

**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).) Submitted in the West River Eagle Newspaper and the Isabel Dakotan Newspaper.
- X Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Link Up.* (See attached letter.)
- X Company's Lifeline/Link Up information in directory.
- X Company's Lifeline/Link Up information available on Company website.
(www.crstta.com)
- X Company's information posted on USAC website.
- X Other (describe): Information in new customer packets.
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THANK YOU FOR DRAWING MY NAME AT
SPARKY'S BAR AND GRILL. I WON THE big
WHITE BEAR! HE MADE MY CHRISTMAS.
THANKS AGAIN, LUCY SCHNABEL



~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 1355 of the federal poverty guidelines

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



ISABEL COMMUNITY CLINIC



January 2011

Hours: Mon. 8-5 Tues. thru Fri. 9-5
David Rollason, PA-C.....Monday - Thursday
Dr. Jacobsen.....January 12 (a.m.)
Dr. Mack.....January 24 (a.m.)

**Geri Hahne - Isabel Clinic -
January every Friday from 9-5**

Emergency After - Hours Care Provided

*For complete family medical care,
call 1-800-568-2529 - 605-466-2120- 466-2356*

garage because of snow drifts.
John Nash graciously left his
warm home Sunday afternoon to
plow their driveway out so they
could truly return home.

the race and may your tea
that of joy

May the problems you
forget your home address!

In simple words May
be the best year of your life

Funeral service notice for Christine Hansen

Funeral services for Christine Hansen, age 100, of Lemmon and Meadow, SD were held at on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at the New Hope Worship Center. Pastor Harold Delbridge, Pastor Dan Lindeman and Pastor Nels Easterby officiated with burial in Greenhill Cemetery in Lemmon.

Christine went to meet her Lord on Friday morning, December 24, 2010 at the Five Counties Nursing Home in Lemmon.

She is survived by her three sons, Jens Hansen and wife Marilyn, Meadow, SD, Paul Hansen and wife Carol, Wakonda, SD, and Floyd Hansen and wife Alice, Jefferson City, MO; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Jacob Delzer, Yakima, WA and Rudolph Delzer and Christ Delzer, both of

Denver, CO; one sister, R Workman, Yakima, WA; numerous nieces and nephew a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Delzer; her husband, Niels sen; two brothers, Albert D and Alvin Delzer; and one sister Lena Heinrich.

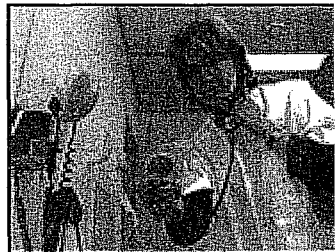
Visitation was Monday, January 10, 2011 at the Evanson Jensen Funeral Home in Lemmon and one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday.

A memorial has been established to the Gideons to be for bibles.

Condolences to Christine's family can be sent through website at www.evansonjensenfuneralhome.com <<http://www.evansonjensenfuneralhome.com>> .

NEED HELP losing weight, managing your diabetes, or controlling your cholesterol or blood pressure levels?

Isabel Clinic now has a dietitian/health coach on staff. Please call 466-2120 to make an appointment today!



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The governor says he needs the extreme cuts and shifts to erase the state's lingering structural deficit, which has existed for a decade or more. Now he wants to fix it in one fell swoop by raising property taxes and shifting responsibilities to you.

Democrats propose a less extreme solution: Let's work together with our Republican colleagues and the governor to develop a three-year

jections, will allow us to solve the structural deficit without devastating our schools and raising property taxes.

Frugality is a virtue. But when taken to the extremes of the Dugaard budget it becomes a vice. To their credit, South Dakotans believe in shouldering their responsibilities. State government should do the same.

DO YOU QUALIFY?

- LINKUP - WHAT IS IT?

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

HOW?

If you currently 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 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TTANF)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program
- Household Income falls below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines

OR

- LIFELINE - WHAT IS IT?

Discounted Telephone Service

HOW?

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

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



Less information for taxpayers.

That is what you will get if House Bill 1078 passes.

HB1078 would eliminate the publication of public notices such as school, city and county minutes, bid notices and election notices in this newspaper. HB1078 would allow local governments to post this information only on the Internet and bypass the one medium that delivers bona fide accountability - your hometown newspaper.

Contact your legislators!
Tell them to stand up
for the public's right to know
and oppose House Bill 1078.

Senator Ryan Maher - Home: 466-2131 • Business: 466-2131
Capitol: 850-3598 • email: Sen. Maher@state.sd.us
Address: P.O. Box 237, Isabel, SD 57633-0237

Representative Dean Schrempp - Home: 964-6541
Address: P.O. Box 62, Lantry, SD 57636

Representative Betty Olson - Home: 855-2824 • Capitol:
773-3851 • Fax: 775-522-6186 • Address: 11919 SD Highway 79,
Prairie City, SD 57649

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:

2011 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.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$14,702	\$18,360	\$16,929
2	\$19,859	\$24,813	\$22,856
3	\$25,016	\$31,266	\$28,782
4	\$30,173	\$37,719	\$34,709
5	\$35,330	\$44,172	\$40,635
6	\$40,487	\$50,625	\$46,562
7	\$45,644	\$57,078	\$52,488
8	\$50,801	\$63,531	\$58,415
For each additional person, add	\$5,157	\$6,453	\$5,927

