

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

Company: CRST Telephone Authority

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Eagle Butte SD 57625

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Lifeline/Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:

- Advertise in media of general distribution.* (See attached advertisement(s).)
- Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Link Up.* (See attached letter.)
- Company's Lifeline/Link Up information in directory.
- Company's Lifeline/Link Up information available on Company website. (www.crsfta.com)
- Company's information posted on USAC website.
- Other (describe): Information in new customer packets

*Required

2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey results released

Administered every other year, the Youth Risk Behavior Survey is a questionnaire that assesses the six priority health-risk behaviors that result in the greatest amount of morbidity, mortality and social problems among youth. About 1,800 students in grades 9-12 at randomly selected public, private and Bureau of Indian Education schools participated in the survey.

Key indicators included in the report are: *27 percent of students were bullied on school property in the past 12 months *20 percent had been bullied electronically during the past 12 months *18 percent seriously considered attempting suicide in the past 12 months *49 percent were physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day during five or more of the past seven days *22 percent wrongly believe smokeless tobacco is safer than cigarettes *26 percent had five or more drinks of alcohol within a couple of hours, on one or more of the past 30 days *24 percent of currently sexually active students, defined as those who've had sexual intercourse during the past three months, drank alcohol or used drugs before their last sexual intercourse

The six priority health-risk behaviors include: behaviors that contribute to unintentional injuries and violence; tobacco use; alcohol and other drug use; sexual behaviors that contribute to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection; unhealthy dietary behaviors; and physical inactivity.

The South Dakota Youth Risk Behavior Survey is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Coordinated School Health, which is a collaboration between the state departments of Education and Health.

To view a complete copy of the report, go to <http://healthyschools.sd.gov> and click on Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

Cheyenne River pets *cont. from page 1*

Wednesday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wellness Center Conference Room. To contact the group send an email to friendscrp@gmail.com or join their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FriendsOfCheyenneRiverPets.

Lifeline *Do you qualify?* Link-Up

WHAT IS IT?

Discounted Telephone Service

HOW?

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

- Medicaid • Food Stamps
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For more information, call

CRST Telephone Authority at 605-964-2600

WHAT IS IT?

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

HOW?

If you currently receive federal assistance from:



In the wake of National Financial Literacy Month 480 CRST Employees will complete personal finance training

Beginning April 18, 2012, in the midst of National Financial Literacy Month, nearly 500 Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe employees will complete a personal finance training, focused on budgeting and credit, delivered by Four Bands Community Fund and 1st Financial Bank.

"This unprecedented partnership shows our Tribe's deep commitment and dedication to renewing our traditional Lakota values of self-sufficiency and building a healthy local economy," comments Tanya Fiddler, Executive Director of Four Bands Community Fund.

National Financial Literacy Month celebrated annually every April, reinforces the importance of developing wise resource management skills and avoiding predatory lenders. It is a time for individuals and families to refresh and build their personal financial skills. Today, many consumers experience some sort of financial difficulty causing a significant impact on their everyday lives. In fact, Americans carry more than \$2 trillion in consumer debt and 30 percent of consumers report having no extra cash; making it impossible to escape the burden of living paycheck to paycheck.

According to Four Bands, we have a lot to celebrate on Cheyenne River during National Financial Literacy Month. To date, over 400 local residents have completed financial literacy training. In 2011 alone, 77 adults and 37 youth completed the personal finance course offered at Four Bands. The Making Waves program, supported by the Tribe through a Resolution, has integrated lessons of financial education and entrepreneurship into our five Reservation schools, exposing thousands of children to concepts that will help them to become successful adults. In addition, over 70 people have utilized Credit Builder Loans as an alternative to payday lenders and in the process have increased their credit score by an average of 75 points.

"By looking at the numbers, we can easily see that our Reservation shines when it comes to building our personal financial skills. Every person who takes the time and makes the commitment to further their knowledge on this subject is showing their dedication to a healthy local economy and community," states Ms. Fiddler.

