

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
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Lifeline/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/Link Up.* (See attached letter.)
- ** Company'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.
- ** Other (describe): Alliance does not publish its own directory. The Information is published by DEX.
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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)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program

See reverse side for more information.

Speak and you'll be heard.

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

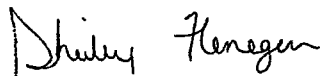
**2010 Lifeline Total Household Income Limits
(135% of the Federal Poverty
Guidelines)**

Including yourself, your household has:	Total Household income is at or below:
1 person	\$ 14,621
2 people	\$ 19,670
3 people	\$ 24,719
4 people	\$ 29,768
5 people	\$ 34,817
For each additional person, add	\$5,049

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

Junior varsity football recap

The Howard JV Football program just recently wrapped up its JV schedule for the year. The Tigers ended the year with a record of 9 wins and 3 losses. We started out the year with a full squad against Parker and the offense was clicking right away. Special teams really dominated this game with three kickoff recoveries all turning into touchdowns. The Tigers offense line lead by Keegan Werkmeister, Ben Walter, Landon Hamilton, Andrew Schwader, and Steve Larsen did a great job opening the holes for our backs Cal Wiese and Tyler Genzlinger. The Tigers won 30-8. This was a great first game. It allowed our freshman many minutes of playing time. Quarterback Nathaniel Klinkhammer had troubles right away with the snap but once comfortable he settled right in. Isaiah Glanzer, our fullback behind Nathaniel, had a nice run of 25 yards. Kurt Zulk filled in at the guard position and did a nice job.

Our next game took us to Emery for a jamboree where we went 2-1. Our jamboree was really dominated by our defense, Hunter Moschell, Evan Donahue, Nick Parady, and Cal Wiese. Our first game was against Emery, Team 1. We lost 16-8. Our second game was against Emery, Team 2 and we won 16-8. Our third game was against Hanson and we were able to score three times to win 24-6. In our third game we were again able to get some more freshman time with Jonah Rothermel getting to play some safety and making some good reads. Hunter Avery also saw some playing time with Kyle LaHay both at the linebacker position.

Game three was against Chester, which brought the

Tigers another win. This game was a tight game and was led by our quarterback Landon Laible who threw 9 times with 7 of them being completed. This allowed us to loosen up the Flyer defense and allowed our front line to take over and let Cal, Tyler and Evan Donahue run all.

We then headed into another jamboree. This one in Chester. We took on Elkton, Canistota, Emery and ??? We had a very long day of football but a great day to play. The weather was beautiful and again our offense was rolling both in the air and on the ground. Our line led by Palmquist, was reading the blitzes and picking them up allowing Wiese, Donahue, Genzlinger, Larsen and Schwader to run or throw the ball all day. Again the Tigers lead by Laible did a great job moving the ball and keeping the ball out of our opponent's hand and that was the key to winning a couple big games in the Chester Jamboree. Our younger kids did a great job led by David Clarey, Isaiah Glanzer, and Wyatt Schwader.

Our season ended and just in the nick of time. With all the injuries, our JV roster was starting to dwindle. Hanson would be the last stop on the season. The Tigers found a way to finish with a win. Defensively our ends of Wyatt Schwader and Steve Larsen did a great job of not allowing Hanson to run out side. That meant our linebackers of Wiese, Parady, Donahue and Ben aka Urlacher were led with the challenge of stopping the run up the middle. Our offense was led by Cole Potter who had a couple big runs and 15 yard catch and some huge blocks allowed the Tigers to almost score at will. Again, with such a big lead at the end of the game we were able to get some younger players one more shot of playing time. Rothermel had three carries of 5 yards. Isaiah Glanzer had three carries of 20 yards. David Clarey, 4 carries of 34 yards. Final score 28-8. All extra points kicked and converted by Tyler Genzlinger.

Submitted by Coach Podhradsky

Fedora News by Vera Crane

Rod Kappes was a dinner guest in the Dallas Kothe home Thursday.

Evelyn Wollmann spent a couple of weeks with her son, Jeff Aldal and family in Antelope, CA. She was able to attend a couple of football games that her grandson, Tyler, played in.

Brice and Echo Petersen, Plankinton, visited Saturday with Clell and Della Banks.

Evelyn Wollmann spent Tuesday night with Sandy and Scott Ahrendt in Larchwood, IA.

Dan Page was a Thursday visitor in the Dallas Kothe home.

Evelyn Wollmann and Mim Fox had lunch together in Mitchell Thursday.

Friday Della Banks visited Evelyn Wollmann.

Dale Hanson and Sharon Larson, Pringle, SD and Ty Benet and Haley Namanny, Kimball were visitors with Evelyn Wollmann lately.

Junior high football - Howard vs. Parker

The game started with Parker winning the coin toss. They chose to defer to second half. Howard received and had a great return by Baily Neises. After 4 downs, we didn't score so Parker got the ball back and did score a touchdown. Late in the first quarter the Tigers were able to get Teigan Ward into the end zone to score a touchdown. Right before half time, on a Parker failed 4th down, the Tigers were able to get Ward into the endzone again. After half time, Parker dominated the field and the Tigers were unable to score again. Final Score Howard 12 - Parker 22.

Submitted by Coach Podhradsky

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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
- Food Stamps
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- National School Lunch Program
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

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.

How do I apply?

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:

1. 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, Brandon or Garretson 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.
3. 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 I become ineligible?

When you no longer participate in any 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.



Covers:
Howard
Oldham
Ramona
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CARD OF THANKS

The family of Rosetta Haak would like to say thanks for all the food, flowers, memorials, phone calls and special memories during the loss of our mom and grandma.

Special thanks to the Willoughby Funeral Home, Terry Lec and JoAnn Sherman, Pastor Paul Pater, St. John's Ladies Aid for serving the lunch, Good Samaritan Center, Miner County Ambulance and Madison Hospital staff.

On behalf of our mom we would also like to say thank you to all of her friends who remembered her on her 85th birthday with all the cards she received for her card shower. She enjoyed receiving each one of the cards.

- Bev, Donald & Kelli Calmus
- Barb & Vernon Blondell & family
- Rita & Don Kenyon & family
- LeAnn & Eugene Feldhaus & family
- Judy & Gene Muth & family
- Larry & Janet Haak & family