eugene Little Coyote as president at the tribe's Littlewolf Capitol Building on Friday night. The arrest is a culmination of events that started in July when Little Coyote and Vice President Rick Wolfname got into a fight at the tribal office.

The Northern Cheyenne tribal council voted to remove Little Coyote in September, a move he says is unjust.

"If they wanted to be fair, they would've gotten rid of both



**Eugene Little Coyote**  
OUSTED TRIBAL PRESIDENT

of us."

Allen Fisher of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council says they had a reason for disposing of Little Coyote.

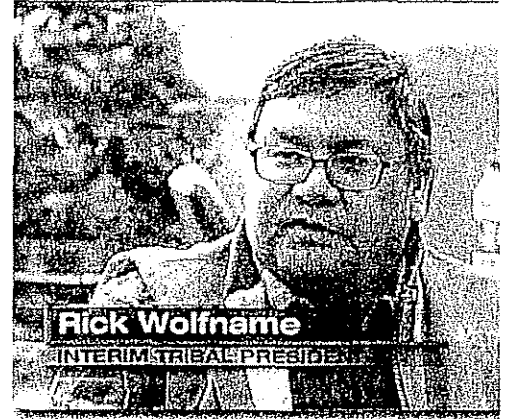
"The difference was the vice chair cooperated, the former president didn't."

Members of the Constitutional Court ruled the meetings were illegal, which led to the removal of Little Coyote. But, Little Coyote says a three

judge panel ruled that he is still president.

In an October Ruling the court stated "the tribal council calling of the special meeting or extra session to remove the president is null and void because it violates the amended constitution and bylaws of the Northern Cheyenne tribe".

Meanwhile, the BIA has ruled that Rick Wolfname is president, saying "we no longer



**Rick Wolfname**  
INTERIM TRIBAL PRESIDENT

believe that the Constitutional Court has or ever had jurisdiction over the removal of an officer".

The ruling upheld the tribal council's removal of Little Coyote, which he disputes.

"Our own tribal system has to settle it. BIA comes in and they're not standing on any legal document. It's just a bureaucratic opinion."

Rick Wolfname, who's the President of the Northern

Cheyenne says the council has the final say in the matter.

"The Constitutional Court clearly has no jurisdiction on the removal process, the council decision is final."

As it stands now Wolfname is in charge and officials with the BIA say that Little Coyote can appeal to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals. He'll also try to stop the BIA ruling by heading in U.S. District Court on Monday.

## NIEA president: \$2.4 billion backlog in school facilities

*Editor's note: The following was written by Vicki Wicks, Lakota Country Times Correspondent.*

RAPID CITY - Robert Cook, an award-winning Rapid City educator, has been elected president of the National Indian Education Association, the largest and oldest American Indian education advocacy group.

Cook was elected in October at NIEA's annual conference in Hawaii, and as president-elect will spend the coming year organizing the next conference to be held in Seattle on Oct. 23-26, 2008. At the end of that conference, he will assume the presidency for one year.

Cook, who has been serving

on the NIEA board for more than a year, said, "We provide advocacy and lobbying in Washington, D.C., to ensure that our American Indian education programs have the quality ... and are entitled to the funding that Congress has promised through our treaties."

Currently, certain programs to enhance education such as Title I, for low-income students; Title VII, for Native students; Johnson-O'Malley Act funds, for cultural enrichment programs; and the Indian schools building fund have been cut or are in danger of being cut, Cook said.

"I know right now there's about a \$2.4 billion backlog on funding on Indian schools, and so we want to make sure the govern-

ment lives up to their promises to provide quality facilities for our Indian kids," Cook said.

Some programs are bundled into a Health and Human Services package that was passed by Congress but vetoed by George Bush, Cook said. A challenge to the veto failed in the House by two votes, and now a compromise is under discussion, he said.

"That's one of the things that we're trying to do is make people aware, to write their congressional leaders to make sure that those programs are funded at the full levels," Cook said.

Cook left an 18-year-career as a classroom teacher last year and joined Crazy Horse Memorial as a cultural affairs specialist.

He said his new employment allows more time for his activities in NIEA. It also brings in an audience of a million visitors a year for interpretive programs to inform people "that we still have our unique issues and diverse cultural needs, that we're not a museum piece, that we continue to struggle with the loss of our languages," he said.

Cook has received awards that include the Milken Award in 2005 and NIEA Teacher of the Year in 2006. He lives in Rapid City with his wife Rapid City School Board member Daphne Richards-Cook, and two children. NIEA was founded in 1969 and has 5,000 members, Cook said.



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## Public Notice

A public hearing for a pardon will be held at the Greasy Grass conference room in the new Administrative Service Center in Fort Yates, North Dakota

for

Safina Jamerson  
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D'uan T. Skinner  
Marcella R. Buckley  
John W. Buckley Sr.

Beginning at 1:00 pm CT on Thursday, January 10, 2008

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front for I-BAND and the IA in 2008.

Becker met with the South Dakota delegation and lined up with cattle representatives from other states to inform Congress about the problems associated with IA's rule with Argentina. Becker also reiterated the need for Congress to pass a Farm Bill that includes a stock title and country-of-origin (COOL). USDA's National Animal Identification System (NAIS) was the topic of meetings both on the Hill and with USDA.

An animal traceback system needs to focus on existing programs and should not be a profit vehicle for private companies," Becker commented. "We had a packed schedule but it was a great opportunity for I-BAND to team up with its allies and deliver a clear message," Becker noted. "Cattle producers are serious about achieving success on these key issues, and now more than ever ranchers need to be engaged."

...ing the people's agency," said Becker. "Finalizing the Farm Bill, addressing a proposed plan to increase trade with Argentina, older Canadian cattle imports despite Canada's BSE problem, along with animal identification are all issues that I-BAND looks forward to working with Secretary Schafer," stated Becker.

"The entire I-BAND organization is excited about the leadership and experience Schafer brings," commented Becker. "Schafer did great things while in office as Governor of ND and I-BAND is ready to move with the administration to strengthen the cattle industry."

"Secretary Schafer has some excellent references and colleagues in Senators Conrad, Byron Dorgan

a continuing scholarship opportunity for high school seniors and their families in all Dacotah Bank communities. For the ninth consecutive year, participating South Dakota banks have agreed to match South Dakota Bankers Foundation funds to provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors in local communities. Dacotah Bank will sponsor additional scholarship opportunities at each Dacotah Bank location.

Dacotah Bank will be awarding six \$1,000 scholarships this year to successful recipients who plan to attend a South Dakota post-secondary institution of higher learning, as well as \$500 Dacotah Star scholarships awarded by local Dacotah Banks. The recipients of the \$500 Dacotah Star scholarships will attend a post-secondary institution of higher learning, not limited to the state of South Dakota. Company-wide, Dacotah Bank will be granting over \$20,000 in total scholarship dollars. Recipients of the 2008 scholarships will be announced in the spring. Both scholarships may be applied for by any graduating senior whose immediate family has account relationships with Dacotah Bank, Dacotah Insurance or the Investment Centers of America located at many Dacotah Banks in South Dakota.

Applications are available at any local Dacotah Bank and on the Dacotah Bank website at [dacotahbank.com](http://dacotahbank.com). The applications must be postmarked by Wednesday, March 5th, 2008 to be considered. An independent panel of judges will review all applications and select this year's winners. For more information, contact your local Dacotah Bank, or the Dacotah Bank Marketing Department at 605.225.5611.

2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. Western Plains Action Group will serve a homemade meal, and they are asking for a free will offering at the door.

The Coal Springs Community Church is located on the east side of SD Hwy 73 about 33 and 1/2 miles south of Lemmon or about 30 and 1/2 miles north of Junction US Hwy 212/SD Hwy 73 near Faith. For more information, please contact Holly Waddell at 605-244-5475 or Darwin Oliver at 605-788-2868.

WEDNESDAY. Jicole and Braydon went to Selby to see Lydia Gehring at the nursing home and have dinner with her. Braydon is Lydia's great-great grandson. The residents also enjoyed the baby there.

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My advice to youngsters would be that their own thoughts, their own feelings, their own visions are as important as anyone's in the world; that self-empowerment and self-value is something that is very important to them

—Leslie Schuller

2/7 messenger (Corson-Sou Co.)

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## McLaughlin Teen Center Grand opening huge success

Dear Editor:

The Grand Opening of the Boys & Girls Club of the Grand River Area Teen Center was held on Friday, February 1st, 2008. Our new Teen Center is the blue trailer house by the Blue Gym. The building was blessed and a prayer song was sung by Jay Taken Alive. We invited a few people to say a few words about our New Teen Center. Our speakers were Marcella Yellow Hammer, Executive Director of BCGRA, Krystal Antelope read a letter from Shane Bostic, Principal of McLaughlin High School and Middle School, Jerry Peterson, Boys & Girls Club Board Member, Ta Sunke Gli Nanji Win, Ms. Standing Rock, Taylor Black Cloud, Teen Club Member, and Ann Veitz, Science and Tech Teacher, McLaughlin School. We served sloppy joes, potato salad, chips, juice and served cake and ice cream. We ended the night by

letting the teen club members hang out at their new center. We would like to thank the following people for all of their help and support: Boys & Girls Club Staff & Volunteers, Teen Club Members, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Head Start, Roman Weasel, Tom Long Feather, Jay Taken Alive, David Jones, Crystal, Kendall, and Kendra Skinner, Beatrice Skinner, Jared Wise Spirit, Tony LaFromboise, Tyson Thompson, Jesse Village Center, Dakota Silk Screen, Randy Martin, Eric Peters, Kevin Byington, Judene Flying Horse, Francis Dubray, Kenny and Mercedes Chase, Virgil Taken Alive, Standing Rock Housing Authority. And ALL others not mentioned. All of your contributions were greatly appreciated.

Schalemar Flying Horse  
Teen Center Supervisor  
McLaughlin, S.D. 57642

### Teen Center Hours

Monday – Thursday

5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. CST

Friday & Saturday

2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. CST

Not a registered club member?

