

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

Company: Farmers Mutual Telephone Company
Address: 301 Second Street South
P.O. Box 368
Bellingham, MN 56212
Telephone number: (320) 568-2105
Company contact: Kris Radermacher
Study Area Code: 361389

Lifeline/Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities

- X Advertise in media of general distribution.* (See attached Exhibit A _____.)
- X Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Link Up.* (See attached Exhibit B .)
- X Company's Lifeline/Link Up information in directory.
- Company's Lifeline/Link Up information available on Company website. (_____)
- X Company's information posted on USAC website.
- X Other (describe): DISTRIBUTED IN OUR NEWSLETTER
- _____
- _____

* Required

1/25/2012

FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.
PO BOX 368
BELLINGHAM, MN 56212

ENCLOSE INVOICE NUMBER(S) WITH PAYMENT

Phone #

320-598-7521

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

Affidavit of Publication

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County of Lac qui Parle)

RICHARD GAIL, being duly sworn on oath says: that he/she is the publisher or authorized agent and employee of the publisher of the newspaper known as THE WESTERN GUARD, and has full knowledge of the facts which are stated below:

(A) The newspaper has complied with all of the requirements constituting qualification as a qualified newspaper, as provided by Minnesota Statute 331A.02, 331A.07, and other applicable laws, as amended.

(B) The printed LIFE - LINE - LINK-UP

which is attached was cut from the columns of said newspaper, and was printed and published once each week, for ONE successive weeks; it was first published on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of JANUARY, 2012; and was thereafter printed and published on every _____ to and including _____, the _____ day of _____; and printed below is a copy of the lower case alphabet from A to Z, both inclusive, which is hereby acknowledged as being the size and kind of type used in the composition and publication of the notice:



*abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

BY: Richard GailTITLE: Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

this 11th day of JANUARY, 2012

Kari Lyn Otto
Notary Public

RATE INFORMATION

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| (1) Lowest classified rate paid by commercial users for comparable space | 9 point - \$5.50/inch, .55/line |
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Do You Qualify for Assistance?



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Lowers the cost eligible customers pay for connecting new service at home.

For more information, visit our office, e-mail, or call us. A customer service representative can answer your questions and help determine whether you qualify.

farmers@farmerstel.net
320-568-2105 www.farmerstel.net



Invoice

WESTERN GUARD
216 SIXTH AVENUE
MADISON, MN 56256

Date	Invoice #
1/11/2012	36336

Bill To
FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO. PO BOX 368 BELLINGHAM, MN 56212

Description	Amount
2 Column Boxed Guard Ad - LIFELINE	29.75
Sales Tax	0.00
Total	\$29.75

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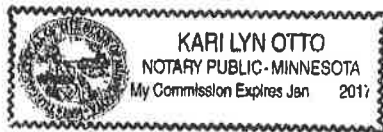
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Farmers Mutual Telephone Company Universal Service Advertising

Description of Available Services and Rates:

Farmers Mutual Telephone Company Available Services

Farmers Mutual Telephone Company offers the following local exchange telecommunications services to all consumers throughout its serving area:

- Voice grade access to the public switched network;
- Local exchange service including an amount of local usage free of per minute charges under a flat rated local service package;
- Dual tone multi-frequency signal;
- Single party service;
- Access to emergency service;
- Access to operator services;
- Access to interexchange service;
- Access to directory assistance; and
- Toll blocking without charge to qualified low income customers.

Basic, local exchange residential monthly service rates, excluding EAS rates, are as follows: \$10.00

Subsidized discounts are available to customers meeting certain low income criteria. Information concerning these plans is available from your Farmers Mutual Telephone Company representative at 1-800-682-0021.

