

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

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Study Area Code: 1676

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)
- Company's information posted on USAC website.
- Other (describe): Newsletter articles and billing inserts; Lifeline info distributed at county nurse offices, senior citizen centers and school lunch offices
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*Required



Dear

Welcome to Santel Communications. As a customer, you are now a cooperative member/owner and you will accrue patronage capital credits which will be paid out to you in the future allowing you to share in the profits of the company.

A few things to know about Santel Communications:

- We were incorporated in 1952 and have been bringing our members the latest telecommunications services since that time.
- You can find more detailed information about Santel Communications at our website www.santel.net
- We offer local and long distance telephone service as well as voice mail and approximately 30 other calling features which are listed on our website and in the telephone directory.
- We offer high speed broadband access to all customers. Packages include multiple email addresses and free personal web space.
- We offer business website hosting.
- We offer digital television service to customers living in communities served by Santel TV as well as to rural customers served by Fiber to the Premises. Our TV service includes network and cable channels, digital music channels, Pay Per View, High Definition (HD), Digital Video Recording (DVR) and Whole Home DVR.
- We are proud to be the only TV provider giving you Local Content channels from area schools so that you can watch local sporting events, music concerts, parades and more.
- On our website you can also view/pay your monthly bill, contact us via email, access the portal for voice mail or DVR programming and much more.
- We sell laptop and desktop computers, printers, telephones, AVG (anti-virus software) and much more.
- We offer 10 scholarships annually to graduating high school seniors whose parents are active cooperative members of Santel Communications.
- To reach us from your home phone, simply dial 777 for Customer Service or 611 to report a trouble.

When new Central Connections telephone directories are printed, a copy is mailed to each Santel customer. If you'd like a directory now, or additional directories at any time, you can find them at the Santel office, Country Pumper in Forestburg, or the bank in your community. You can also access our online directory at <https://ebill.santel.net/EBILL/login> once you've created your online account.

Lifeline is a program designed to provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish or maintain telephone service. The basic monthly credit is \$9.25 and lifeline consumers also do not pay USF charges. To see if you qualify for the Lifeline program, see the enclosed documentation.

Thank you for choosing Santel Communications. We are here to help you with all of your telecommunications needs.

Your Santel Team





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

Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$9.25 per month in discounts and also do not pay USF charges. **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.

- **Are there any restrictions?**

Lifeline can only be used for the main telephone line in a household and can be claimed on only ONE residence or household. Lifeline customers may purchase all services offered to non-Lifeline customers. The name on your phone bill must match the name of the participant who is eligible for the program.

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

Eligibility for Lifeline and TLS support in South Dakota is based upon the federal guidelines. 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
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamps)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program

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

2012 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)	135% Guideline (Monthly)	Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)	135% Guideline (Monthly)
1	\$14,621	\$1,218	5	\$ 34,817	\$ 2,901
2	\$19,670	\$1,639	6	\$ 39,866	\$ 3,322
3	\$24,719	\$2,060	7	\$ 44,915	\$ 3,743
4	\$29,768	\$2,481	8	\$ 49,964	\$ 4,164

For each additional person after 8, add \$5049 to the annual guideline or \$421 to the monthly guideline.

- **How do I apply to receive Lifeline or TLS support discounts?**

To apply for Lifeline and/or TLS discounts, or if you have any questions, please contact our billing office by dialing 777 from your home phone or 1-888-978-7777 from outside of our service area.



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Friday, June 3, 2011

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Woonsocket Water Festival 2011

The Woonsocket Water Festival Committee has set the schedule for this year's 4th of July Celebration. Activities begin Saturday, June 4, and finish up with the fireworks display Monday, June 6.

The entire schedule is as follows:
Saturday, July 2nd
10 a.m. Fishing Derby by Capt. Shelley Schlicht).

Sanborn County Calendar

Friday, June 3:
Going away party for Russel, 6 p.m. Joel and Ann Russel residence Woonsocket.

Saturday, June 4:

1-5 p.m. T-shirts, 25-year History Books and Collectibles on Sale Near Bathhouse.

10 a.m. Volleyball Tournament (Prelims); Time for Class Reunions; Open Swimming.

2 p.m. Water Golf, Sponsored by Hegg Insurance (North side of lake).

3 p.m. Balloon Toss (North side of lake).

4 p.m. T-shirt Swimming Competition.

6 p.m. Alumni Banquet (tickets available at Express Stop).

Sunday, July 3rd
Everyone is invited to attend church services of their choice.

11:30 a.m. Triathlon (South End of Lake Prior).