CRST Game, Fish & Parks Department

TREE GIVEAWAY

Friday, April 27, 2012

9:00 am - till gone (mst)

GFP Parking Lot - E. Hwy 212

Eagle Butte, SD



~LIFELINE~

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Legislative Report

By Ryan Maher

Pierre — After a busy week, five days remain in the legislative session. However, there is still plenty to do and the other legislators and I continue to work hard to finish the session on a high note. Case in point, we are scheduled to put the General Bill (Budget) together on Friday of this week.

On Thursday the joint appropriations committee received an updated revenue projection. Revising fiscal year 2012, we changed the amount adopted last March from \$1.165 billion up to \$1.248 for the general fund. This change reflects the \$32.3 million from one-time money, along with the result of a particularly profitable fourth quarter.

In addition, the joint committee agreed to peg fiscal year 2013 general funds at \$1.275 billion. This estimate includes one-time receipts in the neighborhood of \$38.8 million.

This estimate puts us in an advantageous position due to the results of the hard decisions and sacrifices made in last year's session, where we adjusted the budget and re-based budgets in relation to the general funds. It took strong backbones and deep seated convictions to hold the line a year ago, but it is clear that the hard work was well worth it. We are certainly in a stronger position as we go forward. The 2012 spending levels are equivalent to the 2008 spending levels.

Also in this last week, HB1234 passed out of the senate education committee. HB1234 has changed a lot since it was a proposal put forward by the governor. Much input has been forward by a variety of groups, and both the house and senate have been hard at work to make it into a suitable and workable bill.

A main emphasis of the bill is on local control on all levels. It would be up to local school districts to choose to offer continuing contracts, and it would allow them to direct local funding and bonus structures to areas of critical need in their regions. HB1234 continues to be a way for our state to address areas of need as a whole and will continue to try and promote subjects such as math and science in order to promote student achievement

and no longer settle for the status quo.

Other Bills of Interest:

Ag and Natural Resources:
HB 1117 provide for the taking of muskrats by shooting under certain conditions.

— muskrats are becoming a problem in the northeast part of South Dakota and are causing extensive damage to roads

— this bill allows muskrats to be hunted by shooting rim-fire cartridges of .22 caliber or smaller, muzzleloaders of .45 caliber or smaller, shotguns, or legal archery equipment

— the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission will specify hunting seasons and licensing requirements for the hunting of muskrats.

Local Government:

HB 1247 revise certain provisions regarding the voting rights of persons convicted of a felony or serving time in the state penitentiary

— An individual who is serving any part of a sentence for a felony conviction is not permitted to vote, probation included

State Affairs:

HB 1254 revise certain provisions pertaining to the decision of a pregnant mother considering termination of her relationship with her child by an abortion, to establish certain procedures to insure that such decisions are voluntary, uncoerced, and informed, and to revise certain causes of action for professional negligence relating to performance of an abortion

— This is a clean up and clarification from HB1217 from last year. It is directed towards future help centers so they have certified health counselors.

Commerce and Energy:

HB 1097 revise certain provisions regulating the investment of unneeded state operating expenses in banks.

— Any public funds not needed for current operating expenses may be invested in an FDIC federally insured bank fund

As always, I welcome all input on the issues we are addressing in the legislature. Please continue to contact me at sen.maher@state.sd.us or by calling 605-773-3821, and leave a message.

Legislative Report

By Betty Olson

My new-to-me car now has a new transmission and Sen. Ryan Maher was kind enough to let me ride back to Pierre with him to pick it up from the shop. Reub took me to Isabel to meet Ryan and grab a hamburger at Sparky's. Ryan had to deliver some insurance policies on the way, so we headed north to go by Little Eagle and McLaughlin and then turned south to Pierre after going through Mobjidge.

We were enjoying the drive over less-traveled roads and since neither of us had ever driven down Hwy 1804 Sen. Maher asked if I'd like to try that. I didn't know that the road was named 1804 because it was the route that Lewis and Clark followed when they journeyed north through South Dakota on their way to the west coast in 1804 and it sounded like a great idea to a history buff like me.

