

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2013**

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

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

* Required



Date: February 5, 2013

From: Donna Eul
Marketing/Customer Service Manager
320-324-7111

To: Attention Editor of Appleton Press, Dawson Sentinel, Madison Western Guard, and Ortonville Independent.

RE: Enclosed are two annual advertisement requirements. Both need to be published (1) time in your next edition. Each advertisement should not exceed 4 ½ wide by 3 ½ long. **Please provide tear sheet along with affidavit of publication.**

- Universal Service Advertising.
- Lifeline / Link-Up Advertising.

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 1-800-692-0021.

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

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

Do You Qualify for Assistance?



If you participate in certain low-income programs, you may be eligible for telephone payment assistance.

Lifeline

Provides a monthly discount to eligible customers on their telephone bill.

Link Up

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



WESTERN GUARD
 216 SIXTH AVENUE
 MADISON, MN 56256

Statement

Date

2/27/2013

To:

FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.
 P.O. BOX 368
 BELLINGHAM, MN 56212

		Amount Due	Amount Enc.
		\$59.50	
Date	Transaction	Amount	Balance
01/30/2013	Balance forward		36.00
02/12/2013	PMT	-36.00	0.00
02/13/2013	INV #42567. SERVICE	29.75	29.75
02/13/2013	INV #42568. LIFE LINE	29.75	59.50
			Amount Due
			\$59.50

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE BEFORE 3-27-13

ENCLOSE INVOICE NUMBER(S) WITH PAYMENT

Phone #

320-598-7521

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)ss.
County of Lac qui Parle)

Affidavit of Publication

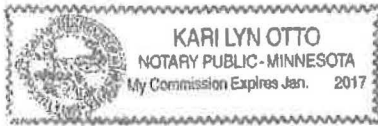
RICHARD GAIL, being duly sworn on oath says: that he/she is the publisher or authorized agent and employee of the publisher of the newspaper known as THE WESTERN GUARD, and has full knowledge of the facts which are stated below:

(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 DESCRIPTION OF AVAILABLE SERVICES AND RATES

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 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2013; 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 Gail
TITLE: publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2013
Kari Lyn Otto
Notary Public

RATE INFORMATION

- (1) Lowest classified rate paid by commercial users for comparable space 9 point - \$5.50/inch, .55/line
- (2) Maximum rate allowed by law for the above matter 8 point - \$5.50/inch, .55/line
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Bellingham (320-668)	Carro Gordo (320-782)
Marietta (320-888)	West Marietta (805-678)

WESTERN GUARD

216 SIXTH AVENUE
MADISON, MN 56256

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
2/13/2013	42567

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

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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County of Lac qui Parle)

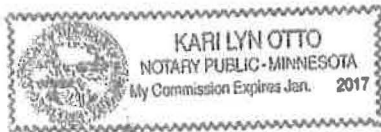
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Do You Qualify for Assistance?

LIFE LINE

If your income level falls below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or if you are currently receiving benefits under one or more of the following programs: Medicaid, food stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance or the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, you may be eligible for telephone payment assistance.

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320-568-2105 www.farmerstel.net

FARMERS MUTUAL
Telephone Company

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

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

DATE: 02/27/13 PAGE: 1 of 1

CUSTOMER ID: FARMERS

TO:

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

AMOUNT PAID	AMOUNT DUE
	207.00

DATE	REF NO.	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL	BALANCE	
02/13/13	43858	2C Bxd Sent-Life Line	33.00		
		2C Bxd Sent-Services	30.00	63.00	
02/27/13	44118	Flyers Inserted	144.00	207.00	
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
207.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	207.00

STATEMENT

THE APPLETON PRESS
 241 WEST SNELLING AVENUE
 APPLETON, MN 56208
 PH. 320-289-1323

DATE
 02/27/13

TO:

Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.
 Donna Eul
 PO Box 156
 Chokio, MN 56221

AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT ENC.
\$55.00	

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE		
01/30/13	Balance forward		0.00		
02/13/13	5.5" Legal - Life Line	27.50	27.50		
02/13/13	5.5" Legal - Universal Service	27.50	55.00		
<i>FMTA Order 3-4-13</i>		#6613-000			
CURRENT	1-30 DAYS PAST DUE	31-60 DAYS PAST DUE	61-90 DAYS PAST DUE	OVER 90 DAYS PAST DUE	AMOUNT DUE
55.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$55.00

Ortonville Independent

Invoice

PO Box 336

Ortonville, MN 56278 PH: 320-839-6163

PLEASE RETURN FOR PROPER CREDIT

Bill To
 FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO. & FEDE...
 PO BOX 156
 CHOKIO, MN 56221

