SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION LIFELINE/LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH ANNUAL REPORT JUNE 1, 2012

Company:	Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.				
Address:	612 3 rd Street				
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	Garretson, SD 57030				
Telephone n	umber: (605)594-3411				
Company co	ntact: Shirley Flanagan or Amy Ahlers				
Study Area C	Code: 391642, 391657, 391405				
Lifeline/Link	Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:				
_X	Advertise in media of general distribution.* (See attached advertisement(s).)				
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**	mpany's Lifeline/Link Up information in directory.				
X	Company's Lifeline/Link Up information available on Company website (www.alliancecom.net/images/PDFs/lifeline_app.pdf)				
X	Company's information posted on USAC website.				
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2012 Application effective 4/2012 Lifeline Assistance Application and Certification Form

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For each additional person after 8, add \$5,346 to the annual guideline. Source: Federal Register, Vol. 77 No. 17, January 26, 2012, pp. 4034-4035

Important Information

You may be required to provide documentation of eligibility.

Lifeline is a federal government assistance benefit and willfully making false statements to obtain the benefit can result in fines, imprisonment, de-enrollment, or being barred from the program.

Only one Lifeline service is available per household. A household is defined, for the purposes of the Lifeline program, as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address as one economic unit. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. A household may include related and unrelated persons. A household is not permitted to receive Lifeline benefits from multiple providers. Violation of the one-per-household limitation constitutes a violation of the Federal Communications Commission's rules and will result in your de-enrollment from the program. Lifeline is a non-transferable benefit and you may not transfer your benefit to any other person.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that:

- (1) I meet the income-based or program-based eligibility criteria for receiving Lifeline, provided in 47 C.F.R. § 54.409. I have provided documentation of eligibility if required to do so;
- (2) I will notify the carrier within 30 days if, for any reason, I no longer satisfy the criteria for receiving Lifeline including, as relevant, if I no longer meet the income-based or program-based criteria for receiving Lifeline support, I am receiving more than one Lifeline benefit, or another member of my household is receiving a Lifeline benefit;
- (3) If I move to a new address, I will provide that new address to the telephone company within 30 days;
- (4) If I provided a temporary residential address to the telephone company, I will be required to verify my temporary residential address every 90 days;
- (5) My household will receive only one Lifeline service and, to the best of my knowledge, my household is not already receiving a Lifeline service;
- (6) I acknowledge that I may be required to re-certify my continued eligibility for Lifeline at any time, and my failure to re-certify as to my continued eligibility will result in de-enrollment and the termination of my Lifeline benefits pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.405(e)(4);
- (7) I acknowledge that providing false or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline benefits is punishable by law; and
- (8) The information contained in this application and certification form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Provide the completed application and certification form to your phone company. Your telephone company will contact you for any additional information needed to prove eligibility.

For more information about Lifeline, see one of the following websites: www.PUC.SD.gov/Lifeline www.puc.state.mn.us/PUC/consumers/telephone-discounts/index.html www.state.ia.us/iub/consumer information/lifeline.html



November 7, 2011

Dear Alliance Communications customer:

Low-income assistance programs are available for telephone service to those who qualify. Lifeline, Link Up and Toll Limitation Service provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. Telecommunications carriers cannot charge a Lifeline customer federal USF fees on the local service portion of the telephone bill.

What type of discount is available?

Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive discounts of \$6.50 and \$1.75 each month.

Link Up reduces the cost of initiating new telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive a 50 percent 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) allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring long distance fees to choose toll blocking or toll control at no cost.

How do I know whether I am eligible?

Eligibility for Lifeline, Link Up and TLS support varies by state. Individuals who reside in states that have their own discount programs qualify for federal Lifeline, Link Up and TLS support if they meet the eligibility criteria established by their state. In states that do not provide state support, 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) or Minnesota Family Investment Program
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program

See reverse side for more information.