You can come in pick up an application, have your parent or guardian fill it out and bring it back.

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You must be in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade to be able to attend and participate in any activities that will be held at the Teen Center.

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Any questions call Schalemar at 823-2305

## Azure sentenced to two years

About a year ago the Court House Law Library was moved to a room on second floor. The old law library had a nice selection of hard and soft cover books and was a fairly usable law library. This writer used the library frequently but never saw anyone other than licensed attorneys in that room.

In the new Law Library there is a computer and a set of South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) books which according to the order written by Presiding Judge Jeff Davis is "available for public use." However the computer assisted legal research always requires an administrative code.

You have the SDCL annotated books with case summaries, but the rest of the computer assisted research uses Westlaw/Thompson which requires an administrative code. I assume licensed attorneys are issued their own code. I have used that room on numerous occasions just as I used the old law library and every time I log on and try to pull up legal information I am asked for an administrative code. Thus the old books and their valuable information are no longer available to the public.

The remainder of that order however says the following, "Public access to the second and third floor areas shall now be limited to courtrooms, public hallways and public restrooms. Access to the remainder of the second and third floor areas shall be generally limited to judges and staff, Officers of the Court and Criminal Justice personnel only." Since that paragraph does not add "and the law library room" it appears to conflict with the first paragraph. Will the public be denied access to this much abbreviated law library?

Debbie Azure was sentenced to two years in prison by Judge Janine Kern on January 30. Ken Varnes represented the State. This writer wrote Judge Kern saying that sending Azure to prison would be a waste of taxpayer money, especially since she had not broken any law with her violation and had requested to return to the Cheyenne River Reservation where she had a job and a support system.

Varnes and her probation officer, Paula Robb asked that she serve the remainder of her suspended sentence, four years. She served a total of 241 days in jail during the time before trial and since her suspended sentence was revoked by Robb. She has to serve forty percent of the two years or a total of 292 days in prison. Thus she has less than two months remaining before she will be eligible for parole.

Varnes criticized the letter written by this writer saying that Azure should have worried about taxpayer dollars when she made them take her to trial. Excuse me. Mr. Varnes wasn't she guaranteed a trial by a jury of her peers?

I recall when former United States Attorney Karen Schreier, now a U. S. District Court Judge, was chastised by Federal District Judge John Jones in Sioux Falls for asking for an enhancement in a woman's sentence for her seeking a jury trial and being convicted by



Guest Column  
By Hazel Bonner  
Columnist

the jury. Judge Jones chastised Schreier telling her that a jury trial is guaranteed and the granting of an enhancement for going to trial and being convicted would laugh in the face of the United States Constitution. Yes, Mr. Varnes, Debbie Azure was guaranteed her right to go to trial.

House Bill 1229, a bill to raise the sales tax by 2 percent, was turned down by a unanimous vote in a Committee of the Legislature on Friday. Only the Bill's sponsor Gordon Howie spoke in favor of the legislation. Reverend Kristina Jensen spoke against the bill discussing its horrific effects on low and moderate income citizens.

HB 1171 is a bill that would allow mountain lions to be classified as predators/varmints instead of "big game" in all of the state outside the Black Hills. It will be heard in the House Ag and Natural Resource Committee on Tuesday, February 5. Hopefully it will have the same fate as HB 1229.

HB 1297 that will stop high interest on short-term loans, like payday loans and title loans will be heard in a committee of the legislature on Monday February 4. It limits the interest to 36 percent.

South Dakota currently has NO limit on interest on short term loans so it actually goes as high as 400 percent. When the loan inter-

est is not paid on time the loan gets rolled over and the interest goes up. Emergency assistance agencies are seeking this limit because too many people are getting in trouble with the no limit on interest on these loans.

To have input you can call the House at 605-773-3851. You can leave a message for two representatives at a time or you can e-mail them. Type in South Dakota Legislative Research Council as a name. When the website comes up click on the Current Legislators button the on the left hand side.

A list of all Senators and House Members comes up. Click on any persons name and it will allow you to contact them by email. Type out a message for the legislator giving your e-mail address. You should also give your full name and address in the message. You can then send the same message by going back to the message then using the toggle bar to click on the next person on a committee. You can send the same message to all members of a committee or all members of the house or Senate in a relatively short time. Try it, it really works and is fun besides.

Try sending a message to Senator Theresa Two Bulls or Senator Tom Katus, or Senator Van Norman, or others thanking them for all their good work or complaining about bills that will hurt us. It doesn't take a long time to send the same message to a group of legislators.

Get involved in our state legislature in this way. Remember Martin Luther King, Jr. stated "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." These things matter to us and will affect our lives. Become involved.

Hazel Bonner is a freelance writer who writes from her home. She can be contacted electronically at [hbonpigel@hotmail.com](mailto:hbonpigel@hotmail.com); by snail mail at PO Box 3712, Rapid City South Dakota, 57709-3712; or by phone at 605-342-5834, ext. 120.

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Scott and Val Keller, Skyler, Eddie and Sarah of Timber Lake.

Kevin Warne of Estelline came on Friday to spend the weekend at the home of Leon and Delores Voegele, joining them on Sat. were Greg Voegele, Tanya, Joslin, Jason Kraft, Jason and Kim Voegele, Tyler, Garrett and Bryce, Belinda Holzer, Tucker and Emily all of Mobridge and Troy and Rhonda Holzer, Kaska and Sammy Jo. Kevin returned home on Monday rather than Sunday due to the weather.

Jaydlynn and Gage Nickels of Mobridge spent Friday thru Monday at the home of Bob and Ruby Hollenbeck while their parents Danny and Hayley Nickels and brother Dakota spent the weekend in Rapid City for the AAU State Wrestling Tournaments.

Strana for supper.

Tom and Judy Holzer and Bob and Marie Berndt of Eagle Butte are the proud grandparents of twin boys born in Bismarck on April 1st to Steve and Cindy Holzer of Timber Lake. Kolby arrived at 6lbs. 9oz and Thomas at 6lbs. 12oz. They join a sister Sarah. Steve, Cindy and Sara have spent the past month at the home of Tom and Judy Holzer. Joie Holzer came from Aberdeen to spend the weekend at Tom and Judy's to help with calving while Steve was in Bismarck with his family. On Sat. Jaci Alley and friend Peg of Isabel and Kelsey Ducheneaux of LaPlant visited at the Holzer home.

Annals.

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2) Loogering Universal Skidsteer Forks  
Case DH7 Trencher (needs engine work or for parts)

Case DH5 Articulating Trencher, 735 w/6-Way Blade, Vibratory Plow, B Attachment, 8' Chain Boom  
Case 760 Hydrostatic Trencher, 350 w/6-Way Blade & Backhoe Attach (2001 engine overhaul)  
1998 Case 860 Turbo Hydrostatic Tr 1400 Hrs w/11' Chain Boom, 6-WV 6' Rock Boom & Chain Attachment  
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2001 3/4-Ton Chevy 4x4 Silverado H.D. Crew Cab - 6.0L, Gas, Auto Trans., 5th Wheel, Trailer Brakes, 143,000 Miles  
2001 Chevy 1-Ton 4x4 Reg Cab - 7.4 L, Auto Trans. w/Flat Bed, 5th Wheel, Trailer Brakes, Only 2500 Miles on new engine (146,000 miles)  
1995 Ford F-350 1-Ton Reg Cab, 7.5 L w/5 Spd Manual Overdrive, Flatbed 5th Wheel, Trailer Brakes (136,000?)  
1989 Western Star Dump Truck, w/425 Cat Engine, 16 Spd., Aluminum Box, New Hoist Pump (2007), Set up for Pup Trailer  
1975 Ford C750 Dump Truck, 2 1/2-Ton w/Oversized Box & Overhauled Gas Engine  
1992 Chevy Van Truck, Diesel, 20' Box w/Lift  
1988 International Van Truck, Diesel (Overhaul), 24' Box w/Lift

1997 Chevy 1/2-Ton Silverado 4x4 5.3L, New Tires, 174,000 Miles  
1989 Chevy 3/4-Ton Reg Cab 2x4, Wheel, 73,500 Miles  
1985 Dodge 1/2-Ton, Reg Cab 2x4  
1984 Dodge 1-Ton, Reg Cab 4x4, Utility Box  
1965 Ford Ranchero (Classic), 6 Cy

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Lincoln 225 Amp, 230 Volt Arc Wel  
Campbell-Hausfeld Wire Feed We  
Cutting Torch w/Stand, Tanks, Ros  
Rycorn Utility Locator w/Case  
DML 2000 Ferromagnetic Locator  
Trimble Spectra DG711 Pipe Laser  
6" to 12"  
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(Corson-Stoux County News)

# Montana tribes work on Adam Walsh compliance

Montana tribes are working with the U.S. Marshals Service to comply with the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act.

The law requires tribes to set up a national sex offender registry or allow the state to do it for them. The provision was written without tribal input.

Montana tribes have chosen to develop their own system, Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Rod Ostermiller said. So far, the Crow Tribe is furthest along in the process, which includes the creation of a publicly-accessible web site for offenders on reservations.

The U.S. Marshals Service says several unregistered offenders are living in Indian Country.

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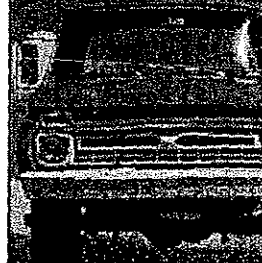
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### Request for Proposals

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STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE  
FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FORT YATES, ND  
April, 2008

The engineering firm selected for this work will be selected to provide engineering services as per described below, but not limited to:

Civil Engineering and related services for survey, administration and construction oversight and observation of the High Bank Creek Bridge (Bridge #A043) located from Little Eagle SD then south and west for 8 KM on BIA route 4. Willingness to provide training of Tribal employees.

Responses to the Request for Proposals (RFP) should include:

The Firm's legal name, address, and telephone number. The Firm's headquarters where the work will be performed and from which expenses and mileage will be charged.

Ownership, verification if minority owned.