Date	Amount Due
02/28/13	\$238.00

Date	Description	Amount	Balance				
01/31/13	Balance forward		77.00				
02/12/13	INV #47805 - 7" LEGAL - LIFELINE/LINK-UP ADVERTISING - FARMERS TELEPHONE	80.50	157.50				
02/12/13	INV #47806 - 7" LEGAL - LIFELINE/LINK-UP ADVERTISING - FEDERATED TELEPHONE	80.50	238.00				
02/20/13	PMT #37783	-77.00	161.00				
02/26/13	INV #48373 - AG PAGE AD FOR FARMERS MUTUAL	44.00	205.00				
02/26/13	INV #48374 - AG PAGE AD FOR FEDERATED	33.00	238.00				
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Amount Due
\$238.00

South Dakota Telephone Service Discount Application Lifeline and Telephone Assistance Program 2013

The following section must be filled out completely or your application will be returned and benefits will be delayed.

Social Security
Or Tribal Id Number: _____

Your Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Birthdate

Month

Day

Year

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Address is: permanent temporary

More than one family lives at this residence
I certify that I live on Tribal lands

Billing Address (if different than residential): Street or P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Company: _____

Telephone number if you currently have service:

Area Code

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Number of people living in your household: _____

Telephone number where you can be reached:

Area Code

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① I receive benefits from the following program(s): *Check all that apply and attach proof*

- | | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid/ Medical Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Public Housing or Section 8 Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI) <input type="checkbox"/> National School Free Lunch Program <input type="checkbox"/> Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/ Food Stamps (SNAP) <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) <input type="checkbox"/> Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) <input type="checkbox"/> Tribally Administered Head Start (for those meeting income qualifying standards) <input type="checkbox"/> Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR) |
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② I do not receive benefits from the programs above but my income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guideline (Attached). *Please attach one of the documents below if you did not check any boxes above.*

- | | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Last year's State, Federal or Tribal Tax Return ▪ Current annual income statement from employer ▪ 3 consecutive months of most recent paycheck stub ▪ Social Security Benefits Statement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Divorce Decree ▪ Retirement/Pension Benefits Statement ▪ Veterans Administration Benefits Statement ▪ Child Support Document ▪ Unemployment/ Workmen's Compensation Statement ▪ Other |
|---|--|

Turn over to complete application

③ Certification of Eligibility and Information Release

By signing below, I certify under penalty of perjury that I understand and agree to all of the following:

- I participate in a qualifying federal program or meet the income qualification.
- I have provided documentation of eligibility.
- I acknowledge that Lifeline is a federal benefit and that it is non-transferable.
- I acknowledge that a household is eligible to receive only one Lifeline service and to the best of my knowledge, my household is not already receiving a Lifeline service. A household is defined for Lifeline purposes as any group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. A household is not permitted to receive Lifeline benefits from multiple providers and violation would result in de-enrollment and potential prosecution by the United States government.
- The information contained in this certification form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false information can be punished by fine or imprisonment or removal from the program.
- I will inform the company within 30 days if for any reason I no longer satisfy the criteria for receiving Lifeline support. Failure to notify the company may result in penalties.
- If I move to a new address, I will provide that new address to the company within 30 days.
- If I provided a temporary address, I will verify with my telephone provider the temporary residential address every 90 days.
- I may be required to re-certify continued eligibility at any time and failure to do so will result in removal from the program.

I consent to have my name, telephone number, and address provided to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and/or its agents, and to any state and federal agency, for the purpose of verifying that I qualify for the Lifeline program and that I do not receive more than one Lifeline benefit.

Applicant Signature (required)

Date

I designate below the name and telephone number of an "Authorized Representative" for this application who has submitted this form on my behalf and is willing to assist me in seeking telephone service discounts.

Area Code

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Print "Authorized Representative" Name

Daytime Phone Number

Date

- **Complete Application ➤ Attach Proof of Income or Program Participation**
- **Mail Application and Income Documents to Farmers Mutual Telephone Company**

Farmers Mutual Telephone Company
301 2nd St S
Bellingham, Minnesota 56212
1-800-692-0021 or 320-568-2105
www.farmerstel.net

2013 Federal Poverty Guidelines – 135%

Household Size	Yearly Income (at or below)
1	\$15,512
2	\$20,939
3	\$26,366
4	\$31,793
5	\$37,220
6	\$42,647
7	\$48,074
8	\$53,501
For each additional person, add	\$5,427

Source: Federal Register, Vol. 78, No. 16, January 24, 2013, pp. 5182-5183
The Federal Poverty Guidelines are typically updated in the end of January.



The Home Page

Current Topics

MTA's 2013 "Day on the Hill" a Success

Thank You for
Visiting Us at the
2013 Spring Expo at
the Lee Community
Center in Morris

Spring Expo Winners

2 Months High Speed Data
Vance Gullickson

2 Months Cable TV
Ellen Farwell

Calendar

- March 31: Happy Easter!
- April 24: Administrative Professional's Day
- June 2013: Farmers Mutual Annual Meeting
- Federated Annual Meeting

On February 20, 2013, representatives from Farmers Mutual and Federated Telephone, joined more than 70 MTA members in St. Paul to educate lawmakers on issues affecting rural telcos. This event gives lawmakers the opportunity to learn from the experts how their decisions impact the telecommunications industry.