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

2011 Lifeline Total Household Income Limits (135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines)

Persons in family or household	Income
1	\$14,702
2	\$19,859
3	\$25,016
4	\$30,173
5	\$35,330
6	\$40,487
7	\$45,644
8	\$50,801
For each additional person, add	\$5,157

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

To receive an application for the Lifeline, Link Up and TLS discounts, please contact Alliance Communications by dialing 611 from any phone with Alliance service or call 1-800-701-4980. You can download the application at www.alliancecom.net/pdf/Lifeline_App.pdf.

Sincerely,

Shirley Flanagan

Customer Service Manager

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Ag News



Bits & Bytes

What do you do with late fall alfalfa growth? This is a common question from producers this time of year. Alfalfa quality at this time of the year is very good; however, weather conditions are generally not the most ideal for drying the crop. Yields may not cover harvest cost if the crop is short. The use of grazing late fall alfalfa may be the least costly and most convenient harvest method available.

One main concern with grazing alfalfa anytime is the threat of bloat. There is research indicating bloat potential increases after frost. The risk of bloat with grazing can be minimized with proper management. Some

Grazing alfalfa in the Fall

considerations are:

Fill cattle with dry hay or grass before turning on to the alfalfa.

Turn cattle on alfalfa later in the day in order to avoid early morning frost and dew on the plants.

Don't allow cattle to get empty before entering a new alfalfa stand.

Observe cattle twice daily when they are grazing alfalfa.

Feed cattle an anti-foaming agent two to five days before turning on alfalfa.

Provide other filler forages such as dry hay or crop residues to cattle while they are grazing alfalfa.

It is crucial that alfalfa is not

over-grazed. While stubble height is not a great concern during summer cuttings, it should be considered during late fall grazing. A minimum of six inches should be left to catch and hold snow during winter months. Snow cover helps prevent damage from winter kill factors including excessive temperature swings, ice layers and heaving. Although not a current consideration, keep cattle off wet alfalfa stands if conditions change. Let fields firm up adequately before grazing. Compaction and crown damage from soggy conditions can significantly reduce alfalfa stands.



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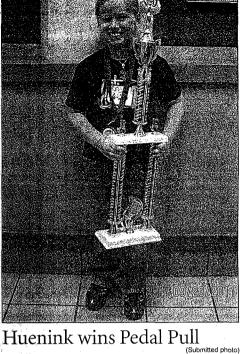
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Jillian Huenink of Carthage is a winner again. She won first place in the National Kids Pedal Pull in the 6 yr. old division on Saturday, September 24th in Mitchell, SD. Families came from Kansas, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Iowa, Colorado, North Dakota, Nebraska and Wisconsin. Twenty Nine 6 year old girls qualified for this event. There were 20 pullers and Jillian was the 20th puller. Lucky for her, she only had 60 miles to get there. Jillian now qualifies for the International Kids Pedal Pull that will be held in Fairfield, Iowa next year. Congratulations Jillian. Jillian is the daught of Katie O'Connor or Carthage, Ryan Huenink of Alcester and the granddaughter of Bob and Karen Huenink, Michael and Janelle O'Connor all of Alcester.

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Large Antique Auction & Turn Of The Century Mansion