The applicant must provide documentary proof of ability to obtain professional liability insurance of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) if elected, e.g., copy of insurance finder or letter from carrier promising to provide the required coverage.

All applicants are required to certify their willingness to abide by all applicable Federal and Tribal Indian preference requirements in regard to their hiring and subcontracting for work on this project, including compliance with the Tribe's TERO requirements. Use of Contract Form as provided by the Tribe.

The Principal(s) of the Firm and their experience and qualifications.

The experience and qualifications of the key staff to be assigned to the project(s).

A description of the firm's prior experience, including total cost of listed projects.

A description of the Firm's current work activities and how the Firm's anticipated availability of resources and staff during the term of a project.

Past Projects Performed for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Contact: Marilyn Bercier  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
605.226.7656

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The U.S. Department of Interior, Regional Office is seeking co Assessment (EA) for Standing I determined this action must be Policy Act (NEPA) to identify the new tower sites proposed for the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation nities did not meet soil condition

The Supplemental EA will evalt



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Friday, May 9 - POTLUCK.

Monday, May 12 - Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Broccoli, Garlic Toast, Orange Sherbet.

Tuesday, May 13 - Ham, Baked Potato/Sour Cream, Green Beans, Peach Cake, Whole Wheat Bread.

Wednesday, May 14 - Baked Chicken, Noodles Romanoff, Beets, Pineapple Strawberry Ambrosia, Whole Wheat Bread.

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Derek and family, Rusty and Lisa, Glenda and Wayne, Jerrod Becker and Nikki, Tanner and Taylor joined them.

Pete and Ann Kraft came down on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Margaret Blotske went to Bismarck shopping on Monday and visited with her sister, Rosemary Leingang.

There were about 56 people attending the Vollmuth family reunion at Nick and Deb's on June 27<sup>th</sup> thru the 29<sup>th</sup>. All of Liz's kids were here. Richard from Hot Springs, Jim and Sherry from Biloxi, Miss., Marie and Milt from Apple Valley, Calif., George from Fargo, Pam Vollmuth and friend from Stanton, Jack and Jolene from Conifer, Colo., Jerry and Debbie from Lakewood, Colo., Fred and Sue from Mandan, Pat from Princeton, Minn., and, of course, Nick and Deb. Several grand and great grand kids were here. George's son and daughter-in-law gave Liz another great grandson, congrats! Liz is doing well after her surgery. Nick and Deb went to Bismarck to Judd and Michelle's for a picnic on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Larry and Peggy Miorgen went to Mandan on Thursday and attended a family picnic.

They came home on the 4<sup>th</sup>. The Branding Iron had a free supper on the 4<sup>th</sup> and put on quite a nice fireworks display.

Jim and Gloria Kraft were at the Marina for the weekend. Joining them were; + Dave and Bonnie Volk, Vic and Kathy Kraft, Willie Kraft and Mary Siebolt, Albert and Virginia Kraft and their grandson, Ty.

Jesse Kraft and fiancée, Brent, Mike Volk and Jennifer Kraft, Brent Volk, Lance and Shelly Kraft, and Shane and Brickley Kraft. Ed and Verna Mosset had a visit from Verna's sister, Darlene Gilbertson and husband, Cliff from Mesa, Arizona last week. Get well wishes to Luella Volk. Our condolences to Lavone Lofgren.

invited to attend of the upcoming I would like more information on any of you may contact County Extension Officer Mike Huber at 773-3305 or David Vander-

### South Dakota Reserve Veterinary Medical Officer Corps

Sam D. Holland, DVM, State Veterinarian (773-3321) is a member of the South Dakota Reserve Veterinary Medical Officer Corps. He attended Module 9, a continuing education animal health training on June 10.

for Training included zoonotic and the First Aid Advancements in Mouth Disease development and Trans-boundary that may affect South Dakota livestock, the responsibility of the industry Board in disseminating information to the public. The Pierre Fire Department tested the production of foam, which has a use in animal emergency situation. Nancy Anderson, of

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# News

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birthday. Bill & Edith of Winterhaven, AZ a week visiting at the of Joe & Barb Keller. olly Bickel, Sydney s and Lauren Keller a busy weekend as ipants in SDRR Rodeos owman, ND on Friday, ion on Saturday and ee on Sunday. ll & Laurie Bickel, ay, Brady, Jordan and ney were in Watertown he weekend for Rodeos o visit Corky & Sharon e. ya Bieber's children, , Grant and Mallery from Hot Springs to some time and visit at iber Farm and enjoyed ig with cousins Caleb, and Arianna, the en of Ben & Tiffinee r. ren Salzer and Kurt Tuesday in Bismarck Kurt is sporting some new braces on his

approved the bill today, and the bill now moves to the full Appropriations Committee for consideration.

"Through my seat on the Appropriations Committee, I will continue to push for federal dollars to invest in projects that encourage economic growth across South Dakota. I was able to secure funding in this bill for business and downtown development, as well as funding for housing in communities that need it most," Johnson said. "These programs and projects are strong investments that communities across the state will use to build a stronger future."

## FUNDING JOHNSON SECURED FOR SOUTH DAKOTA PROJECTS:

\$200,000 to the City of Pierre for the Pierre Downtown Revitalization and Waterfront Development Project.

\$200,000 to Lake Area Improvement Corporation for the Madison Industrial Park expansion.

\$200,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of the Grand River in McLaughlin for facility upgrades to existing and new sites on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation.

\$250,000 to the Four Bands Community Fund in Eagle Butte to enable the organization to make additional business loans and provide business development assistance and help create private-sector jobs in some of South Dakota's poorest communities.

\$250,000 to the Lakota Fund in Kyle to enable the organization to make additional business loans and provide business development assistance to

to secure the solvency of the Trust Fund could result in a cut of \$58 million in South Dakota's share of federal aid highway dollars.

\$3.89 billion for the Community Development Fund (CDF), which the popular Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) program. This is an increase over last year's \$3.87 billion funding level and rejects the President's proposal to slash CDF funding by \$890 million. CDBG funds have been used in South Dakota communities to upgrade local drinking water infrastructure, renovate low-income housing, and construct fire halls, among other things.

\$65 million for the Native American Housing Assistance and Self

high academic achievement. BHSU, which is celebrating its' 125th year, has an enrollment exceeding 4,000 students and offers 56 academic programs at the associate, bachelors, and masters degree levels.

A little learning is a dangerous thing, but a lot of ignorance is just as bad.

—Bob Edwards

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# Ag Summit 2008 will Discuss Pressing Ag Issues

(Union Center, SD)- Ranchers in western South Dakota will have a chance to hear from state and national Ag leaders about Country of Origin Labeling (COOL), animal ID, property tax issues and other state and national Ag issues.

Ag Summit 2008 will proceed Cammack Ranch Supply's Rancher Round-up on August 16<sup>th</sup> in Union Center. The summit will take place at the Central Meade County Community Center. The program starts at 9 am and features a noon meal. There is no cost and no pre-registration is required.

"This Ag Summit will give us a chance to bring together key players and ag leaders to identify common ground and find solutions to problems we are all facing in the cattle industry," said event organizer and moderator Rep. Larry Rhoden.

Producers will hear from Kirk Chaffee, Meade County Director of Equalization and Michael Kenyon, SD Department of Revenue and Regulation regarding property tax issues.

Bruce Knight, USDA Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs will also address the crowd and answer questions.

Following a noon meal, industry leaders from SD Farm Bureau, South Dakota Farmers Union, South Dakota Stockgrowers Association, South Dakota Cattlemen's Association and the Animal Industry Board will discuss animal ID.

The program will wrap-up at 1:30 pm with Gov. Mike Rounds.

Ag Summit 2008 will be hosted by Sen. Kenny McNenny, Rep. Tom Brunner and moderator Rep. Larry Rhoden.

Sponsors include: SD Farm Bureau, South Dakota Stockgrowers Association, South Dakota Cattlemen's Association, KBHB Radio, Tri-State Livestock News, Farmers State Bank-Faith, Wells Fargo Bank-Sturgis and First Western Bank-Sturgis, Cenex of Union Center, Sturgis, & Belle Fourche.

For more information, contact Rep. Larry Rhoden at

## Senior Citizens Nutrition site Menu

Thursday, Aug. 14 - Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Carrots, Fruit Cocktail, Zucchini Bread.

Friday, Aug. 15 - Scalloped Chicken, Spinach, Strawberry Jello w/ Mandarin Oranges, Gingerbread w/Topping.

Monday, Aug. 18 - Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Rice & Raisins, Whole Wheat Bread.

Tuesday, Aug. 19 - French Dip Sandwich, Macaroni Salad, Seasoned Cabbage, Waldorf Salad.

Wednesday, Aug. 20 - Roast Pork, Baked Potato/S.Cream, Squash, Applesauce, Molasses Cookie, Whole Wheat Bread.

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Sitting Bull College Fall registration at main campus in Fort Yates.

Mon, August 11<sup>th</sup> 9 am-4 pm  
Tues, August 12<sup>th</sup> 9 am-4 pm  
Wed, August 13<sup>th</sup> Noon-7 pm  
Thurs, August 14<sup>th</sup> 9 am-4 pm  
Fri, August 15<sup>th</sup> 9am-4 pm

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watch movies and could quote sayings from different movies to fit everyday life. If you ever asked him about life, he would stay up all night talking to you about all his thoughts. He loved to read, Star Wars was a favorite. He had almost the entire collection. Brian was trying to make his life better for himself and his son, Helixo.

He married Memoree LeCompte on May 24, 2004, and from this union they had one son Helixo Scot Amiel Eagle. He was teaching his son many things like sign language, Spanish, tai-chi, among other things. Brian worked at many restaurants throughout Bismarck and enjoyed cooking. He was currently working for McDonalds company, home based, taking orders on the internet so that he could stay at home with his son. He enjoyed spending time with his family and going to gatherings. He especially enjoyed spending time with his nieces and nephews. In November 2008, Brian and special friend Felice Kinlichee are expecting a son.

