

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2014**

Company: Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Company

Address: PO Box 810

100 Main Street

Eagle Butte, SD 57625

Telephone number: (605) 964-2600

Company contact: _____

Study Area Code: 391647

Lifeline/Tribal Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:

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

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

X _____ Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information in directory.

X _____ Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information available on Company website.
(www.crsfta.com)

X _____ Company's information posted on USAC website.

_____ Other (describe): _____

*Required

Birthday celebrated

Submitted by Bee Kirkland

Lorraine McLellan celebrated her birthday at the Dupree Senior Center on October 8.

Her 86th birthday will be October 25, and Lorraine is still getting around on her own just fine. There were eight at dinner, dining on angel food cake with strawberries and ice cream. Wishing her many more birthdays!



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South Dakota Farm Bureau and South Dakota Farmers Union call on Congress to take action

HURON—With the expiration of the nine-month extension of the 2008 farm bill this past Monday, South Dakota Farm Bureau and South Dakota Farmers Union are together calling on Congress to get down to business and take the steps needed to pass a new farm bill before the end of the year.

"These extensions and expirations are unfortunately becoming business-as-usual at the Capitol. Congress can't keep kicking the can down the road on farm policy while America's farmers and ranchers are trying to manage their family businesses with no idea what the parameters will be for the coming year," said Scott VanderWal, a family farmer from Volga, S.D. and President of the South Dakota Farm Bureau. "The production of our nation's food supply is too important to leave to chance, so we're asking Congress to move the process along and get a solid, five-year farm bill enacted before year's end."

"South Dakotians are depending on Congress to finish the job and pass a comprehensive five-year farm bill," said South Dakota Farmers Union President Doug Sombke. "This is the second time in over a year that Congress has not done its job by letting the farm bill expire. Our country needs food and job security. Passing a farm bill will not only provide this security, but it will allow our state to have certainty in agriculture, provide

for greater energy independence, enhance conservation and rural development, and further reduce our nation's deficit."

South Dakota Farm Bureau and South Dakota Farmers Union are calling on Congress to pass a bi-partisan and deficit-reducing farm bill before the end of the year that keeps the nutrition title with the farm bill, maintains permanent law, provides a strong safety net for farmers and ranchers against uncontrollable market factors and weather disasters, and keeps a strong conservation title.

The U.S. Senate passed its farm bill in June, but work on the legislation stopped in mid-July after the U.S. House passed a farm bill without a nutrition title. On Sept. 28, two days before the expiration of the farm bill extension, the House reconnected its recently-passed nutrition title with the farm provisions, finally putting the farm bill back on track for a House-Senate conference.

Most recently the Senate re-appointed its conferees on Oct. 1, but the House has yet to do so. Once the House names its conferees they must iron out the differences between the two bills, particularly on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding; the Senate bill calls for a \$4.1 billion reduction in SNAP funding over the next decade, compared to the House's \$40 billion in cuts.

Sr. Citizens Menu

Thursday, October 17
Roast beef, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, harvest beets, peach crisp

Friday, October 18
Hamburger on w/w bun, hash browns, baked beans, lettuce leaf and tomato slices, pears

Monday, October 21
Breaded baked fish, company potatoes, stewed tomatoes, tropical fruit

Tuesday, October 22
Hungarian goulash, corn o'brian, jello w/mandarin oranges, oatmeal, fruit, muffin

Wednesday, October 23
Pork chops w/ celery sauce, baked brown rice, broccoli, cranberry sauce, fruit cocktail

Social News

Dupree Locals...

Due to the recent storm there are no locals this week. If you have any locals please call 964-2100 or email wreagle@westrivereagle.com

News in Agriculture

USDA News Keeping you informed

Due to the United States of America's federal government shut down, there is no USDA News reports.



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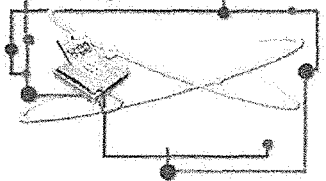
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Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up connect for less

- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - Head Start (Income eligible)
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance
- Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TTANF)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Household Income falls below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines

For more information, call
CRST Telephone Authority
at 605-964-2600

WHAT is Lifeline?