Sunday October 16, 2011 At 11:00 AM 47339 248th St. Dell Rapids

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Personal Property

Antiques: Wooden Minnetonka Home Creamery barrel churn; Primitive drop leaf table, painted; Many wire hide stretchers; Old garden cultivators; 3 ringer washers; Old Horse hamess & collars; Upright piano, Story & Clock— Chicago; Hanging light; Cream separator; Milk buckets; Leather seat rocker; 1920's era couch, claw feet; Many many old bottles & jars; Old wooden kegs; Many old frames & pictures; Old hall tables; Many old area rugs; 5 piece parlor set, claw feet, Lion heads arms; Primitive chest of drawers; Murphy bed; Old hardware; Old trunks & wood boxes; Chairs; Many old books; Old tins; Cigar boxes; Many old beds, iron, brass; Ornate lions head drop leaf w side book cases; Old wooden floor lamp; Small round entry table; Old dresser w/ applied moulding & beveled mir ror; Fainting couch-leather w/ matching leather rocker; Wall pockets; Military uniform & overcoat; Old wooder rocker w/ upholstered seat; Old butter mold, wooden; Old block plane; Some old tools; Old Kodak auto focus; Spoon carved wall shelf; Old goose decoys; Old crock jars; Old dressers; Old kitchen cupboard; Very large wooden (metal banded) lift top box; Dolls & doll parts; Harness pieces; Fly nets; Spoon carved bed; Magazine racks; Old screen door & doors; Wooden iron boards; Spittoon; Stained glass windows & pieces; Old lamp shades; Old oak bed w/applied mouldings; Old memorial glass shadow boxes w/ flowers; Gurneys seed catalogs & samples; Many old magazines including but not limited to: Successful Farming-1920's, Good Housekeeping-1930's, Home Arts Needlecraft—1930's, Country Gentleman—1920's; Wood Ammo boxes; Old kerosene lamp lighters; Old Sheehar calendar 1928; Wainscot cupboard; Wooden egg crate; Old canning jars, many w/ lids; Large cast iron based pelican water fountain; 25 gal Redwing crock-good condition; 3 gal Redwing jug; Much more, too numerous to list. <u>Tractor/Lawn/Garden</u>; Ford 850 utility tractor w/ loader, 3 pt hitch, 5 speed, serial #125315, very good condition 8x18 metal storage box; 5' Brillion brush mower; 6' 3 pt blade; Huskee push mower, 5.25 HP; Buick wooden spoke rims, 2; Many lawn & garden supplies; Craftsman DXT 4000 riding lawn mower, 48"; 1981 Yamaha XS1100 motorcycle, no title; Misc. hand tools; Misc. garden tools; Engine cherry picker; Misc. refrigeration equipment; Husqvarna lawn cart; Wheel barrow; Garden tiller; MORE.

Auctioneers Note: This mansion was built by the Thompson Family in 1901 & 1902 and still remains in the family. Much of the original architecture furnishings are still in the home. This is a very one of a kind antique auctions and this is a very partial listing. Be sure to attend this sale. There are many more pictures on our website, so be sure to check that out: www.LandMarkRealtyAndAuction.com

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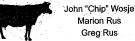
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Notice is hereby given that the Crooks Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on October 24; 2011 regarding adoption of the revised Crooks Subdivision Regu lations. Specifically, the Planning Commission will be considering a recommendation of adoption to the Crooks City Council for revisions to the Crooks Subdivision Regulations.

A copy of the proposed Crooks Subdivision Regulations is available for public review at the Crooks City Hall in the office of the Finance Officer during regular business

This Planning Commission public hearing will be held at the following time, date and location:

7:15 p.m. October 24, 2011

Crooks City Hall (701 S. West Avenue)

The purpose of this hearing is to explain the proposed revisions to the Crooks Subdivision Regulations to interested persons, to answer questions regarding this item and to hear public comment on this item. The Planning Commission invites all interested persons to attend and offer their comments. Those unable to attend may submit comments in writing, prior to the hearing, to: Crooks Finance Officer, PO Box 785, Crooks, SD 57020.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need special assistance to participate in this nearing, please contact the Finance Officer at (605) 543-5238. Anyone who is deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-disabled may utilize Relay South Dakota at (800) 877-1113 (TTY/Voice). Notification 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this hearing.

Linda Hunnel Finance Officer

The importance of child immunizations

By Doneen Hollingsworth Secretary of Health State of South Dakota

A recent series of articles by Yankton chiropractor raised numerous questions childhood vaccinations. As the childhood vaccinations. As the state's public health agency, we share his concern for the health and well-being of our children. That is why we encourage parents to get the facts about immunization and provide their children with this life-saving protection. protection.

Vaccines have been so successful in reducing once common childhood diseases that it's easy to forget how serious these illnesses can be. When these linesses can be. When vaccines first became available, parents who had seen children die from measles or crippled by polio willingly lined up their children to be immunized.