Brian is survived by his son, Helixo Scott Amiel Eagle of Fort Yates, his mother, Janet Benson, Bismarck; two sisters, Brenda (Kyle) Eagle, Bismarck, Brianne McHugh (Robert Thomas), Bismarck, Maternal grandparents, Edwin Benson, Twin Buttes, Arlene Benson, Bismarck,

paternal grandparents, Lillian Eagle Zahn, Standing Rock, maternal aunts, Paulette Long Chase, Bismarck, Mary Lynn (Darrell) Eagelstaff, Aberdeen, South Dakota, Heidi Benson Everett, Bismarck, paternal aunts, Debra Eagle, Constance Archambault, Susan Mendoza, LuWanne George, Shelby Zahn, all of Fort Yates, paternal

uncles, Cletus (Sam) Cadotte, Fort Yates, Sheldon Cadotte, Bismarck.

Brian was preceded in death by his father Delano S. Eagle Sr., and his half-brother, David Eagle.

Arrangements are being made by Perry Funeral Home, Mandan, North Dakota.

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included the board of director's preliminary analysis of a load management program. Load management enables your cooperative to curb the increasing demand charges imposed upon Moreau-Grand by our power providers.

Both Manager Maher and President Johnson called upon the membership to help keep the cost of electricity affordable. This is accomplished by member participation in the Our Energy Our Future campaign. The campaign asks the tough questions of our leaders in Washington, D.C.

Manager Maher informed the membership on the USDA approval of the AD42 loan totaling \$7,625,000.

Members honored Darlene Pfaff for her 45 years of service. She was moved by the standing ovation. Others honored for their years of service were Beverly Ann Birkeland (10 years - Director), Alan Johnson (15 years - Director), Rod Schad (15 years - Director), Wendy Shupick (15 years - Cashier/Receptionist Eagle Butte Office), and Clyde Pfeiffe (25 years - Assistant Staking Engineer).

2008 Youth Tour Participant Kent Maier expressed his appreciation to the membership for his opportunity to join with over 1400 cooperative youth from across the nation touring Washington, D.C. and learning about government in action.

The evenings keynote speaker was Wayne Backman of Basin Electric Power

Treasurer.

Moreau-Grand wishes to thank the community of Isabel and the Isabel School for their kindness and hospitality.

For more on the annual meeting please visit [www.mge.coop](http://www.mge.coop)

## Shoestring Services held in Bullhead

Funeral services for Jerome Shoestring, 28 of Fort Yates, ND were held Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008 at the Bullhead Gym. Burial was in the St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Kesling Funeral Home of Mobridge. There was be an all night wake starting at 7:00 PM CT at the gym. Mr. Shoestring passed away on October 1 in at Med Center One in Bismarck.



Jerome was born on January 20, 1980 in Fort Yates at

Maternal Grandparents Ruth Little Eagle, maternal Great Grandparents; Les and Angeline Little Eagle, his aunts; Mary Rose Yellow Earrings, Audrey Red Bird, Judith Lawrence, Uncles; Leroy Shoestring, and Sydney Little Eagle and one cousin Margaret Omen.

Casketbearers were Todd Shoestring, Justin, Shoestring, Dana Yellow Earrings, Edgar Yellow Earrings, David Yellow Earrings, Charlie Gates, Scottie Gates (Pods), Lyndell Pleets, Jeff Watson, Jamie Bendickson, Rob Loy, Waylon Makes Him First.

Honorary Bearers were Casey Miner, Special friend Carrie Dogskin, Brad Red Horn, Chad Agard, Chris Grooms, Todd Steele, Peyton White Bull, Debbie Dogskin & family, Chad Yellow Lodge, Jerrada Red Horse, Cowboy Yellow, Adrian Fiddler, Dennis Tug Grey Bear, Danny Elk (Papa), Kerry Walking Elk, Brandy Red Bear, Julian Little Eagle, R.J. Weddell, Austin Ozzy Agard, Sonny Blaine Claymore, Tory Silk, Herbert Buffalo Boy, Lloyd Thompson, Sam Gayton, Cyril "Snapper" Agard, Jenny & Ted Eagle, Jamie Hertel, Clay & Becky Claymore, Sonny Blaine Claymore, Eli "Ozzy" Agard, Chad Agard, and a special thank you to the Ft. Yates Ambulance Service, IHS Staff, and the Med Center One Staff.

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Mutchler bumping



Ian Wiest receiving his 5th place award at the State Meet in Huron



Boys' Cross Country Team awarded 3rd place

## Volleyball girls win over McLaughlin

...s for the game were 13-25, 25-17, 10-25. ... leading the serving were Erika Kelsey Mutchler and Tia Luger. ... leader was Erika Schneider. ... ing leaders for the game were

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# Watauga N

Our lovely fall weather continues with temperatures the past week near 70 and a few days over 70. We continue dry, but the weather man (sort of) promises cooler weather and chances of rain or snow for this week. You do know there is only one job you can be 100% wrong all the time and never lose your job--that's a weather forecaster. There are a lot of bales still in the fields, maybe they are just waiting for a snowstorm.

We are glad to report Rose Peters was dismissed from the Hettinger hospital last week. Tuesday afternoon, Bea Baumeister was in to visit with Rose and Joe, Pat Hupp and Jeanine Peters. Pat has returned to her home in Hot Springs and Jeanine left for her work in Minneapolis Sunday morning.

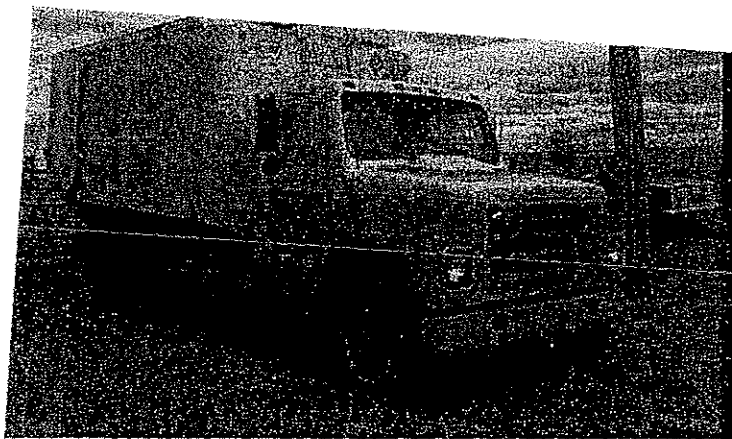
Kim and Josh Roiger of Dell Rapids and Steve Hoffman from Brookings spent the weekend at Jack and Michele Hoffman's deer hunting. They were successful.

Weekend hunting guests at Dale and Teresa Dillman's were sons, Mark of Rapid City and Eddie and Eddie's friend, Melissa Bootz of UND in Grand Forks. Between the deer season opening and the pheasant season, there were a lot of hunters going through the Dillman yard.

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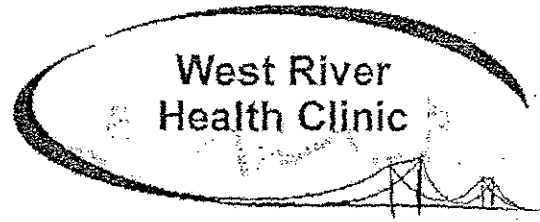


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US Attorney Thomas J. Wright. A  
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ordered and a sentencing date will b

### Man Pleads Guilty to Failure to Pay Legal Child Support

Sioux Falls, SD- United States  
Attorney Marty J. Jackley  
announced that William R. Cornish,  
age 50, of Denton, Texas, appeared  
before US Magistrate John E.  
Simko on November 25, 2008, and  
pled guilty to an indictment that  
charged Cornish with failure to pay  
legal child support. The maximum  
penalty upon conviction is two years  
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be set. The defendant was released  
on bond pending sentencing.

### Volga Man Sentenced for Child Pornography

Sioux Falls, SD- United States  
Attorney Marty J. Jackley  
announced that a Volga man charged  
with attempted transfer of obscene  
material to a minor was sentenced  
on November 17, 2008, by US  
District Court Judge Lawrence L.  
Piersol. Brady Dean Arthur, age 27,  
was sentenced to five years of pro-

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### Redfield Man Charged with Child Pornography

Sioux Falls, SD  
- United States Attorney Marty J.  
Jackley announced that a Redfield  
man has been indicted by a federal  
grand jury for possessing child  
pornography. Edward Raymond  
Flad, Jr., age 21, was indicted by a  
federal grand jury on November 4,  
2008, for four counts of receipt and  
distribution of child pornography  
and one count of possession of child  
pornography. He appeared before  
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Richards on November 25, 2008,  
and pled not guilty to the indictment.  
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tion is a maximum of twenty years  
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legal child support. Jeanine K.  
Christensen, age 35, was indicted by  
a federal grand jury on August 5,  
2008, for failure to pay legal child  
support. She appeared before US  
Magistrate Judge John E. Simko on  
November 14, 2008, and pled not  
guilty to the indictment. The maxi-  
mum penalty upon conviction is two  
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charge is merely an accusation and  
Christensen is presumed innocent  
until and unless proven guilty. The  
investigation is being conducted by  
the Department of Health and  
Human Services, Office of Inspector  
General. Assistant US Attorney  
Thomas J. Wright is prosecuting the  
case. Jeanine R. Christensen was  
released on bond pending trial. A  
trial date has not yet been set.

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## “Native Nativity- The Sacred Family” presented at Bear Soldier Blue Gym

One Spirit Ministries will be presenting a Christmas program, “Native Nativity-The Sacred Family” at the Bear Soldier Blue Gym in McLaughlin on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 6:00 pm CST. Steve Emery will be the narrator.

The program will also include family Christmas Carols. Each participating family will receive a holiday fruit basket.

Holiday Spirit essays will be open to the youth the topic will be “What Christmas means to me”. The participating youth will receive a box of Chocolates.

Christmas music will be presented by Steve Emery and Gil Kills Pretty Enemy and One spirit’s “Trinity”. Others are also welcome to perform.