Discounted Telephone Service

HOW do YOU qualify?

If you currently have telephone service and you receive federal assistance from

WHAT IS Link-Up?

Reduction for connection (installation charges) for basic home telephone service.

HOW do YOU qualify?

If you currently receive federal assistance from

DUPREE CALENDAR OF EVENTS


October • 2013

- SEPTEMBER 16 - OCTOBER 21 (ALL MONDAYS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE 15TH WHICH IS A TUESDAY) 5:30-8:30 P.M. AT FOUR BANDS IN EAGLE BUTTE C.R.E.A.T.E. CLASS (OFFERED VIRTUALLY AT THE DUPREE COMMUNITY CENTER)
- Every Wednesday - 4 to 5 p.m. Dupree Baptist Church Women of Faith Bible Study
- October 10 Cross Country at Cheyenne Eagle Butte 2:00 p.m. MT
- October 12 Cross Country at Philip 10:00 a.m. CT
- October 16 Cross Country Regional Meet at Philip 10:00 a.m. MT
- October 10 Volleyball vs. Jones County 6:30 p.m. CT at Murdo
- October 12 Volleyball vs. Harding County 5:30 p.m. MT at Buffalo
- October 15 Volleyball vs. Field 5:30 p.m. MT at Dupree
- October 17 Volleyball vs. Lemmon 6:30 p.m. MT at Lemmon

DRIVERS LICENSE TESTING, ZIEBACH COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 8-11 A.M. & 1-3.

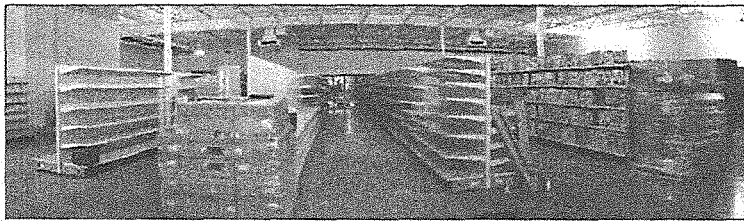
- UCC WILL BE SERVING SOUP ON THURSDAYS AT NOON, FOLLOWED BY BRIDGE, HANCOCK HALL
- ZIEBACH COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICES IS AVAILABLE WEDNESDAYS 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. (EXCEPT WEDNESDAYS AT THEIR OFFICE ON THE 1ST FLOOR OF THE ZIEBACH COUNTY COURTHOUSE)
- FREE LUNCH FROM 12 TO 1 P.M. & FREE SNACKS FROM 3:30-4:00 P.M. (EXCEPT 18) PROVIDED DAILY FROM 10:30 - 4:30 AT THE YMCA - 363-5232 & YMCA UNRESTRAINED - 3-5 GRADE SUNDAYS AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE DUPREE HHS GYM
- WANT TO RENT PERRY'S HALL? CALL DONOR OF LIFE/ART AT TOLL FREE/PHONE SERVICES, 365-5195

THIS COMMUNITY CALENDAR BROUGHT TO YOU BY



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Eagle Butte, SD 605-964-6300
Lobby Hours: M-F 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Drive Thru: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



The new Lakota Thrifty Mart in Dupree is starting to take shape inside. Shelves are going up and work continues to get the store ready for opening.

Photos by Shelby Meyer

Free Screening at Dupree School

"The Dupree School District, in conjunction with Northwest Area Schools Educational Cooperative has scheduled its annual screening for children birth to kindergarten age.

Screenings will be held on Wednesday, September 11 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm Mountain Time at the Dupree School Old Gym. This screening is free. It will assist parents and guardians in helping their child/children prepare for school.

The screening involves hearing, vision and an assessment of development in the areas of speech/language, motor and cognitive development. The purpose of such a screening is to detect delays in a child's development that could affect their success in school; the earlier any difficulties are detected the sooner the school and you as parents or guardians can work together to help your child overcome any problems.