Geographic Areas Where Services Are Available: Farmers Mutual Telephone Company offers service in the following exchanges:

Bellingham (320-568)	Corro Gordo (320-752)
Marietta (320-668)	West Marietta (605-678)

Date	Invoice #
1/11/2012	36335

Bill To
FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO. PO BOX 368 BELLINGHAM, MN 56212

Description	Amount
2 Column Boxed Guard Ad - UNIVERSAL SERVICE	32.73
Sales Tax	0.00
Total	\$32.73

DAWSON SENTINEL
674 CHESTNUT/PO BOX 1015
DAWSON, MN 56232
320-769-2497

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

DATE

PAGE

01/25/12

1 of 1

CUSTOMER ID: FARMERS

TO:

FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE
 301 2ND ST. S.
 PO BOX 368
 BELLINGHAM, MN 56212

AMOUNT PAID	AMOUNT DUE
	88.50

DATE	REF NO.	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL	BALANCE	
01/11/12	37194	3C Bxd Sent-Rates	44.25		
		3C Bxd Sent-Assistance	44.25	88.50	
				88.50	
TOTAL PAYMENT DUE					
NET 30 DAYS					
FC 1.5% PER MONTH					
CURRENT	1 TO 30	31 TO 60	61 TO 90	OVER 90	AMOUNT DUE
88.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	88.50

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BY: Dave C. Hickey

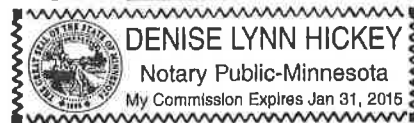
TITLE: Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

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Denise L. Hickey

Notary Public



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Qualify for Assistance

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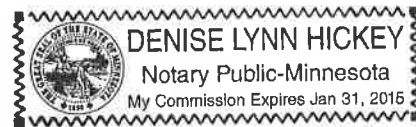
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TITLE: Publ. Mgr.

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320-568-2105 www.farmerstel.net



PRINTER'S AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION**DATE:** January 11, 2012**STATE OF MINNESOTA,**

s.s.

County of Swift

PUBLISHER: Ehrenberg Publishing Inc., of Appleton**NAME OF PUBLICATION:** The Appleton Press

The above being duly sworn that this publication conforms to the legal requirements of M.S.A. 1953, Sections 331.02 and 331.06

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That the above alphabet herein printed is the size and kind that has been used to print the legal or official matter hereto attached; was cut from the columns of the above publication and was printed and published in the above publication on the following days and dates:

Day of the Week	Month	Day	Year
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2012</u>

That the hereto attached material measures as follows:

<u>10.5</u> Inch Composition	<u>1</u> time(s) at	<u> </u>	\$ <u>52.50</u>
<u> </u> Lines extra composition	<u>0</u> time(s) at	<u> </u>	\$ <u> </u>
Total			\$ <u>52.50</u>

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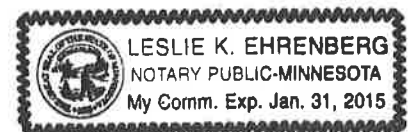
www.farmerstel.net



Paul Ehrenberg
Signature - Publisher or Printer in Charge

o before me this 11th of January, 2012

Leslie K. Ehrenberg
Notary Public, Swift County, Minnesota
My Commission Expires: Jan. 31, 2015



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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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 COUNTY OF BIG STONE)

Suzette Kaercher-Blake, being duly sworn, on oath says that she is the publisher or authorized agent and employee of the publisher of the newspaper known as The Ortonville Independent and has full knowledge of the facts which are stated below:

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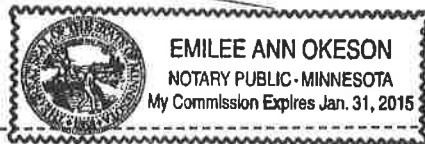
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By: Suzette Kaercher-Blake
 Title: Editor

Subscribed and sworn to before me on
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[Signature]
 Notary Public



RATE INFORMATION

- (1) Lowest classified rate paid by commercial users for comparable space \$13.80 per inch - (line, word or inch rate)
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- (3) Rate actually charged for the above matter \$11.50 per inch - (line, word or inch rate)



301 2nd Street South
PO Box 368
Bellingham, MN 56212
1-800-692-0021 or 568-2105

Lifeline, Link Up and Telephone Assistance Programs

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has established a program to make telephone service more affordable to eligible customers.