A Meal will be served along with Prayers and Blessing for Community members. Door prizes will be given. Candy bags will be given courtesy of SRST and Bear Soldier District with a special appearance by “Waziyela”. Bring your own camera and get your picture taken with him!

Please call if you are interested in participating in the program, Family or Group Singing, Reading essays, Speaking about the holiday or

being in the nativity play.

For more information call any of the following: Doug @ 823-4833 Jerry/Tabitha @ 823-2387 or Geraldine @ 823-4805

## McIntosh School Christmas program to be held Monday

McIntosh School will be holding their Christmas Program on Monday, December 15, at 7:00 for grades K-12. There will be instrumental and vocal performances.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade band will play “I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus” The Jr. High and High School band will perform “Deckin’ the Halls” and “Christmas Fantasy” for Jazz Band.

Kindergarten will sing, “Suzie Snowflake”, Santa Claus is comin’ to Town”, Jingle Bells” and “Red & Green”.

First Graders will sing “A silly Christmas Song”, “Merry

Christmas Bells”, “There’s Someone in the Chimney” and “Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer”. Jr. High and High School Choir will sing “Winter Wonderland of Snow”, “Carol of the Birds”, “Where are you Christmas”. Grades 2-6 will be putting a Christmas play “Shapin Up Santa” by Jill and Michael Gallina. Some of the songs are “Christmas is Coming”, “Fit as a Fiddle”, “Shape up Santa”, “The Workout”, “Hot Fudge Sundae” “The Get Away”, “Love is What It’s really all about”, and “Give a little love at Christmas”.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy!

## Board meeting date changed

The date of the regular December board meeting for the McLaughlin School has been changed to Dec. 15th at 6:00 pm.

*Reprinted again*

**McLaughlin Centennial  
Committee will meet  
Tuesday, December 16 at  
7:00 pm in City Hall meetin  
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# Keep local departments on the go

Over the weekend kept the departments on the go over the weekend.

Friday the Timber Lake McIntosh and BIA fire departments responded to a pasture belonging to Hoven on the Good road.

High terrain hampered efforts to completely extinguish the fire and crews from McLaughlin and Timber Lake were called out again Sunday when the fire rekindled. Crews were on the scene again Monday as the gusty breezes caused more flareups.

McLaughlin fire department had been called out on Sunday to put out a fire in a corn field belonging to Banik Brothers east of McLaughlin. A ruptured propane tank on a combine had started that blaze. That blaze was extinguished before any other nearby acreage had been

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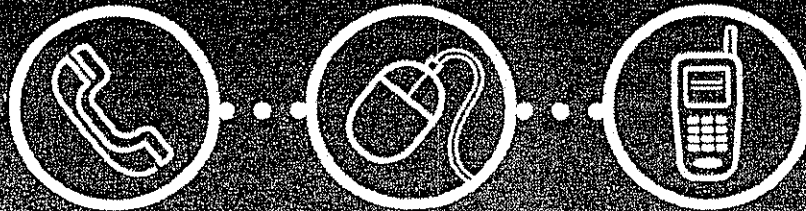
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# McLaughlin Livestock Inc.

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County Sheriff's Office, Leech Lake Tribal  
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by Assistant US Attorney John Haak of  
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US Attorney's Office recused itself due to a  
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press reports about the Secretary of  
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John Kitzhaber, who has opposed  
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Tony Knowles, who remains popular  
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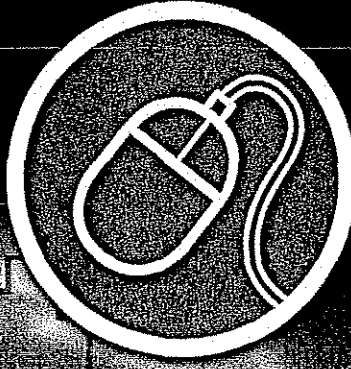
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## Link-Up

Can save you 50% of the initial charges to hook up primary telephone service.

### **Who is Eligible?**

Anyone qualified under one of the following economic assistance programs qualifies for Link-Up & Lifeline.

- National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch Program
- Medicaid
- Food Stamps Program
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program

You may also be eligible if your income is equal to or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

## Tribal Lands Lifeline & Expanded Link-Up

Residents of tribal lands may be eligible for Tribal Lands Lifeline and Expanded Link-Up. Tribal Lands Lifeline provides primary local telephone service for \$1.00 a month for eligible persons. This does not cover costs for long distance, E-911 charges, optional features, taxes and other applicable state/federal-mandated fees. Expanded Link-Up offers assistance with telephone service hook up costs.



### **Who is Eligible?**

Residents of tribal lands participating in at least one of the following programs:

- National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch Program
- Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX Medical)
- State Supplemental Assistance
- Food Stamps Program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- BIA General Assistance Program
- Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Head Start (only with income qualifying standard)

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### **For More Information**

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# HOME TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

## Can't Afford Telephone Service? Link-Up and Lifeline Programs Can Help

### Home Telephone Assistance

Link-Up and Lifeline help eligible people pay PART of their telephone costs.

#### Link-Up

- Will save you 50% of the initial charges to hook up primary telephone service.
- Your telephone company may defer payment on the balance and waive interest.
- You may qualify for service without a deposit. Ask your local telephone company.

#### Lifeline

- Can save you from \$8.25 up to \$21.95 on your monthly phone bill for primary local telephone service.
- Applies only to primary local telephone service in the home where you live.

#### Who Is Eligible?

Anyone qualified under one of the following assistance programs.

#### How To Obtain The Telephone Services

- Obtain eligibility forms from your telephone company and check one of the following: Medicaid, Food Stamps, SSI Supplemental Security Income, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF) Program, National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch Program, or if your household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. This does require documentation.

#### What If My Benefits Stop?

If you no longer qualify for any economic program, you no longer qualify for Link-Up or Lifeline.

#### More Information

- For more information on Link-Up or Lifeline, please contact your local telephone company.
- For questions on eligibility, call your county social services office.

**Note: People who live on tribal lands may be eligible for separate Tribal Link-Up and Lifeline Programs. Contact your local telephone company for information.**

### Home Telephone Assistance-Tribal Lands

These programs allow eligible persons on tribal lands to receive local telephone service for \$1.00 a month plus taxes. They also offer assistance with telephone service hook up costs.

#### Expanded Link-Up

- Expanded Link-Up provides eligible residents of Tribal Lands with an additional benefit of

up to \$70 if there is an aid to construction. Expanded Link-Up does not apply to connection charges that are less than \$60.

- Telephone company may set up a payment plan on the balance and waive interest.
- Contact your local telephone company to find out if you qualify for hook up service without a deposit.

#### Tribal Lands Lifeline

- Provides primary local telephone service for \$1.00 a month (plus taxes) for eligible persons.
- Applies only to primary local telephone service in the home.

#### Who Is Eligible?

- Residents of tribal lands participating in at least one of the following programs: Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical), State Supplemental Assistance, Food Stamps Program, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program (State of Tribally Administered), National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program, or Head Start (Meeting Income qualifying standards). Or if your household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. This does require documentation.

**Note: If you have been disconnected for non payment of telephone bills, these programs are available to you if you bring your local bill current. You may be required to pay a reconnect fee.**

#### How To Obtain The Telephone Services

You may self certify at your local telephone office that you qualify for one of the above programs.

OR

When you qualify for any programs administered through your county social services office, they will have the required forms.

OR

When you qualify for any programs administered by tribal offices, the tribal administrator can provide verification of eligibility to the telephone company. Contact the telephone company to do the necessary paperwork.

#### How Long Will These Benefits Continue?

- If you no longer meet the eligibility guidelines above, you no longer qualify for Link-Up or Lifeline.

#### More Information

- For more information on Link-Up and Lifeline, please contact your local telephone company.



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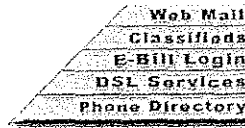
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[Download Lifeline/Link Up Application](#)

### **Tribal Lands Lifeline & Expanded Link Up**

Residents of tribal lands who qualify for regular Lifeline are eligible for Tribal Lands Lifeline and Expanded Link Up. Tribal Lands Lifeline provides primary local telephone service for \$1.00 a month for eligible persons. This does not cover costs for long distance, E-911 charges, optional features, taxes and other applicable state/federal-mandated fees. Toll Restriction/Limitation is available to qualifying customers at no charge. Expanded Link-Up offers assistance with telephone service hook up costs.

### **Who is Eligible?**

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[View Federal Poverty Guidelines](#)

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### **To Apply/For More Information**

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## Lifeline & Link Up Information -----

# Telephone Assistance Programs

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**Person(s) in Household/Income**

- 1 / \$14,040
- 2 / \$18,900
- 3 / \$23,760
- 4 / \$28,620
- 5 / \$33,480
- 6 / \$38,340
- 7 / \$43,200
- 8 / \$48,060

**Estimated Income Requirements for a Household at or Below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines**

\* Add \$4,860 for ea. additional person

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## Lifeline & Linkup Programs Available

# Need Telephone Assistance?

**Do you participate in the heat assistance program or one of the other programs listed below? If so, you may also qualify for Reduced Local Telephone Rates.**

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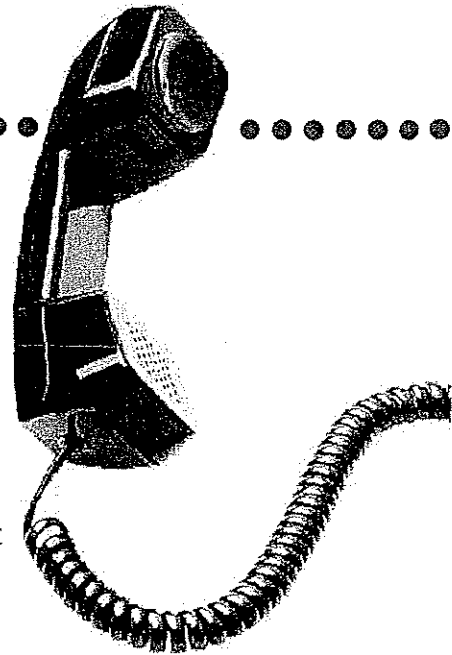
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# SERVICE

## Proud to Be Your Local Provider

**UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROVIDER:** Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, "universal service" means basic telephone service is available to all consumers. Universal Service is voice grade access to the telecommunications network which includes local usage, single-party service, access to emergency 911 services, access to operator services, access to directory assistance, access to long distance telephone service, and discounted services to qualifying low-income consumers. All of these services are all available from WRT in these exchanges: Beulah, Carson, Center, Elgin, Flasher, Fort Yates, Glen Ullin, Golden Valley, Goodrich, Hazen, Hebron, McClusky, McLaughlin, Mercer, Mobridge, New Salem, Pick City, Riverdale, St. Anthony, Selfridge, Solen, Stanton, Turtle Lake, Underwood, Washburn, and Zap.