1-5 p.m. Time for Class Reunions.

2 p.m. Bean Bag Tournament (Rod Weber); Open Swimming; Bingo and Ice

9 p.m. Firemen's Dance (The Chocolate Cowboy Band).

Monday, July 4th
9-10:55 a.m. Parade Registration at Old Library.

11 a.m. Parade - Theme "Facing the Future" (Facebook, Twitter and Beyond).

12 noon Canoe Races Begin; Kamp's Critters Wagon Train for Kids; Open Swimming; Class Reunions.

2 p.m. 3-on-3 Slam Dunk Competition.

2-5 p.m. Volleyball Finals.

3-8:30 p.m. T-shirts, 25-year History Books and Collectibles on Sale Near Bathhouse.

5 p.m. Kids Games; Turtle Races.

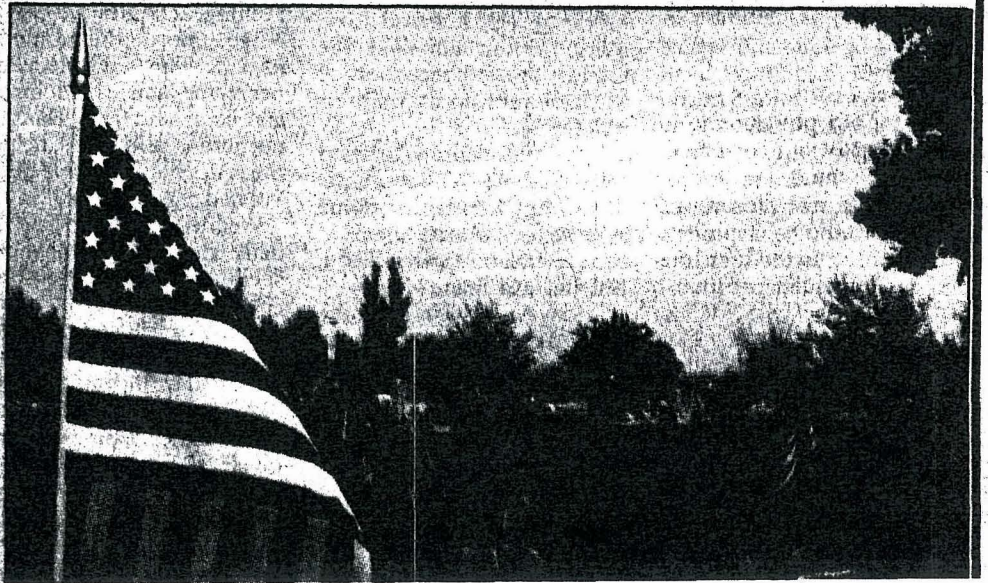
7:30 p.m. Anything That Will Float Boat Parade.

10 p.m. or Dark - Fireworks, sponsored by the Woonsocket Water Festival and detonated by the Wide Awake Hose Company

Veterans remembered, honored

Veterans were honored for their service to their country Monday as Memorial Day services were held throughout the county by local American Legion posts.

The courthouse lawn at Woonsocket was filled with red, white and blue as the stars and stripes fluttered in a warm breeze, while cemeteries were filled with flowers of every kind.



Zion Lutheran Church at Wessington Springs, 10:30 a.m., with church picnic to follow.

Storla-Lutheran-Salem Lutheran Church, Mindy Ehrke, pastor. June 5: Combined worship at Storla with communion 9 a.m. Worship at Salem 10:30 a.m.

Fedora Presbyterian Church, Richard Poppen, pastor. Worship 9:45 a.m.

Prairie Community Baptist Church, Don Holmes, pastor. Worship 11 a.m.

St. Wilfrid Catholic Church, Fr. Jim Friedrich.

St. Charles Catholic Church, Fr. Jim Friedrich.

Letcher Community Church, Garry Swagger, pastor. Worship service 10:15 a.m.

Loomis Congregation-1 Church, Garry Swagger, pastor. Worship service 9 a.m.

The County Calendar is brought to you by...



session of a quilt for Joel and a matching pillow for Camden, a song written by Wanda Swenson and Gwen Senska, to the tune of "The Candyman" was sung by all, a skit was performed by several parish members revealing how much Joel will be missed in the coming year (fireworks orders got messed up, pancakes at a benefit were burned black, the snow plow wasn't getting repaired for the city, onions weren't getting diced right nor did the oysters taste right for the soups for the Veteran's Day supper, etc.), and a cloth autograph rectangle was signed by everyone, which folded into a camouflage tissue case.