Lifeline Service is a program designed to make telephone service available at reduced rates to eligible residential customers.

Link Up Service is a program designed to offer eligible residential customers a reduction of up to 50% in installation charges for telephone service up to a maximum of \$30.00.

Eligibility criteria are the same for all three programs. If you qualify for one the programs listed in section one of the application, you are qualified to receive Lifeline, Link Up and Telephone Assistance. If you do not qualify for any of the programs in section one, but can prove that your income is at or below 135% of Federal Poverty guidelines, you qualify for Lifeline, Link UP and Telephone Assistance. The application included with this document provides you with the eligibility criteria.

To apply, complete the application included with this document and return to our office.

135% of the 2012 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines:

Household Size	Income
1	\$15,080
2	\$20,426
3	\$25,772
4	\$25,772
5	\$36,464

For each additional person, add \$5,346

Updated income guidelines are released in the Federal Register every February and will be available online at www.commerce.state.mn.us

South Dakota Telephone Service Discount Application

(Please Print)

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Address: Street _____ City _____ State: MN Zip _____Tel. # if you have service (MUST be in your name)
(_____) - _____
area code + seven digit numberTel. # where you can be reached:
(_____) - _____
area code + seven digit numberTelephone Company: Farmers Mutual Telephone Company No. of people living in your household _____

I am applying for _____ Lifeline _____ Link Up

1. I am currently participating in the following program(s): Check all that apply

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid/Medical Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Support (food stamps) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fed. Public Housing Assistance (Section 8) | <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | <input type="checkbox"/> Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Prog (LIHEAP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National School Free Lunch Program | |

2. I live on a reservation and participate in the following program(s): Check all that apply

- ☐ Tribally administered Temp. Assistance for Needy Families
☐ Bureau of Indian Affairs Gen. Assistance
☐ Head Start (for those meeting income qualifying standard)
☐ Tribal Nat'l. School Free Lunch Program

3. I do not participate in any programs listed in #1 or #2 and my income is at or below 135% of Federal Poverty Guideline. Please attach one of the documents below. For income guideline see opposite side of page. ⇨

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Last year's State, Federal or Tribal Tax Return | <input type="checkbox"/> Current annual income statement from employer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 consecutive months of most recent paycheck stub | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Benefits Statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Administration Benefits Statement | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement/Pension Benefit Statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation Statement | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce Decree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support Document | |

I agree to notify the telephone company when I no longer participate in any of the above qualifying programs. I certify under penalty of perjury the above information is true. I have read the information on this application and understand I must participate in one of the above programs to receive telephone service discounts on my primary residential line

Applicant Signature_____
Social Security Number_____
Date

I am an "Authorized Representative" for this applicant and am submitting this form on behalf of this customer. I am willing to assist this applicant in seeking telephone service discounts

Print "Authorized Representative" Name_____
Daytime Phone Number_____
Date

**Complete Application ⇨ Attach Income Documents and Mail Both to
Farmers Mutual Telephone Company ■ PO Box 368 ■ Bellingham, MN 56212**

ABOUT MINNESOTA RELAY

Minnesota Relay is a free service providing full telephone accessibility to persons who are deaf, deaf/blind, hard-of-hearing, or speech-disabled. A specially trained communication assistant (CA) facilitates the telephone conversation between a person who has hearing loss or a speech disability and a hearing person. Calls can be made to anywhere in the world (long distance charges apply), 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with no restrictions on the number, length or type of calls. All calls are strictly confidential and no records of any conversations are maintained.

Minnesota Relay is administered by the Telecommunication Access Minnesota (TAM) program within the Minnesota Department of Commerce. The Minnesota Relay center is located in Moorhead, MN. Minnesota Relay and associated outreach services are provided to the state under contract with Communication Service for the Deaf.

Minnesota Relay is funded through a monthly surcharge on each wired and wireless telephone access line in the state.

For specific instructions on placing or receiving a Minnesota Relay call, please see the instructions on page 9 of this directory or visit the Minnesota Relay website at www.mnrelay.org.