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<b>WRT MONTHLY SERVICE &amp; CHARGES</b>		<b>RATE</b>
Single Party Residence Service		\$16.45
Single Party Business Service, Key systems, PBX lines		\$19.45
411 Directory Assistance Service (per call)		80¢
Touch Tone Service	Available at No Extra Charge	
Single-Party Service	Available at No Extra Charge	
900 Blocking & Caller ID Blocking	Available at No Extra Charge	
<b>LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS</b>		<b>RATE</b>
Lifeline & Tribal Reservation Lifeline	Monthly Discounts from -\$8.25 & -\$21.95 (Toll Blocking Available at No Extra Charge for low-income customers that qualify)	
Linkup Discount on Initial Hookup/Service Connect Fee		-\$15.00
Federal Subscriber Line Charge		
<i>Residential &amp; Single Line Business</i>		\$6.50
Federal Subscriber Line Charge		
<i>Multi Line Business</i>		\$9.20
Federal Universal Service Charge		
<i>Residential &amp; Single Line Business</i>		66¢
Federal Universal Service Charge		
<i>Multi Line Business</i>		94¢
Telecommunications Relay Service (ND)		4¢
Communications Impaired Fund (SD)		15¢
Emergency 911 Services	per local government assessments	

**LIFELINE AND/OR LINK UP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FOR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS LIVING ON TRIBAL LANDS**

(Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt. No.

City: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 individual living on "tribal land".  
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3. I am currently receiving assistance benefits from at least one of the following programs (check all that apply):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Food Stamps program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
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(State or Tribally Administered.) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program.
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**PLEASE COMPLETE THE BACK SIDE OF THIS FORM.**

4. Or,

- \_\_\_\_\_ My household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. (Documentation required.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ There are this number of people in my household.

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

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OR 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 above qualifications to receive Lifeline/Link Up assistance on my primary residential telephone line. I further authorize the local phone company, the Tribal government, the county social service, and the Department of Human Services to use my social security number and to communicate about my enrollment or eligibility in programs shown above and agree that they may share the type of information provided above in order to verify my enrollment status.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**SEND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: WRT, PO BOX 467, HAZEN, ND 58545**



West River Telecom

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March 9, 2009

Dear WRT Customer:

**Lifeline, Link Up, and Toll Limitation Service** support provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. **Note:** Telecommunications carriers cannot charge a Lifeline customer federal USF fees on the local service as a portion of their telephone bill.

#### **What type of discount is available?**

**Lifeline** assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive at least \$8.25 per month in discounts.

Eligible residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands can receive up to an additional \$21.95 in Lifeline support, but must pay at least \$1 for basic monthly service.

**Link Up** reduces the cost of initiating new telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive a 50% discount off of the one-time costs associated with initiating telephone service, up to a maximum of \$30. Eligible consumers also qualify for a deferred payment schedule for remaining costs of up to \$200.

**Toll Limitation Service (TLS)** support allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring large long distance fees to choose toll blocking or toll control at no cost.

#### **How do I know whether I am eligible?**

An individual is eligible if he or she participates in one of the following programs:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program

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In addition, a consumer may be eligible if his or her household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines:

**2009 Estimated Income Requirements for a Household at or Below  
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<b>Persons in Family Unit</b>	<b>48 Contiguous States and D.C.</b>	<b>Alaska</b>	<b>Hawaii</b>
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Each Additional Person Add	\$5,049	\$6,318	\$5,805

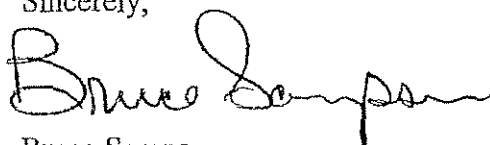
Residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands qualify if they participate in any of the programs listed above, have a household income that is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines, or participate in one of these programs:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance
- Head Start (income eligible)
- Tribal TANF

**How do I apply to receive Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS support discounts?**

To apply for Lifeline, Link Up and TLS discounts please contact WRT at 845-3100.

Sincerely,



Bruce Sampson  
WRT Customer Service Manager



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Posted 10/22/08 McLaughlin-Senior Center, City office, Grocery Store, Boys & Girls Club, & Cenex

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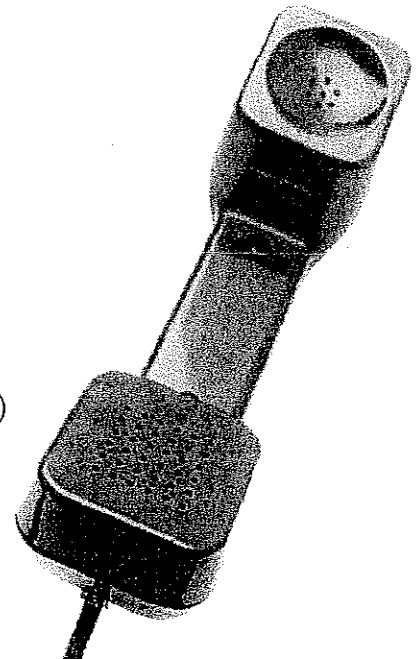
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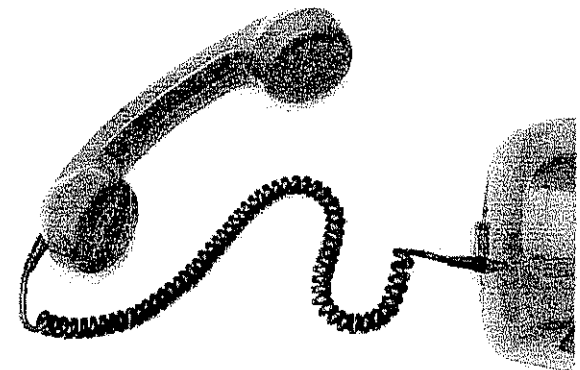
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HAZEN, ND 58545**

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**Yes, you  
can afford  
telephone  
service**



**PLEASE TAKE ONE!  
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**WRT**

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www.westriv.com • 748-2211**

Note: Important Information Regarding the National Transition to Digital Television. After February 17, 2009, a television receiver with an only analog broadcast tuner will require a converter box to receive full power over-the-air broadcasts with an antenna because of the nation's transition to digital broadcasting. Analog-only TVs should continue to work as before to receive low power, Class A or translator television stations and with cable and satellite TV services, gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players and similar products. Information about the DTV transition is available from www.DTV.gov and from www.dtv2009.gov or 1-888-DTV-2009 for information about subsidized coupons for digital-to-analog converter boxes.

**LIFELINE/LINK UP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION  
FOR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS LIVING ON TRIBAL LANDS**

(Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt. No. City State Zip Code

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (if you have existing service): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
LIFELINE/LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
JUNE 1, 2009**

Company: West River Telecommunications Cooperative

Address: 101 West Main

PO Box 467

Hazen, ND 58545-0467

Telephone number: 701-748-2211

Company contact: Bruce Sampson

Study Area Code: 391671 (Mobridge)

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](http://www.companywebsiteaddress.com))
- Company's information posted on USAC website.
- Other (describe): Place information poster of Lifeline/Link Up in high traffic public buildings. Place information of Lifeline/Link Up program in West River Telecommunications Cooperative's newsletter

\*Required (distributed to all subscribers). Give presentation of Lifeline/Link Up program and distribute flyers at Mobridge Senior Center and Rotary Club.

cited a juvenile for a tobacco violation.

4:42 p.m.-A caller reported a possible DUI at a Main Street location.

5:07 p.m.-A Seventh Avenue East resident reported his pregnant dog slipped out of her collar and had been missing for about a week.

6:45 p.m.-A caller reported a fire near the Pow-wow Grounds in Wakpala.

**Do you have a classmate with an inspiring story or who excels in their field!**



If so, call Katie Jay or Jo at 845-3646 or email news@mobridgetribune.com

### North Central SD Economic Development Annual Meeting

The 2008 annual meeting for the members of the North Central South Dakota Economic Development and the Mobridge Economic Development Corporation will be held on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 4 pm at the Mobridge Chamber of Commerce building located at 103 Main Street in Mobridge.

The annual meeting consists of a recap of the year, and election of directors.

For questions, call 605-845-5202.

Mon., Oct. 27, 2008 • Chamber of Commerce Building • Mobridge

**The last day to pay your second half taxes without interest is Fri., October 31, 2008**

**This includes second half taxes on mobile homes**

*Please remember to bring or send your payment stub(s)*

**Charles Hanson**  
**Walworth County Treasurer**

## Ask the Professionals

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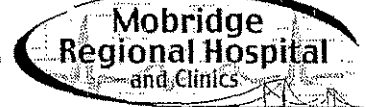
### October is National Physical Therapy Month

**Q. Are there any treatments available for vertigo/dizziness?**

**A:** In some cases, yes. A certain type of vertigo known as benign paroxysmal positional vertigo (BPPV) can often be treated with a series of head positions. BPPV is caused by displacement of a natural occurring type of debris in the inner ear. This displaced debris can bring on the symptoms of BPPV which are characterized by vertigo, dizziness, lightheadedness, imbalance, or a feeling of nausea. Symptoms are often associated with a change in head position, looking up, or when rolling over and getting in and out of bed. By placing the head in a series of controlled positions, symptoms may be alleviated. A complete physical therapy evaluation can determine if you are a candidate for this type of treatment.