Rassel thanked everyone after speaking a bit about his tour in Iraq and ended by saying, "You guys really went overboard here today, but knowing this parish as I do, I couldn't have expected anything less!"



Brink receives Mark Nelson Scholarship

Lara Anne Brink, daughter of Karen Lambert and Roger Brink of Artesian, received the Mark Nelson Memorial Scholarship of \$500 for 2011.

Lara is planning on attending Northern State University, majoring in music performance and education. She has participated in Veterans Day and Memorial Day programs and has been an active 4-H member for 10 years.

Scholarships are given by the Travis Henjum family and Ted Nelson Jr. family.

private nonprofit organizations to help with the costs they incurred by emergency work and for the costs of repairing or replacing facilities damaged by spring flooding beginning March 11, 2011 and continuing. Federal and state funding will pay 85 percent of the cost of all eligible

FEMA estimates there are 2,000 to 3,000 sites to visit and many are still underwater, so the process could take weeks or months. The money will be available soon after each project is approved.

Federal representatives caution that some roads will not be eligible for federal money.

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Individual assistance for homeowners who sustained property damage from spring flooding will not be eligible for assistance. The state determined that the damage was insufficient to request individual assistance.

Can't pay your phone bill?

Telephone assistance helps you "Stay Connected"

Access to local emergency services and community resources is vital to all residents. For some, a local phone can be the difference between social connection and complete isolation.

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) wants residents to "stay connected" and is reaching out to those who need phone service but can't afford it.

Under the federal Lifeline program, telephone customers who participate or are eligible for certain public assistance programs are entitled to receive a basic telephone service discount of \$8.25 per month. Link-Up provides a 50 percent reduction in the telephone service installation charge, up to a maximum of \$30, for qualifying household that does not currently have telephone service.

The PUC encourages subscribers of Santel Communications to check on their eligibility of the Lifeline program. Call 777 if you qualify for Lifeline and Link Up assistance programs. You qualify if you take part in any of the following:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP);
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or section 8;
- Medicaid;
- Food Stamps;
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
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Weather

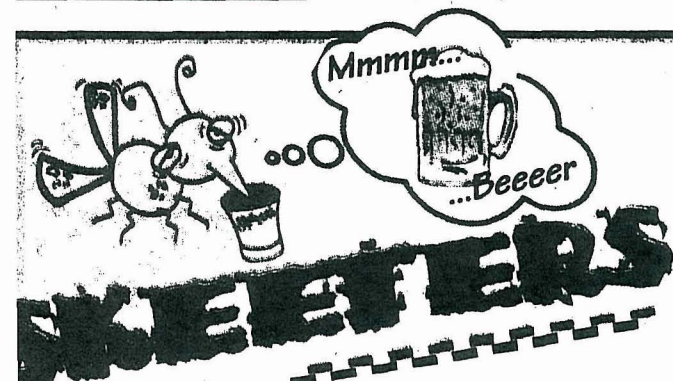
The Memorial Day weekend was filled with rain, wind and some storms throughout the area. Our area had rain and wind along with a little hail on Sunday night.

Monday, Memorial Day, we enjoyed a beautiful sunny, warm day with a nice breeze, although humidity ruled the air. The humidity spawned an evening of storms all over the state, but our area missed the brunt of them. We heard lots of thunder and saw some beautiful lightening along with a little rain.

Tuesday, 40 mph winds began drying out the ground and the sun shone.

High for the week was 85° on Sunday and the low daytime temperature was 64° on Wednesday. Nighttime low dipped down to 38° on Thursday evening.

The weatherman predicts some higher temperatures and sunshine coming for the rest of the week with a small possibility of storms.

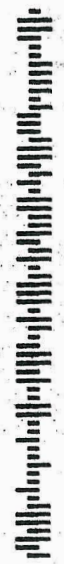


Friday Night Special:
BBQ Baby Back Ribs
 1/2 Rack \$ 11.95
 Full Rack \$ 16.95
 Served with Baked Potato,
 Soup & Salad Bar

Saturday Night Special:
RIBEYE
 with a
Skewer of Shrimp
 \$ 16.95

Daily Lunch Specials
\$ 5.50
 THUR. - Prime Rib Sandwich, French Fries, Italian Rotini Salad
 FRI. - Lasagna & Breadstick
 MON. - Cheeseburger Deluxe, French Fries & Macaroni Salad
 TUES. - Turkey Club & Coleslaw
 WED. - Broasted Chicken & Baked Potato

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THE PARKSTON

Advance

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County moves forward with zoning hiring

WENDY ROYSTON
Editor

Filling the vacancy left by the termination of former Planning and Zoning/Floodplain Administrator and E-911 Coordinator Linda Koehne should be fairly



Long day? Blow off some steam with this fun and delicious baking project! These sweet and spicy applesauce bars will satisfy your sweet tooth and provide some super duper stress relief. The recipe comes together fast, but like home cook Angie Walker's daughter, you may find the mixing, beating, blending and spreading therapeutic! (The eating part is pretty relaxing!)