The results of the screening are discussed with the parent/s or guardian on the day of the screening. If delays are suspected, plans for a more thorough evaluation will be discussed. This may lead to an individualized program designed to help your child develop skills needed for school. Services are available for children who qualify at no cost to the parent/s or guardian.

Screening for your child is the first step in helping to ensure school success. Please bring your child of birth to kindergarten age for this free screening.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the Dupree School at 605-365-5140, or the Northwest Area Schools office at 605-466-2206. If you cannot attend the screening in your area you are welcome to attend a screening in a neighboring school."



Holmes Ranch nominated for 2013 Soil Conservation

Four agricultural operations were nominated to receive the 2013 Soil Conservation Award by their local conservation district. The winners include: Jeffrey and Barb Clark of Marshall County; Kevin Myers of Moody County; David Hansen of Roberts County; and the Holmes Ranch of Ziebach County.

Each award winner will receive a certificate and recognition sign, which the recipient may install on the property for which their conservation efforts are being recognized.

The Soil Conservation Award Program was created by the South Dakota Legislature in 2008 to recognize exceptional farming and ranching practices that conserve soil and other natural resources in South Dakota.

Current state residents or groups may nominate any South Dakota farming or ranching operation for the award by submitting a nomination form—available at any Conservation District office—to the producer's local Conservation District.

Agricultural operations utilizing grassed waterways, terraces, crop rotations, sufficient crop residue to protect soil stability, no-till, grasslands managed for sustainable productivity, livestock management to limit soil and nutrient runoff or forest lands managed according to a forest stewardship plan to conserve soil are eligible for the award.

Nominations must be received by the Conservation District by no later than Jan. 1 of each calendar year.

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED
 * Call Robert at 466-2258 or email dakotan@lakotanetwork.com

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT OUTREACH AND ENROLLMENT SPECIALISTS FOR NAVIGATOR PROJECT

Western SD Community Action is hiring temporary, part-time staff to provide enrollment assistance to uninsured/underinsured people through the Affordable Care Act. (TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED) \$12.00-\$15.00/hour 20-30 hours per week. Must be computer literate. Valid SD drivers license with no major violations within the last 5 years and an insured vehicle. For more information and/or application contact Western S.D. Community Action, Inc. 1844 Lombardy Drive, Rapid City S.D. Phone (605) 348-1460 or (605) 327-1703. Position will be open until filled.



House For Sale

Former Allen Hellesund home for sale by sealed bids. Three bedrooms located on corner lots, located close to school and downtown. Nice hardwood floors, detached garage and fenced yard with well. Three storage buildings in backyard that are perfect for shop or hobby. Sealed bids must be submitted to Aberle and Aberle, P.O. Box 236, Timber Lake, SD 57656 in a sealed envelope marked "House Bid" by 10 a.m. on September 10, 2013. Bids should include name, address and phone number of bidder. Successful bidder will be required to make 10% non-refundable deposit upon acceptance of the bid. Title will be transferred by warranty deed and closing will take place within 15 days of delivery of title insurance commitment to buyer. Cost of title insurance will be split equally between buyer and seller. Real estate taxes will be pro-rated to date of possession. Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Call Lloyd at 605-865-3727 to make arrangements to view property.



~LIFELINE~

For what? Discounted Telephone Service
How? If you currently have telephone service and you receive federal assistance from:

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Head Start (income eligible)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance
- Tribally Administered Temp. Assistance to Needy Families (TTANF)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program
- Household income falls below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines

For more information, call CRST Telephone Authority at (605) 964-2600



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See the full schedule:
 September 16, 2013 September 23, 2013 September 30, 2013
 October 7, 2013 October 15, 2013 October 21, 2013
 Graduation Ceremony October 14, 2013
 8:30pm - 8:30pm
 Four Hands, 101 S. Main Street, Eagle Butte
 575,000 non-refundable fee
 Dupree residents interested can take the classes virtually at the Dupree Community Center

605.964.3687

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 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 up to \$22.75 per month in discounts.

Eligible residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands can receive up to an additional \$25 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.

Eligible low-income consumers living on tribal lands are eligible for an additional discount of up to \$70 to cover 100% of the charges between \$60 and \$130.