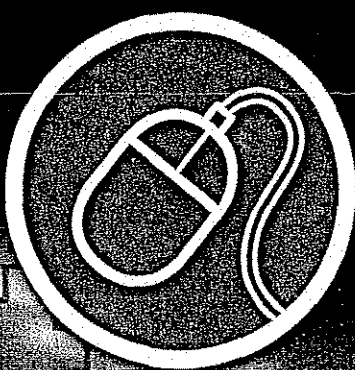
**Amy Cerney**  
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# HOME TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

*Can't Afford Telephone Service? Link-Up and Lifeline Programs May Be Able to Help*

## Lifeline

Can save you at least \$8.25 on your monthly phone bill for primary local telephone service. This applies only to primary telephone service in the home where you live.

## Link-Up

Can save you 50% of the initial charges to hook up primary telephone service.

### **Who is Eligible?**

Anyone qualified under one of the following economic assistance programs qualifies for Link-Up & Lifeline.

- National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch Program
- Medicaid
- Food Stamps Program
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program

You may also be eligible if your income is equal to or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

## Tribal Lands Lifeline & Expanded Link-Up

Residents of tribal lands may be eligible for Tribal Lands Lifeline and Expanded Link-Up. Tribal Lands Lifeline provides primary local telephone service for \$1.00 a month for eligible persons. This does not cover costs for long distance, E-911 charges, optional features, taxes and other applicable state/federal-mandated fees. Expanded Link-Up offers assistance with telephone service hook up costs.



### **Who is Eligible?**

Residents of tribal lands participating in at least one of the following programs:

- National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch Program
- Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX Medical)
- State Supplemental Assistance
- Food Stamps Program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
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- Head Start (only with income qualifying standard)

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### **For More Information**

To apply or see if you qualify, call WRT at 748-2211.

WRT Directory

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#### **South Dakota Public Utilities Commission**

500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501  
605-773-3201

#### **North Dakota Public Service Commission**

600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0485  
701-328-2400



# HOME TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

## Can't Afford Telephone Service? Link-Up and Lifeline Programs Can Help

### Home Telephone Assistance

Link-Up and Lifeline help eligible people pay PART of their telephone costs.

#### Link-Up

- Will save you 50% of the initial charges to hook up primary telephone service.
- Your telephone company may defer payment on the balance and waive interest.
- You may qualify for service without a deposit. Ask your local telephone company.

#### Lifeline

- Can save you from \$8.25 up to \$21.95 on your monthly phone bill for primary local telephone service.
- Applies only to primary local telephone service in the home where you live.

#### Who Is Eligible?

Anyone qualified under one of the following assistance programs.

#### How To Obtain The Telephone Services

- Obtain eligibility forms from your telephone company and check one of the following: Medicaid, Food Stamps, SSI Supplemental Security Income, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF) Program, National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch Program, or if your household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. This does require documentation.

#### What If My Benefits Stop?

If you no longer qualify for any economic program, you no longer qualify for Link-Up or Lifeline.

#### More Information

- For more information on Link-Up or Lifeline, please contact your local telephone company.
- For questions on eligibility, call your county social services office.

**Note:** People who live on tribal lands may be eligible for separate Tribal Link-Up and Lifeline Programs. Contact your local telephone company for information.

### Home Telephone Assistance- Tribal Lands

These programs allow eligible persons on tribal lands to receive local telephone service for \$1.00 a month plus taxes. They also offer assistance with telephone service hook up costs.

#### Expanded Link-Up

- Expanded Link-Up provides eligible residents of Tribal Lands with an additional benefit of

up to \$70 if there is an aid to construction. Expanded Link-Up does not apply to connection charges that are less than \$60.

- Telephone company may set up a payment plan on the balance and waive interest.
- Contact your local telephone company to find out if you qualify for hook up service without a deposit.

#### Tribal Lands Lifeline

- Provides primary local telephone service for \$1.00 a month (plus taxes) for eligible persons.
- Applies only to primary local telephone service in the home.

#### Who Is Eligible?

- Residents of tribal lands participating in at least one of the following programs: Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical), State Supplemental Assistance, Food Stamps Program, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program (State of Tribally Administered), National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program, or Head Start (Meeting income qualifying standards). Or if your household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. This does require documentation.

**Note:** If you have been disconnected for non payment of telephone bills, these programs are available to you if you bring your local bill current. You may be required to pay a reconnect fee.

#### How To Obtain The Telephone Services

You may self certify at your local telephone office that you qualify for one of the above programs.

OR

When you qualify for any programs administered through your county social services office, they will have the required forms.

OR

When you qualify for any programs administered by tribal offices, the tribal administrator can provide verification of eligibility to the telephone company. Contact the telephone company to do the necessary paperwork.

#### How Long Will These Benefits Continue?

- If you no longer meet the eligibility guidelines above, you no longer qualify for Link-Up or Lifeline.

#### More Information

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## Telephone Assistance Programs

WRT understands how vital the telephone is to everyday life. Help is available for those who can't afford telephone service—through Lifeline and Link Up Assistance Programs eligible people can receive help to pay part of their telephone costs.

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[View Federal Poverty Guidelines](#)

[Download Lifeline/Link Up Application](#)

### **Tribal Lands Lifeline & Expanded Link Up**

Residents of tribal lands who qualify for regular Lifeline are eligible for Tribal Lands Lifeline and Expanded Link Up. Tribal Lands Lifeline provides primary local telephone service for \$1.00 a month for eligible persons. This does not cover costs for long distance, E-911 charges, optional features, taxes and other applicable state/federal-mandated fees. Toll Restriction/Limitation is available to qualifying customers at no charge. Expanded Link-Up offers assistance with telephone service hook up costs.

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### **To Apply/For More Information**

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**Estimated Income Requirements for a Household  
at or Below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines**

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.
1	\$14,621
2	\$19,670
3	\$24,719
4	\$29,768
5	\$34,817
6	\$39,865
7	\$44,915
8	\$49,964
For Each Additional Person, add	\$5,049

**Lifeline & Link Up Information** .....

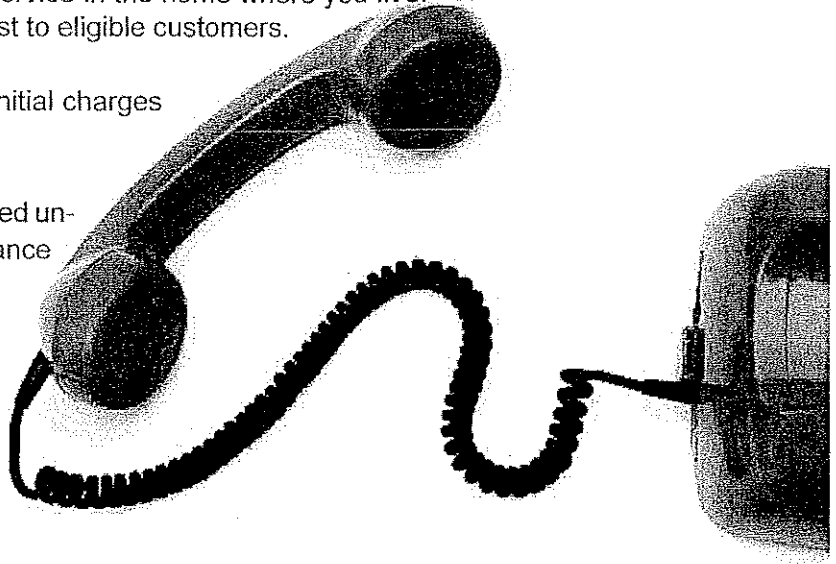
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- Federal Public Housing Assistance
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- National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program



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Person(s) in Household/Income	Estimated Income Requirements for a Household at or Below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
1 / \$14,040	<p><b>Estimated Income Requirements for a Household at or Below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines</b></p> <p><i>* Add \$4,860 for ea. additional person</i></p>
2 / \$18,900	
3 / \$23,760	
4 / \$28,620	
5 / \$33,480	
6 / \$38,340	
7 / \$43,200	
8 / \$48,060	

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# Lifeline & Linkup Programs Available----- **Need Telephone Assistance?**

**Do you participate in the heat assistance program or one of the other programs listed below? If so, you may also qualify for Reduced Local Telephone Rates.**

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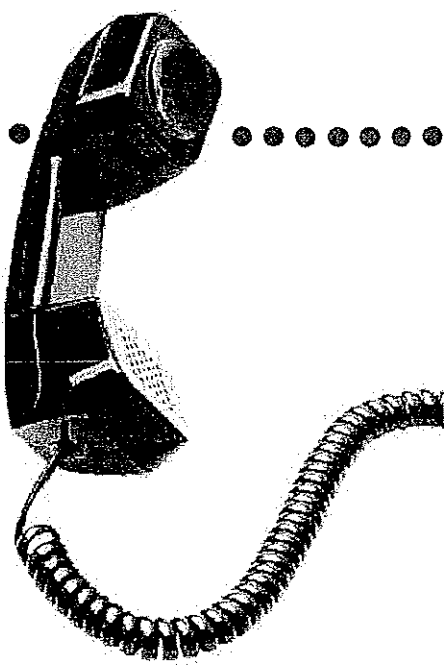
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# SERVICE

## Proud to Be Your Local Provider

**UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROVIDER:** Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, "universal service" means basic telephone service is available to all consumers. Universal Service is voice grade access to the telecommunications network which includes local usage, single-party service, access to emergency 911 services, access to operator services, access to directory assistance, access to long distance telephone service, and discounted services to qualifying low-income consumers. All of these services are all available from WRT in these exchanges: Beulah, Carson, Center, Elgin, Flasher, Fort Yates, Glen Ullin, Golden Valley, Goodrich, Hazen, Hebron, McClusky, McLaughlin, Mercer, Mobridge, New Salem, Pick City, Riverdale, St. Anthony, Selfridge, Solen, Stanton, Turtle Lake, Underwood, Washburn, and Zap.

