

Lifeline notice mailed directly to new customers and sent to all customers annually as a bill insert.

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LIFELINE: Telephone Assistance Program for Low-Income Consumers

Red River Communications offers a residential assistance program known as **Lifeline** to help eligible consumers maintain local telephone service. Only ONE Lifeline discount per customer or household is allowed.

Lifeline applies only to primary local telephone service. It provides a monthly credit of at least \$9.25. Eligible persons must receive a form of assistance listed below or self-certify based on income. Program eligibility will be verified annually.

Certification for LIFELINE - MN & SD Residents -

I certify under penalty of perjury that I currently receive benefits from the following program and agree to notify Red River Communications immediately if I cease to participate in the program:

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Medicaid Federal Public Housing Assistance

Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Minnesota Family Investment Program

Low Income - at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (Proof of income is required - contact Red River Communications for list of accepted documents or visit www.lifelinesupport.org)

Customer Name _____ Date _____
(Must be same name as on telephone bill)

Signature _____ Phone _____
(Must be same name as on telephone bill)

Social Security # _____

Program eligibility will be verified annually.

- ND Residents -

If you participate in an assistance program you should contact social services for the necessary Lifeline form.

The form to the left can be used to self-certify your participation in Lifeline based on income only. Additional information may be required.

Return completed forms to Red River Communications
 P.O. Box 136
 Abercrombie, ND 58001

Telephone Assistance Program (Lifeline)

Lifeline notice in directory provided to all customers

Lifeline is a federal and state assistance program which reduces telephone bills for qualified low-income customers. Lifeline offers a monthly credit up to \$9.25/month per eligible household. Only one credit per household is allowed. You may qualify for telephone assistance if you participate in one of the following assistance programs:

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Medicaid

Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit

Federal Public Housing Assistant

Minnesota Family Investment Program

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP)

or you may qualify if your household income is below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Methods of qualifying and applying vary by state. North Dakota residents should contact their county social service office for proof of eligibility. South Dakota and Minnesota residents may self-certify for the federal program by requesting a Lifeline application from our business office. Minnesota has a state Lifeline program which provides additional assistance to qualifying residents. Applications are available from our business office.

Lifeline participants are required to re-certify their eligibility annually in order to continue participation in this program and agree to notify the business office if they no longer qualify for Lifeline.

At Home

Fire damage at Bismarck business expected to be in millions

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Damage from a fire at a Bismarck recreational vehicle business is expected to be in the millions of dollars. The blaze at Capital RV happened Sunday morning. A shop and several motor homes inside were damaged, and the business's showroom suffered smoke damage. No one was in the building at the time and here were no reports of injuries. There was no immediate word on the cause of the fire. The Bismarck Tribune reports that the dealership was open for business Monday.

Man convicted in large ND heroin bust loses appeal

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — An Arizona man convicted in one of North Dakota's largest heroin busts has lost an appeal. A jury in October 2015 convicted Charles Ahumada, of Tucson, Arizona, of possessing drugs and intending to distribute them. Authorities say he was in a car pulled over on Interstate 94 near Bismarck in December 2014 that had 4 1/2 pounds of heroin valued at \$2.5 million hidden in the trunk. Ahumada appealed to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. He challenged a judge's denial of his request to suppress evidence and argued there was not enough evidence to support his conviction on one of the drug counts. A three-judge panel of the appeals court recently rejected both of those arguments.

Trial in fatal Bismarck stabbing postponed at last minute

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A trial for a man accused of fatally stabbing an acquaintance at a Bismarck apartment last year has been postponed. A two-week trial was to begin Monday for Morris Pederson. The Bismarck Tribune reports Pederson's attorney said in court documents that new information called into question his mental health and a possible defense that hadn't yet been explored.

A new trial date wasn't immediately set. Pederson is accused of killing Greg Comes at Patterson Place, an assisted living and low-income apartment building. Police say Pederson and Comes met at Ruth Meiers Hospitality House, a homeless shelter. Police identified Pederson as a suspect after he walked from the apartment complex to the Burleigh County Courthouse in a blood-stained shirt and asked sheriff's deputies to help Comes, who was dead.