1804 started as a blacktop highway following east along the Missouri River and there was no snow at all. After several miles, the blacktop turned to snow-covered gravel with a lot of square corners and side roads leading into farms and ranches. As we drove farther south we encountered more snow and fewer vehicle tracks, finally coming to the last place along the road where the vehicle tracks ended and the snow got deeper. After driving about three miles making the only track through the deepening snow and freezing ice, we came to another square corner and the car skidded into the steep ditch. We were stuck out in the middle of nowhere with no traffic on the road and no idea where we were!

Trying to pry packed snow from under the car with a couple busted fence posts didn't work, so we decided to walk the three miles back to the last farm we'd gone by. Just as we were about to trudge up to the house, a pickup drove up behind us and stopped to see if we needed help. It was Sen. Corey Brown's uncle, Jim Brown, and he was more than happy to haul us back to the car and pull it out of the ditch. Ryan's car is missing a couple pieces off the front end, but everything still worked and we made it back to Pierre just in time to pick my car up before the shop closed for

the night.

Jim Brown had a very interesting story to tell us about a run in he'd had with an overbearing game warden last fall during harvest when he had to drive across some GF&P land to pull out his combine that was stuck in the field. He wound up getting a \$180 ticket following a threat of being arrested and hauled off in handcuffs from his business office in Gettysburg! We've got some questions for GF&P about the situation our rescuer found himself in just trying to mind his own business!

Here are some of the bills that passed the House this week:

*SB 8 to revise provisions related to the calculation of state aid to special education.

*SB 87 to allow military spouses to receive unemployment compensation if they leave their jobs due to a spouse's military transfer. This has been signed by the governor.

*SB 73 to repeal the provisions regarding the assessment of real property located in a floodplain.

*SB 111 to revise the mining permit fees.

*SB 81 to provide for a special license plate for certain persons on active duty in the military.

*SB 113 to provide for special motor vehicle license plates for recipients of the silver star medal, distinguished service cross, navy cross, air force cross, distinguished flying cross, bronze star medal with valor device, or the bronze star medal passed unanimously.

*SB 22 to revise provisions regarding the vacation or the change of location of county and township highways on school and public lands.

*SB 48 to revise the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2012.

*SB 189 to provide a designation on non-driver identification cards, driver licenses, and permits that the card holders or licensees are honorably discharged veterans.

*SB 176 to establish a pro-

gram to assist rural health care facilities in recruiting health care professionals and to repeal provisions regarding recruitment incentive payments for health care professionals.

*SB 177 to establish a program to assist rural communities to recruit health care professionals and to repeal provisions regarding the physician, the midlevel, and the dentist tuition reimbursement programs.

*SB 192 to make appropriations for the purpose of one-time increases in education and health care funding.

*SB 194 to make an appropriation to fund tax refunds for elderly persons and persons with a disability, to revise the income eligibility requirements for property tax and sales tax refunds, and to declare an emergency.

*SB 195 to make appropriations from the water and environment fund, the water pollution control revolving fund sub-fund, and the drinking water revolving fund sub-fund for various water and environmental purposes, to revise the state water plan, to authorize the construction and establish the state cost share for the Belle Fourche irrigation upgrade project, and to declare an emergency.

*SB 191 to provide for authorization to offer postsecondary education services in South Dakota.

*SB 123 to revise how the taxes are applied to rural electric companies.

*SB 174 to increase the 911 emergency surcharge, to revise the collection and distribution of the surcharge revenue, to provide for point of sale collection of the prepaid wireless 911 emergency surcharge, and to provide funding for the upgrade of 911 emergency services.

*SB 186 to update the definition of the non-sectarian textbooks that are loaned to students to include digital materials.

This is the last week of the 2012 legislative session, which ends March 2nd. The final day of session is Veto Day on March 19th. After session you can email me at rep.bettyolson@state.sd.us or call me at 605-855-2824. Information about bills and legislators can be found at <http://legis.state.sd.us/>

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Take advantage of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

JANUARY 23 - APRIL 17, 2012

At Four Bands Community Fund, 101 S. Main St., Eagle Butte

Call 605-964-3687
to schedule appointments.