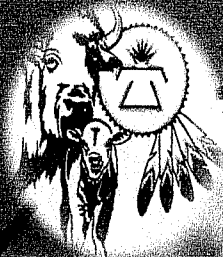
Residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands qualify if they participate in any of the programs listed above, have a household income that is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines, or participate in one of these programs:

- 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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C.R.S.T.
Telephone Authority

Local Exchange Directory

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Ziebach County

Clerk of Courts	365-5159
Extension	365-5161
Health	365-5170
Register of Deeds	365-5165
Sheriff	365-5177
States Attorney	365-5172
Treasurer	365-5173
Ziebach County Abstract	365-5247

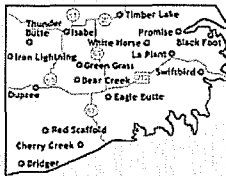
TOLL FREE NUMBERS

Dept. of Public Safety - Driver's Licensing	800 952-3696
Dewey County Courthouse	800 894-3501
Lakota Network Internet Technical Support	866 264-7802
Lifeline/Linkup	888 587-7035
Moreau Grand	800 952-3158

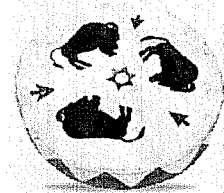
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe**Telephone Authority**[Home](#)[About Us](#)[Help/FAQ](#)[Links & Resources](#)[Contact Us](#)

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority offers many valuable services for our customers from basic telephone service to robust internet solutions.

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Telephone Services[Business Solutions and Benefits](#)[Control Features](#)[Convenience Features](#)[Lifeline and Linkup Program](#)[Long Distance Phone Solutions](#)[Service Order Charges](#)**Service Region****Telephone Directories**[Business & Residential Listings \(.pdf\)](#)**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:

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

How To Apply:

For an application and/or more information please call: **1-888-587-7035**. If you are eligible, you will be mailed a Lifeline/Link-Up Application from NECA Services, Inc.



Telephone Assistance Programs for Low Income Households

Selected state:

South Dakota ☐

Please select your local phone company from the list below.

(Not all phone companies are listed. Please call your local phone company for more information if they are not listed here.)

C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority ☐ Go

Lifeline and Link Up Information for C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority Customers in South Dakota

Landline Service

Lifeline is a government program that offers qualified low income households a discount on their monthly local telephone bill. Each state has its own guidelines to qualify. The application and qualification process differs by state and sometimes by individual phone company.

- **How much can I save?**

You will save up to \$22.75 on your basic monthly bill. These benefits apply to your local telephone service charges that you purchase as flat rate service. These benefits will also cover your subscriber line charge.

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

Program based eligibility:

- Federal Public Housing Assistance / Section 8
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicaid
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- National School Lunch (free program only)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribally Administered TANF
- Head Start (income qualifying / residents of Tribal Lands only)

Income based eligibility:

- Total household income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

- **Are there any restrictions?**

Lifeline can only be used for the primary telephone line in a household. You may purchase additional services available to a non-Lifeline customer. You must establish phone service prior to applying for the Lifeline discount. The name on the phone bill must match the name of the household member participating on the eligible program.

- **How do I apply?**

To apply for Lifeline call the South Dakota Lifeline Program directly at 1-888-587-7035. You may find more information about Lifeline and other telephone services available from C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority at <http://www.crsta.com>. An application can be obtained via phone.

- **What proof of eligibility do I need to provide?**

You will be asked for proof of your eligibility by submitting a form signed under penalty of perjury that you receive benefits from or a copy of any dated document which verifies your participation

in one of the qualifying programs listed above. Proof of total household income may be required for income based qualification. Your Lifeline benefits will take effect when proof of eligibility is received.

- **How do I continue to receive Lifeline benefits?**

Eligibility is reviewed periodically. Your benefits will be discontinued when you no longer meet the eligibility requirements or when proof of eligibility is not received. Customers who are no longer eligible for Lifeline benefits must notify their service provider.

- **Other Useful information**

There are other options that can help you save money, including free toll blocking, waived deposit with toll blocking and voluntary limit on long distance calling (toll control).

Link Up helps households reduce the cost of initiating telephone service. This program pays some of the cost of connecting local telephone service to your home or activating wireless phone service. However, Link Up does not cover the cost of wiring inside your home.

- **How much will I save?**

Link Up will pay 50% of your installation charges for total discount of \$21.25. (Maximum benefit \$30.00) An additional discount may apply to residents of federally recognized tribal lands.

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

If you qualify for Lifeline, you also qualify for Link Up.

- **Are there any restrictions?**

Link Up can only be used for the charges for activating a primary telephone line or moving existing service to a new address. Charges related to wiring and telephone jacks within your home and wireless handsets are not eligible for the Link Up discount.

- **How do I apply?**

To apply for Link Up you will follow the same application process as Lifeline and the same proof of eligibility as Lifeline.

Being a Lifeline or Link Up customer does not protect you from being disconnected if you fail to pay your telephone bill.

Lifeline and Link Up discounts cannot be applied to an outstanding balance owed to your phone company.

Lifeline can only be applied to one wireless OR wireline telephone per household.

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