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?

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)
- 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:

**2013 Estimated Income Requirements for a Household at or
Below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines**

Persons in Family Unit	48 Contiguous States and D.C.
1	\$11,490
2	\$15,510
3	\$19,530
4	\$23,550
5	\$27,570
6	\$31,590
7	\$35,610
8	\$39,630
For each additional person, add	\$4,020

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 1-888-587-7035.

The Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) web site contains state-specific Lifeline information for many companies at www.lifelinesupport.org

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Local Exchange
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Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
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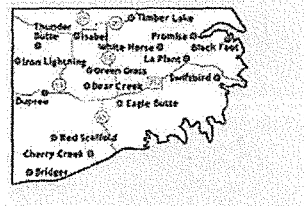
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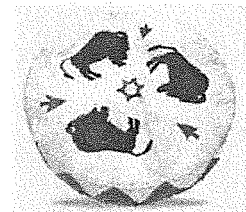
Telephone Directories

[Business & Residential Listings \(.pdf\)](#)

Tribal Lifeline And Linkup Program

You May Be Eligible For Discounted Telephone Service.

Qualifying customers who reside within the boundaries of the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation. This program can decrease your local monthly telephone service by as much as \$22.75 per month.



On January 01, 1998, the basic Lifeline and Linkup program was implemented. This program was designed to assist low-income consumers with the cost of basic telephone service. On October 01, 2001, the Enhanced Lifeline and Link-up rules were implemented. This "enhanced" program applies to low income consumers living on tribal lands.

Eligibility Requirements:

This low income federal telephone assistance program is available to eligible subscribers that are participating in at least one of the following public assistance programs:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Food Stamps
- Head Start (meeting income qualifying standards)
- Household Income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Medicaid (eg., Title XIX Medical State Supplemental Assistance)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families TANF

2013 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia [Source](#)

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$11,490
2	\$15,510
3	\$19,530
4	\$23,550
5	\$27,570
6	\$31,590
7	\$35,610
8	\$39,630

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,020 for each additional person.

How To Apply:

What Is Lifeline? Companies in My State

COMPANIES IN MY STATE**South Dakota**[Back to map](#)

Clicking on the header label of each column will sort the table by that column.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Service Type</u>
James Valley Wireless	800-556-6525	Wireless
AT&T Mobility	800-377-9450	Wireless
City of Brookings Telephone Fund		Wireless
Northern Valley Communications	888-919-8945	Wireless
Budget Mobile	888-777-4007	Wireless
ITC Telecom	800-417-8667	Home Phone
Swiftel Communications	605-692-6211	Home Phone
Alliance Communications	800-701-4978	Home Phone
CenturyLink (formerly Qwest)	800-244-1111	Home Phone
* C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority	605-964-2600	Home Phone
Golden West Telecommunications	866-279-2161	Home Phone
James Valley Telecommunications	800-556-6525	Home Phone
Kennebec Telephone Company	605-869-2220	Home Phone
Jefferson Telephone Company	712-271-4000	Home Phone
Midstate Communications	605-778-6221	Home Phone
PrairieWave Community Telephone	877-633-4567	Home Phone
PrairieWave Black Hills	605-721-2000	Home Phone
Santel Communications	888-978-7777	Home Phone
RC Communications, Inc.	800-256-6854	Home Phone
Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association	800-256-6854	Home Phone
TrioTel Communications, Inc.	800-242-1925	Home Phone
Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association	605-437-2615	Home Phone
Venture Communications	800-824-7282	Home Phone
West River Telecom	800-748-7220	Home Phone
Beresford Municipal Telephone	605-753-2500	Home Phone
City of Fairth Municipal Telephone Company	605-967-2261	Home Phone
Mt. Rushmore Telephone Company	605-666-4411	Home Phone
Golden West Telecommunications	855-888-7777	Home Phone
Western Telephone Company	800-824-7282	Home Phone

Midcontinent Communications	605-274-9810	Home Phone
Midstate Telecom, Inc	888-214-1431	Home Phone
SS Telecom	605-676-6000	Home Phone

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