See step-by-step photos of Angie's recipe and thousands more from other home cooks at:

www.justapinch.com/applesaucebars

You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...

Stress Relief: Applesauce Bars

What You Need

Directions

Bars

- 1/4 c butter, softened
- 2/3 c brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 c applesauce
- 1/2 c all purpose flour
- 1/2 c wheat flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground ginger
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 c Craisins
- 1/2 c chopped walnuts

Frosting

- 1 1/2 c confectioners' sugar
- 3 tbsp margarine, melted
- 1 tbsp milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease 9x13 inch baking pan.
- In a medium bowl, mix together butter, brown sugar and egg until smooth. Stir in applesauce. Combine the flours, baking soda, salt and spices; stir into the applesauce mixture until well blended.
- Stir in Craisins. Spread evenly into the prepared pan.
- Bake for 25 minutes (check at 20 minutes with a wooden pick) or until edges are golden. Cool in the pan over a wire rack.
- In a small bowl, mix together the confectioners' sugar and margarine. Stir in vanilla and milk until smooth. Spread over cooled bars, and sprinkle with chopped walnuts.

Submitted by: Angie Walker, Stryker, OH (pop. 1,335)

www.justapinch.com/applesaucebars

...president, Macey Fuerst is vice president, LaNae Fuerst is secretary and Elizabeth Bitterman is treasurer.

- A thank you to was given to Jennifer Bietz for having a scrapbook workshop.
- If any club member has an idea for future workshops, especially ones for older 4-H members, please bring them to the next meeting.
- Committees were formed for

Lifeline support is available

Lifeline support is available to those who qualify and the credit of \$8.25 will appear on your monthly bill. The FCC recently authorized an increase to \$9.25 in the near future.

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Please contact Santel Communications to see if you qualify. Dial 777 from your home phone.

- an auction sale April 21 in Tripp. The club will check if someone is already doing a concession stand. It was discussed about doing one.
- Our Better Our South Dakota Rural Communities painting project is scheduled for May 22 at 8:30 a.m. and May 23 at 6 p.m. Design an idea that the club can put on the wall and e-mail that idea to Jody Schnabel or Melissa Schnabel.
- The greenhouse tour is April 14 at

...the Sam Dreyer benefit. The winner will receive an hour- and one-half of yard work.

Record books were updated at the end of the meeting. Anyone who signed up to do the croquet necklaces completed them.

The meeting adjourned and snacks were brought by the Mogck and Odens families.

The next meeting date is still pending. The Pederson and Reiner families will be hosting.

OBITUARIES

Dr. Robert Wempe, 89

July 30, 1922 - April 10, 2012

Funeral services for Dr. Robert Wempe were held Saturday, April 14, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Parkston.

Burial was in the church cemetery, with Koehn Bros. Funeral Home in Parkston in charge of arrangements.

Dr. Robert Milton Wempe was born July 30, 1922, to Frank and Ida (Lorson) Wempe at the family farm near Frankfort, Kan.

He was united in marriage to Genevieve Hughes March 5, 1946, in St. Paul, Minn. After serving in the Army-Air Corp. during World War II and farming for four years near Frankfort, they moved to St. Paul, Minn., where he attended the University of Minnesota and graduated with a doctor of veterinary medicine degree in 1956. They moved to Parkston, where he served as a veterinarian from 1956 until his retirement in 1987.

He was a member of the American Legion, past president of Sacred Heart Catholic Church Board when the church was built and a past member of the Parkston School Board.

He died Tuesday, April 10, at the Golden Living Center in Salem. He attained the age of 89 years.

He is survived by his wife, Gen, Mitchell; seven children, Joan Honomichl, Mitchell, Jerry (Ginnie) Wempe, Sioux Falls, Jack (Diane) Wempe, Colorado Springs, Colo., Jim (Sandy) Wempe, Port Orchard, Wash., Joe (Donna) Wempe, Beaumont, Texas, Jay (Deanna) Wempe, Mitchell, and Jill (Jim) Hyde, Pierre; 24 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Jeff; son-in-law, Jim Honomichl; five siblings; a granddaughter; and a great-grandson.