VITA is provided by Four Bands Community Fund and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Ventures.

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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
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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.

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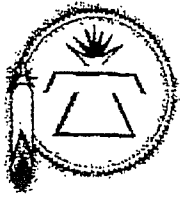
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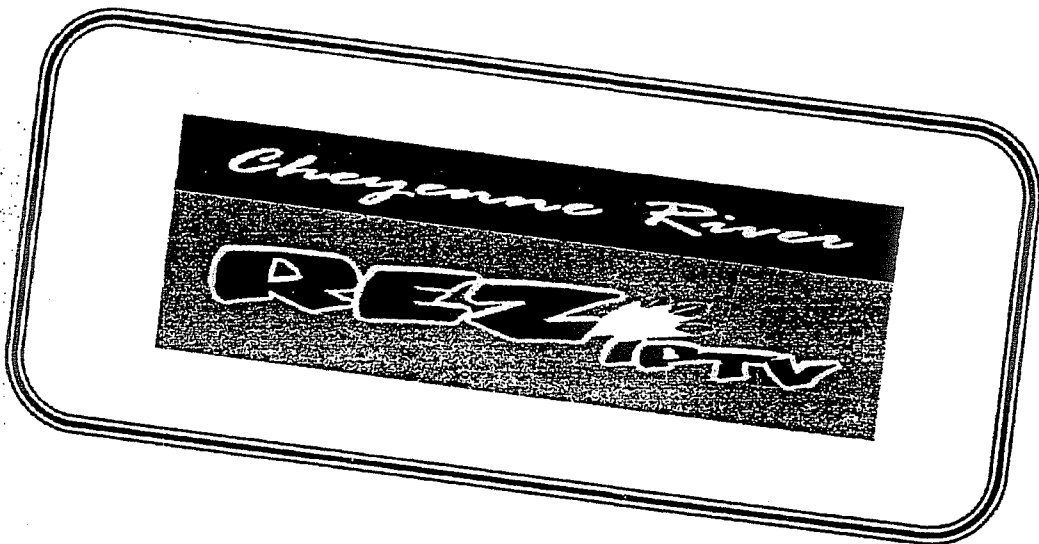
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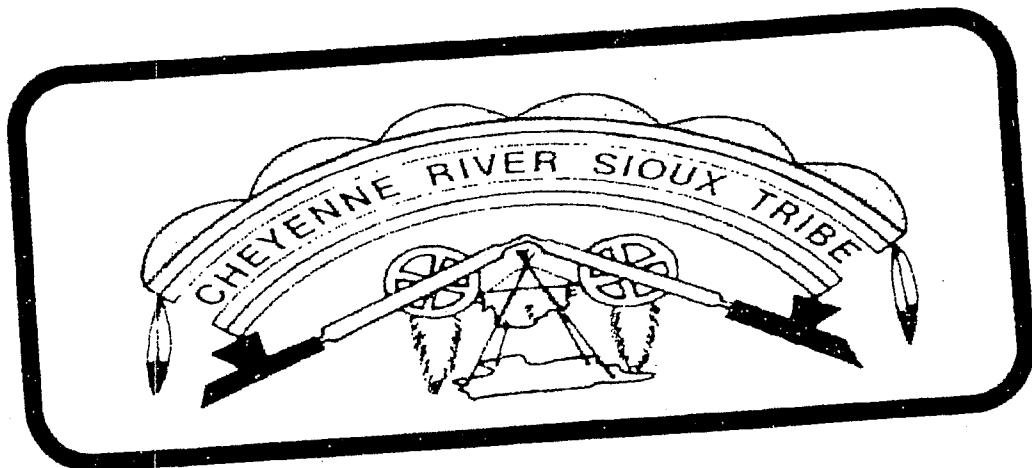


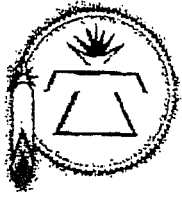
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Local Exchange Directory