7 hurt, including 5 juveniles, in crash near Hope

HOPE, N.D. (AP) — The North Dakota State Patrol says seven people were hurt in a crash west of Hope and five are juveniles. Authorities say an SUV collided with a pickup truck Sunday afternoon at the intersection of Highways 32 and 38. Authorities say the 17-year-old driving the pickup may face charges. KFGO says the teen was airlifted to Sanford Hospital in Fargo. The others injured in the crash were transported by ambulance.

Summer camp teaches North Dakota kids about drones

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Brad Stangeland watched over the shoulder of a student, with an iPad and remote control in one hand. A faint whirring noise carried over the distance as they intently stared into the parking lot. Stangeland, overseeing a group of about 10 children in the parking lot across the street from Bismarck Public Schools Career Academy, was teaching them how to fly a Phantom 3 drone.

"Is that true you have to call every time you fly?" fifth-grader Avery Matt asked Stangeland. Yes, every time you have to call the local airport control tower, he told her.

Stangeland and another instructor, Tim Meyer, taught a group of 25 kids during a two-day camp hosted by the Career Academy, The Bismarck Tribune reported. The students learned everything from drone safety to learning the characteristics of flight to building Lego drones.

"This is the way school should look like," said Dale Hoerauf, director of the Career Academy, who said this is the first year drone instruction has been offered through a summer camp.

The fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders in the camp used a flight simulator, flew mini quadcopters then went outside to watch the larger drones in action. In the parking lot, the kids took turns flying the drones, which, they said was surprisingly easy.

"They actually do a better job flying these than my high schoolers," said Stangeland, who teaches the Career Academy's aviation programs. Stangeland was also a pilot, primarily flying charter planes and doing flight instruction.

"Tree!" one student warned.

In addition to trees in the parking lot, the students have to be careful because they're in the approach path of planes, said Stangeland, who warned them of how annoying the drones can be for pilots.

Interest among students in the aviation programs has been growing, with participation doubling this school year, according to Stangeland. In the Aviation 1 program, students learn what it takes to become a pilot, as well as other career paths. A former student, Max Rydquist, also helped teach the students how to fly drones. Rydquist, who just graduated from Century High School and worked an internship through the Career Academy, is joining the U.S. Army and ships out for basic training on Sept. 11 to Oklahoma. After that, he'll continue drone training and one day fly for the Army.

"I've been working on these things since I was about these guys' ages; actually, it's always been a hobby of mine," he said. "I didn't have anything like this when I was a kid. It was really just me being a nerd by myself."

Police: 2-year-old girl critically hurt in St. Paul shooting

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — St. Paul police say a 2-year-old girl was critically wounded in an early morning shooting that injured two other people. Officers patrolling St. Paul's North End neighborhood heard gunshots early Monday. When police arrived they found three people who had been shot.

Two men, ages 23 and 27, were taken to Regions Hospital and are expected to survive. Police say the girl suffered life-threatening injuries and is in critical condition. Witnesses tell KSTP-TV that the shots early Monday came from an alley but struck a nearby home. Police say some witnesses have been uncooperative with investigators. Police don't know what led to the shooting and have not identified any suspects. But authorities say apparently there was a connection between the shooter or shooters and at least one of the victims.

World War II soldier from MN to receive proper burial

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — After more than seven decades of searching and waiting, a Minnesota woman will get the chance to give her husband a proper military burial. Army Staff Sgt. Jerry Jacobsen will be buried with full military honors at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in July, KMSP-TV reported. Catherine Burket of Roseville married Jacobsen in 1943, just days before he left to fight in World War II.

"I knew we were in love but I didn't know we were that much in love," Burket said.