Vaccines have repeatedly been studied and continue to be monitored to assure that they are effective in preventing disease and are as safe as possible. As with any medical treatment. vaccines do present some risk of side effects but the evidence

shows these are typically minor and short term such as redness and soreness at the injection site or low-grade fever. More serious effects are possible but very rare and are tracked through the national Vaccine Adverse Events

Reporting System.

The benefits of vaccination greatly outweigh the slight risks and it is clear that many, many more injuries and deaths would occur without vaccinations.
The fact is that our children are far more likely to be seriously injured by one of these diseases than by any vaccine.

Earlier this year several California infants died in a pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak, a sobering reminder that vaccine-preventable disease can result in illness and death. In today's highly-mobile society, such diseases can quickly spread through unvaccinated populations, as the H1N1 flu

virus certainly showed.

If you have questions about vaccines, the department encourages you to talk with your child's medical doctor. You can also review the wealth of vaccine information available

from reputable sources the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (http:// www.cdc.gov/vaccines)

the American Academy of Pediatrics (http://www.aap. org/immunization). The South Dakota Department of Health also offers information on its website (http://doh.sd.gov/Immunize). As parents, there are few decisions you can make that are more important than those affecting your child's health. As you make decisions about vaccines, rest assured that the doctors, nurses and public health professionals encouraging immunization have made the decision to protect their own children from measles, mumps, pertussis and other such illnesses with available vaccines. Their commitment to childhood vaccination is both personal and professional.

Improving health infants, children adolescents is a key objective of the department's Health 2020 initiative. Maintaining 2020 initiative. Maintaining high childhood immunization rates is one of the best ways we can achieve that goal for our

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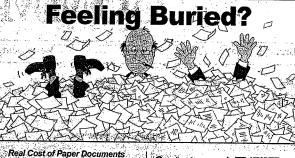
Although VanLiere never served in the Armed Forces, Three Rivers Post member Charlie McNamara said VanLiere has displayed an "unwavering spirit of a great indi-vidual who is always willing to offer any kind of support that he can to the community." The Veterans of Foreign Wars Award is the highest award that can be given to a civilian by a Post of the Veterans of Foreign











Fact #3

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Low-Income Telephone Assistance

Link-Up: Link-Up assists qualified low-income residents in obtaining basic telephone service by providing reduced connection charges for basic phone service by 50% or \$30, whichever is less.

Lifeline: Lifeline assists qualified low-income residents by providing a monthly credit on their telephone bill in an amount up to \$8.25. To be eligible, an application must meet income-based criterion currently defined as at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines OR participate in at least one of the following:

Medicaid

Supplemental Security Income
National School Lunch Program
Food Stamps

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The Telephone Assistance Program: The TAP is available for Minnesota residents and is designed to make telephone service accessible to qualifying low-income residential households. Through this program, eligible households will receive a monthly discount on their telephone service.

Federal law requires Alliance Communications to verify that you are eligible to receive the Lifeline, Link-Up or TAP credits on your telephone bill. To apply, Alliance needs you to do the following:

- Fill out an application form. Call 1-800-701-4980 to receive an application, or go to www.alliancecom.net/images/PDFs/lifeline_app.pdf.
- 2. Provide proof that you are eligible for the Lifeline, Link-Up or TAP programs. You will need to photocopy any cards or other documentation that proves you are eligible to receive the credits. You also may stop by our Baltic, Brands or Garrelson office with your completed form and proof of eligibility, and we will make a photocopy of your proof of eligibility for you.

IMPORTANT: Participating in Medicare does NOT qualify you for the Lifeline, Link-Up or TAP credits.

Return the form and your proof of eligibility to Alliance Communications, P.O. Box 349, Garretson, SD 57030.
 Or you can stop by our Baltic, Brandon or Garretson office if that is more convenient.

Could be contain management and of the qualifying public assistance programs, you are no longer eligible for Lifeline, Link-Up or TAP. You are obligated by law to advise Alliance Communications that you are ineligible.

For more information: If you have questions, contact Alliance Communications by dialing 611 from any phone with Alliance service or call 1-800-701-7980.