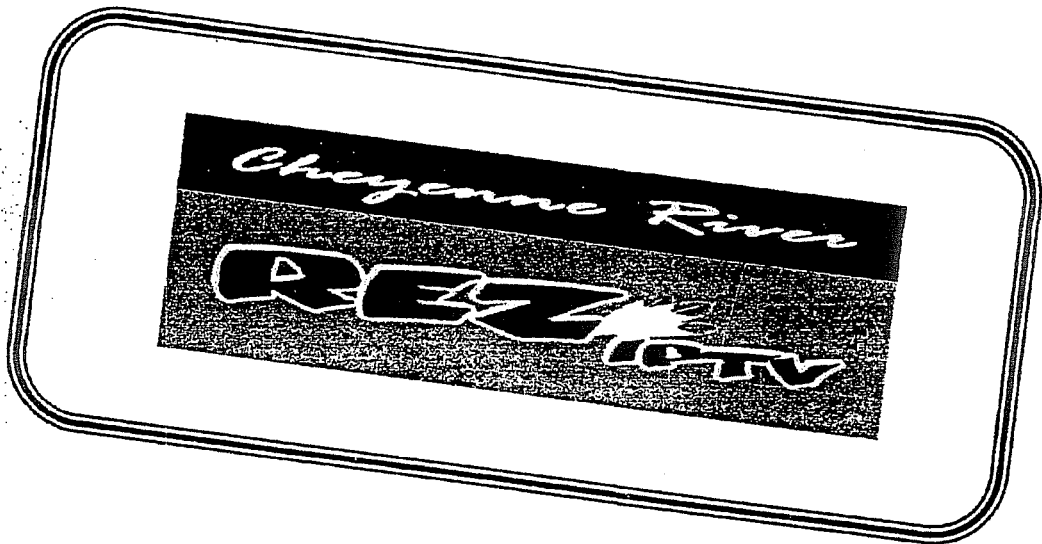
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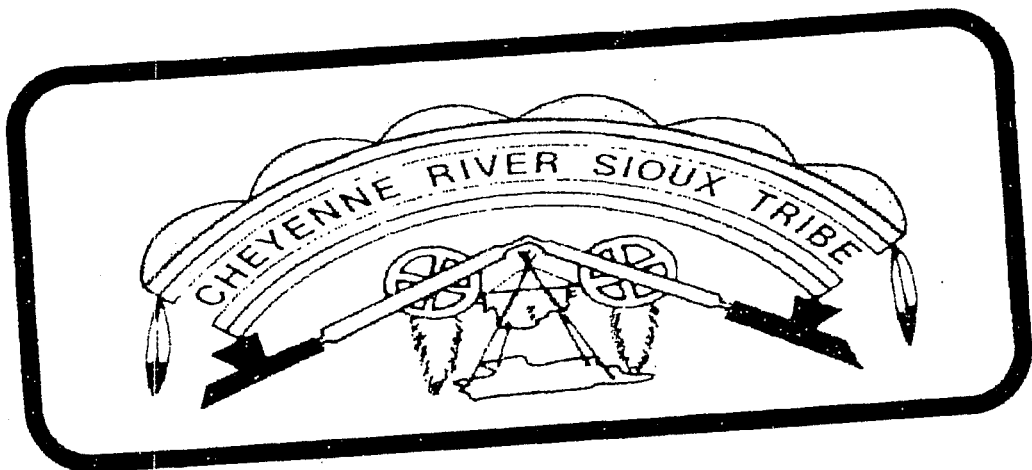


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Local Exchange Directory



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Windshield Doctor	964-7826
Winyan Okiyapi Oti	964-8186

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Ziebach County

Assessor	365-5129
Attorney	365-5171
Auditors	365-5157
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

TOLL FREE NUMBERS

Dept. of Public Safety - Drivers Licensing	1-800-952-3696
Dewey County Courthouse	1-800-894-3501
Lakota Network Internet Help Desk	1-866-264-7802
Lifeline/Linkup	1-888-587-7035
Moreau Grand Electric Cooperative	1-800-952-3158
WildBlue Technical Support	1-888-256-8372