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<b>WRT MONTHLY SERVICE &amp; CHARGES</b> .....		<b>RATE</b>
Single Party Residence Service .....		\$16.45
Single Party Business Service, Key systems, PBX lines .....		\$19.45
411 Directory Assistance Service (per call) .....		80¢
Touch Tone Service .....	Available at No Extra Charge	
Single-Party Service .....	Available at No Extra Charge	
900 Blocking & Caller ID Blocking .....	Available at No Extra Charge	
<b>LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS</b> .....		<b>RATE</b>
Lifeline & Tribal Reservation Lifeline .....	Monthly Discounts from -\$8.25 & -\$21.95 (Toll Blocking Available at No Extra Charge for low-income customers that qualify)	
Linkup Discount on Initial Hookup/Service Connect Fee .....		-\$15.00
Federal Subscriber Line Charge <i>Residential &amp; Single Line Business</i> .....		\$6.50
Federal Subscriber Line Charge <i>Multi Line Business</i> .....		\$9.20
Federal Universal Service Charge <i>Residential &amp; Single Line Business</i> .....		66¢
Federal Universal Service Charge <i>Multi Line Business</i> .....		94¢
Telecommunications Relay Service (ND) .....		4¢
Communications Impaired Fund (SD) .....		15¢
Emergency 911 Services .....	per local government assessments	

**LIFELINE/LINK UP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION**  
(Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt. No.

City: \_\_\_\_\_  
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):

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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. (Documentation required.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ There are this number of people in my household.

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

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OR 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 above qualifications to receive Lifeline/Link Up assistance on my primary residential telephone line. I further authorize the local phone company, the county social service, and the Department of Human Services to use my social security number and to communicate about my enrollment or eligibility in programs shown above and agree that they may share the type of information provided above in order to verify my enrollment status.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Send the completed application to your local phone company.

**LIFELINE AND/OR LINK UP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FOR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS LIVING ON TRIBAL LANDS**

(Please Print)

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt. No.

City:

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

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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 individual living on "tribal land".  
"An eligible resident of Tribal lands" for purposes of the Lifeline and Link Up Assistance Programs is a qualifying low-income consumer living on or near a reservation. A "reservation" is defined as any federally recognized Indian Tribe's reservation, pueblo, or colony, and Indian Allotments. "Near reservation" is defined as those areas or communities adjacent or contiguous to reservations which have been designated by the Federal Commission of Indian Affairs (within the Department of the Interior) as locales that are appropriate for the extension of financial assistance and/or social services.

3. I am currently receiving assistance benefits from at least one of the following programs (**check all that apply**):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance).  
\_\_\_\_\_ Food Stamps program.  
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\_\_\_\_\_ (State or Tribally Administered.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Head Start (meeting income qualifying standards).

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE BACK SIDE OF THIS FORM.**



4. Or,

\_\_\_\_\_ My household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. (Documentation required.)

\_\_\_\_\_ There are this number of people in my household.

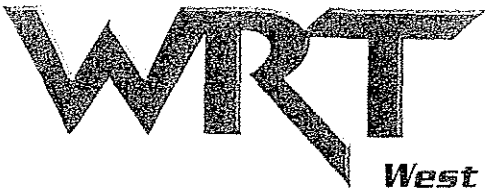
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**SEND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: WRT, PO BOX 467, HAZEN, ND 58545**



**West River Telecom**

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March 9, 2009

Dear WRT Customer:

**Lifeline, Link Up, and Toll Limitation Service** support provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. **Note:** Telecommunications carriers cannot charge a Lifeline customer federal USF fees on the local service as a portion of their telephone bill.

**What type of discount is available?**

**Lifeline** assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive at least \$8.25 per month in discounts.

Eligible residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands can receive up to an additional \$21.95 in Lifeline support, but must pay at least \$1 for basic monthly service.

**Link Up** reduces the cost of initiating new telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive a 50% discount off of the one-time costs associated with initiating telephone service, up to a maximum of \$30. Eligible consumers also qualify for a deferred payment schedule for remaining costs of up to \$200.

**Toll Limitation Service (TLS)** support allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring large long distance fees to choose toll blocking or toll control at no cost.

**How do I know whether I am eligible?**

An individual is eligible if he or she participates in one of the following programs:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program

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In addition, a consumer may be eligible if his or her household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines:

**2009 Estimated Income Requirements for a Household at or Below  
135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines**

<b>Persons in Family Unit</b>	<b>48 Contiguous States and D.C.</b>	<b>Alaska</b>	<b>Hawaii</b>
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6	\$39,866	\$49,856	\$45,846
7	\$44,915	\$56,174	\$51,651
8	\$49,964	\$62,492	\$57,456
Each Additional Person Add	\$5,049	\$6,318	\$5,805

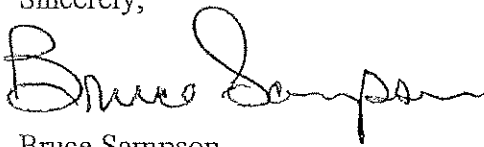
Residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands qualify if they participate in any of the programs listed above, have a household income that is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines, or participate in one of these programs:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance
- Head Start (income eligible)
- Tribal TANF

**How do I apply to receive Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS support discounts?**

To apply for Lifeline, Link Up and TLS discounts please contact WRT at 845-3100.

Sincerely,



Bruce Sampson  
WRT Customer Service Manager

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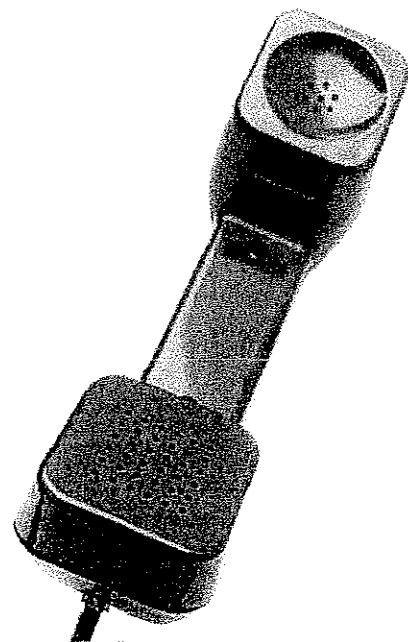
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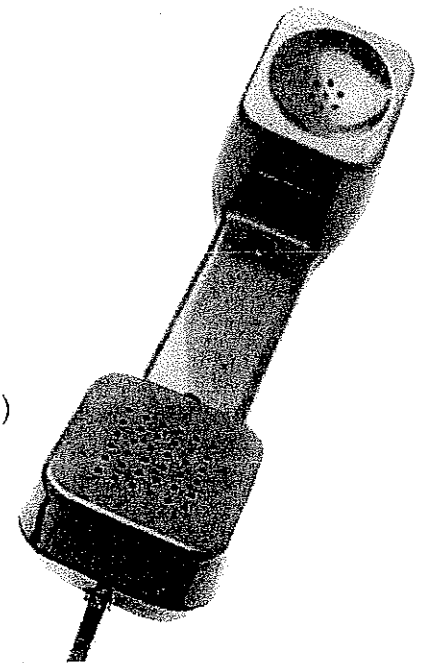
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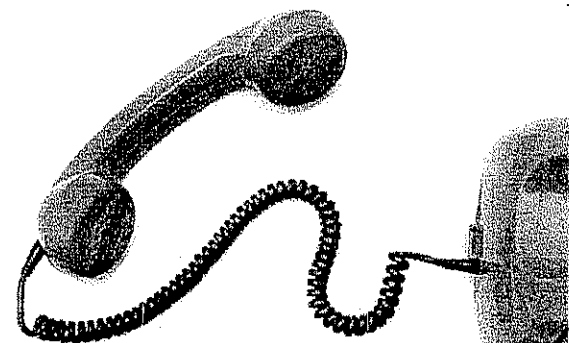
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1	\$14,621
2	19,670
3	24,719
4	29,768
5	34,817
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7	44,915
8	49,964
For each additional person, add	5,049

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**LIFELINE/LINK UP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION  
FOR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS LIVING ON TRIBAL LANDS**

(Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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/receive messages: \_\_\_\_\_

1. I am applying for: \_\_\_\_\_ Lifeline (monthly telephone service discount)  
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Note: Telephone service **MUST** be in applicant's name.

2. I am individual living on "tribal land". "An eligible resident of Tribal lands" for purposes of the Lifeline and Link Up Assistance Programs is a qualifying low-income consumer living on or near a reservation. A "reservation" is defined as any federally recognized Indian Tribe's reservation, pueblo, or colony, and Indian Allotments. "Near reservation" is defined as those areas or communities adjacent or contiguous to reservations which have been designated by the Federal Commission of Indian Affairs (within the Department of the Interior) as locales that are appropriate for the extension of financial assistance and/or social services.

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4. Or,

\_\_\_\_\_ My household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. (Documentation required.)

\_\_\_\_\_ There are this number of people in my household.

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

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OR 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 above qualifications to receive Lifeline/Link Up assistance on my primary residential telephone line. I further authorize the local phone company, the Tribal government, the county social service, and the Department of Human Services to use my social security number and to communicate about my enrollment or eligibility in programs shown above and agree that they may share the type of information provided above in order to verify my enrollment status.

Signature

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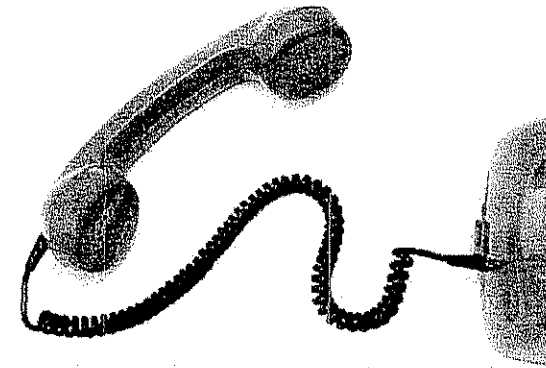
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