Minnesota Telephone Assistance Plan

The Minnesota Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) may provide eligible persons with a credit of up to \$1.75 per month on their phone bills. You are eligible for the assistance if participating in one or more of the following programs:

- * Medical Assistance (MA)
- * Food Support (food stamps)
- * Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- * Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- * Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- * Federal Public Housing Assistance
- * National School Free Lunch Program
- * Under 135% of Federal Poverty level

If you do not qualify under the above criteria, but live on a federally recognized reservation, you can also qualify if you participate in one of the following:

- * Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- * Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- * Head Start (only for those meeting the income qualifying standard)
- * National School Lunch Program's free lunch program

If you are participating in one or more of these programs, you may certify eligibility by completing an application, providing proof of eligibility for benefit, and submitting it to our business office. Please contact our business office for an application.

Federal Lifeline Plan

You may qualify for a monthly federal Lifeline credit on your telephone bill if you are receiving benefits under one or more of the following programs: Medicaid, Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or the National School Free Lunch Program.

If you are participating in one or more of these programs, you may certify eligibility by completing an application, providing proof of eligibility for benefit, and submitting it to our business office. Please contact our business office for an application.

For Lifeline Information and applications:

Farmers Mutual
Telephone Company
Customers
Call 1-800-692-0021

Federated Telephone
Customers
Call 1-800-374-7133

Valley Telephone
Company Customers
Call 1-866-290-1729



The Home Page

Current Topics

Thank You for
Visiting Us at the
2012 Spring Expo at
the Lee Community
Center in Morris

Spring Expo Winners

2 Months High Speed Data
Paul Vogt

2 Months Cable TV
Mary Ann Nelson

Calendar

April 12	FMTA Annual Meeting
April 6:	Good Friday Offices Closed
April 8:	Easter
April 25:	Administrative Professional's Day
June 2011:	Federated Annual Meeting

MTA's 2012 "Day on the Hill" a Success

On February 29, 2012, representatives from Farmers Mutual and Federated Telephone, joined more than 70 MTA members in St. Paul to educate lawmakers on issues affecting rural telcos. The event started off Tuesday afternoon, February 28, with an issues briefing. In addition to learning about the State/Federal Alignment Bill, attendees had the opportunity to learn from the experts about the recently released redistricting maps and how they would affect their legislators.

Rob Hammond briefed attendees on the Education Tax Credit bill and Telework Tax Credit bill, which are still alive from last session. There was even a short tutorial on how to lobby for first time attendees, which also served as a refresher for veteran attendees.

"I want to thank all of our members who attended this year's Day on the Hill for making it such a success," commented MTA President Brent Christensen, "the visits by members on Wednesday resulted in 18 additional co-authors on our bill in the House and 7 more in the Senate. That would not have happened without the hard work of our members."



Pictured: (L-R) Tim Danielson, Lynn Swenson, Karin Jahnke, Torrey Westrom and Kevin Beyer
Not Pictured: Dave Falness who also attended.

Legislators Hold Town Hall Meeting

Torrey Westrom, District 11A Representative, and Bill Ingebretson, District 11 Senator, met with local residents at a town hall meeting on March 2, 2012.

The town hall meeting was held in the Federated Telephone boardroom in Chokio, Minnesota. Community members were able to join in discussions regarding legislative issues with Westrom and Ingebretson.

Phone Discount for Low Income

Lifeline

There are several programs that provide assistance with paying your phone bill. The Lifeline program is federally funded and will provide a credit each month on your phone bill. To be eligible, you must be enrolled in one of the following public assistance programs or have an income at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines to be eligible:

- Medicaid/Medical Assistance
- Food Support (Food Stamps)
- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)

If you qualify for a Lifeline credit, you will also qualify for the Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP). This program offers a monthly discount on your phone bill, as well.

For more information or an application, please contact our office by dialing 611 from your home phone or you can find the office numbers on the back page of this newsletter.