Jacobsen's outpost was attacked by Germans in 1944, and he was listed as missing in action. Burket spent more than 70 years asking the government to help her locate her husband's remains and bring him home. Independent researcher Roberta Russo found that Jacobsen may have been buried in a grave for an "unknown" soldier at a cemetery in Normandy, France. The Department of Defense was alerted about the files in 2008 but didn't pursue the lead. The grave finally was dug up in November, and DNA testing confirmed the remains are Jacobsen's.

"Oh my God, I say this has been a long time, seventy some years to wait for him to come home," Burket said.

Across the Nation

Muslims skeptical about 'road rage' in Virginia girl's death

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Police in Virginia on Monday blamed "road rage" for the killing of a teenage Muslim girl who was allegedly attacked by a driver while walking with friends to her mosque between Ramadan prayers this weekend. The girl's father, Mohmoud Hassanen Aboras of Reston, said he doesn't understand how this could have happened, because he said his daughter, 17-year-old Nour Hassan, was walking with friends to her mosque between Ramadan prayers this weekend.

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teenagers who was walking and riding bikes in and along a roadway," a police statement said.

The lack of a hate crime investigation provoked deep skepticism among some American Muslims.

Abas Sherif, a spokesman for the victim's family, said Nabra and all the other girls in her group were wearing Muslim head coverings and loose Islamic robes when the driver approached. "Road rage. Indeed. If you think for a minute that her appearance had nothing to do with this crime, you're lying to yourself," tweeted attorney Rabia Chaudry, a prominent Muslim activist who lives in the Washington suburbs.

Fire, not demolition, brought down WTC towers

NEW YORK (AP) — The twin towers and another skyscraper at the World Trade Center were destroyed in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, because fires that started from planes crashing into the buildings weakened their structural integrity, despite internet stories that insist they came down from controlled demolitions. An article on the website antinews.in claims "a new forensic investigation" into the collapse published by Europhysics News "lends to a growing body of evidence that seriously questions the veracity of the government narrative."

But the piece cited by antinews isn't a new forensic investigation. It's from a feature published in the July/August 2016 issue of the magazine, written by authors who are vocal Sept. 11 conspiracy theorists. The editors of Europhysics News included a note with the story acknowledging that "it contains some speculation" and that "the content of this article is the responsibility of the authors."

Those who have shared conspiracy theories for years of controlled demolition insist that fires from the crashed planes couldn't have caused the damage that led to the collapse of the towers and the third building, 7 World Trade Center, where debris landed and burned.

Telephone Lifeline Assistance Available

Lifeline is a low-income telephone service discount available to qualifying persons participating in these assistance programs:

- Medicaid/Medical Assistance
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Supplemental Security Income
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Veterans Pension Benefit Program

or to those who qualify based on income compared to the poverty level.

State rules vary. For more information on Lifeline, call Red River Communications at 701-553-8309, 1-866-553-8309, or visit www.lifelinesupport.org.

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, including local usage, touchtone calling, single-party service, access to emergency 911 services, access to operator service, access to qualifying low-income consumers. All of these services are available from Red River Communications in these areas: In ND - Abercrombie, Barney, Colfax, Fairmount, Great Bend, Hankinson, Lidgerwood, Mantador, Mooreton and Wyndmere; In MN - Barnesville rural, Kent and Rollag; In SD - South Lidgerwood.

2017 charges for these universal services are:

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| • Local residential service | \$18/month |
| <i>(Rates vary by exchange and EAS charges may apply)</i> | |
| • Touchtone calling | No charge |
| • Single-party service | No charge |
| • Access to 911 service | No charge |
| <i>(Local government assesses a tax to pay for special equipment.)</i> | |
| • Access to operator services | No charge |
| • Access to directory assistance | \$6.00/call |
| for local info | |
| <i>(If you call a long distance company for DA, that company may charge for its services.)</i> | |
| • Access to long distance telephone companies | \$6.50/month |
| <i>(Flat rate prescribed by federal agency)</i> | |
| • Low-income discounts | \$9.25/month |
| • Toll-blocking | No charge |

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