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FEDERAL SURCHARGES TO DECREASE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2012

Effective April 1, 2012, the amount of the Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) appearing on your bill each month will change as a result of a decrease in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) universal service contribution factor from 17.9% to 17.4%. The new FUSC amount is calculated by multiplying the FCC's universal service contribution factor against your interstate access service charges. The federal universal service fund program is designed to help keep local telephone service rates affordable for all customers, in all areas of the United States.

Call Before You Dig "It's the Law"



Simply Dial 811

Simply Dial 811 from your telephone.
Remember to call 48 hours before you dig.
South Dakota: 1-800-781-7474

Important Phone Numbers:

Farmers Mutual Telephone 320-568-2105

Federated Telephone

Chokio Office 320-324-7111

Morris Office 320-585-4875

Minnesota Attorney

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Telecommunications Division.....1-651-296-4026

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Federal Communications

Commission.....1-888-225-5322

Administrative Professional's Day April 25, 2012



**Thank You
for all your hard
work and dedication
throughout the year!**

Top: (L-R) Tammy, Karin,
Julie, Shelley.
Bottom: (L-R) Jeri, Rusty,
Jackie, Tammy.

Rural Morris, Rural Appleton & Lac qui Parle County Project Updates

Federated Telephone began installing services in the Rural Morris Exchange on March 12, 2012. The response from potential customers has been wonderful and the applications for service keep pouring in. We are excited to give these areas the option to be a part of our cooperative and to experience the benefits of receiving telecommunication services over a fiber optic network.

Also, thanks to the warm weather this spring, we plan to begin plowing in the remaining locations, weather permitting, in Rural Morris on March 26, 2012, Rural Appleton on April 16, 2012 and Dawson on April 4, 2012.

Congratulations

**Kevin Beyer
10 Years of Service**



Kevin has been the General Manager of Farmers Mutual Telephone for 10 years and the General Manager of Federated Telephone for 14 years.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Thursday, April 12, 2012

2:00 p.m. - Registration Begins at 1:00 p.m.

Farmers Mutual Telephone Company's 2012 Annual Meeting

Farmers Mutual Telephone Company's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2012, at the Bellingham City Hall, Bellingham, Minnesota. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Voting for two directors will take place at the Annual Meeting. The terms of Dave Falness - District #1 and Diane Morken - District #2 will expire. Members may vote at the Annual Meeting or by mail ballot.

Due to privacy laws mandated by the FCC, members will receive a postcard in the mail prior to the Annual Meeting. This postcard is your Member Registration Card, which will automatically register you for the meeting, provide you with a ballot and your capital credit check. Capital credit checks **cannot** be given to anyone other than the member. If you are not in attendance at the meeting, your check will be mailed. Postcards will also serve as your registration for the door prizes.

Entertainment will be provided by 'The Moonlighters' from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. and the Computer Commuter will also be on-site during this time.

**Mark Hoffman
5 Years of Service**



Mark is the District #3
Board Member at
Farmers Mutual Telephone.



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Thomas Hodgson 568-2415

Cerro Gordo

Chris Siedschlag..... 752-4225

Chokio

R & R Ranch..... 324-2594

Holloway

Good Ol' Days Café..... 394-2330

Hancock

John Jepma..... 392-5658

Mark Leighton 392-5414

Brandon Sanders 392-5476

Christy Schmidgall..... 392-5342

Milan

William P. Lushenko 734-4595

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Anna Arndt..... 585-6249

Ruby Damskey..... 585-6527

Scott Devries..... 585-6571

Jarrod & Kari Felton 585-6541

Mark Halverstadt 585-6538

Scott Hedstrom..... 585-6570

Joan Jay..... 585-4865

R. Kramer..... 585-6537

Jack & Ardis Lesmeister 589-2898

Lillie Luthi 589-1550

Roger & Carol McCannon..... 589-1692

Fred & Tammy Moser..... 589-3852

Kent & Laurie Ann Runge 585-6534

Tony Sarlette 585-6378

Alan Schmidgall..... 585-6557

Lynn & Sheila Schulz 589-1796

Carol Sperr 589-1136

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Alan & Barb Wilts 589-3806

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