The event started on Tuesday afternoon with an issues briefing for members. The MTA staff focused on SF 584, the MTA's bill to re-write telecom regulation. The House version of the bill will be filed shortly. This bill reduces telecom regulation and creates a more level playing field for telephone service providers. In addition to the MTA legislation, members received briefings on the most current 911 bills and other related legislation.

On Wednesday, members met with legislators on telecom issues and were able to secure five additional co-authors in the Senate and eight in the House. "This is such an important time for our folks to be in St. Paul," commented MTA President/CEO Brent Christensen, "our success would not be possible if it weren't for the great relationships our members have with their elected officials."



Above:(back l-r) Senator Lyle Koenen, Gene Wenstrom, Bruce Hanson and Dan Smith. (front l-r) Karin Jahnke and Marcia Greiner. Below: Mark Hoffman, Karin Jahnke and Orman Street met with Senator Gary Dahms.



FEDERAL SURCHARGES TO DECREASE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2013

Effective April 1, 2013, 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 16.1% to 15.5%. 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.

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.

135% of the 2013 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines

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Each Additional Person	\$ 5,427

TACO CHEX MIX

- 4 c. Chex Cereal
- 4 c. Oyster Crackers
- 4 c. Cheez-Its
- 4 c. Butter Spindle Pretzels
- 1/3 c. Canola Oil
- 1/4 c. Taco Seasoning Mix

(if you want it more mild start with 1/8 c.)



FOR MORE GREAT RECIPES:
WWW.JULIESEATSANDTREATS.COM

1. Preheat oven to 250 degrees.
2. Double line a paper bag. Pour cereal, crackers and pretzels into paper bag. Top with taco seasoning and oil. Fold top of bag down and shake until mixed well.
4. Pour snack mix onto two large baking sheets (with sides). Bake at 250 degrees for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes.
5. Cool. Pour into air tight container.

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

General's Office 1-800-657-3787

Minnesota Public

Utilities Commission.....1-800-657-3782

Minnesota Department of Commerce

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

Better Business Bureau..... 1-800-646-6222

Federal Communications

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

SEASONS ARE CHANGING & RATES WILL BE CHANGING TOO

As the seasons are changing, we welcome a change in our weather and hopefully a decrease in snow. Unfortunately, we must inform you of another change coming our way soon in the form of an increase in your local service rate. All members of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company and Federated Telephone Cooperative should have received a notification of a rate increase effective with your May 2013 billing. This rate increase is a direct result of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) order requiring local phone service providers charge a minimum monthly rate for local phone service in order to avoid forfeiture of Universal Service dollars, which are essential in providing communication services to our rural, high cost, and sparsely populated service areas. This price floor is expected to increase further in 2014. This rate increase will also affect our bundle pricing effective with your May 2013 billing. Please see the enclosed insert for more details. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of our offices.



FEDERATED CABLE TV RATE NOTICE:

Over the past few months, Federated Telephone's channel lineup has changed due to negotiations on new contracts with cable TV programmers. Programmers own the channels and maintain all of the programming on their channel. Some examples of programmers include NBC, FOX, Disney, Turner, etc. These programmers are always demanding larger and larger increases in the fees they charge cable providers, such as Federated, to broadcast their channel in our lineup. In communicating with programmers, there really isn't an option to negotiate with them. We are either forced to pay the rate they demand or remove their channel. With the channels that have been removed, the fee increases they were requesting were excessive, which forced the removal of the channels.

Unless the programmers who own the recently removed channels change their mind and reduce their excessive fees, none of these channels will be returning to our Federated Telephone channel lineup. Federated Telephone acts in the best interest of you, our members, when negotiating with programmers for reasonable and fair rates. We don't like channels being removed from our lineup anymore than our viewers do, but it is necessary to protect our members from programmer's extreme rate demands.

Even with the removal of these channels, the overall programming fees have increased in the past year. Rate changes can be found on the insert and will be implemented with the May 2013 billing. Federated's portion of your cable TV service is NOT increasing; only the cost of programming is increasing which is paid directly to the programmer.

CONGRATS KENNETH!



25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Kenneth Rohloff

Board Member
at Federated Telephone.

DON'T FORGET!

Farmers Mutual & Federated Telephone now offer DISH Network as an option for Cable TV. If you are looking for more High Def and Sports this may be for you.

~ Give Us a Call Today!



Administrative Professional's Day April 24, 2013



**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.



PO Box 156
Chokio, MN 56221



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Local Commitment. Global Solutions.

Directory additions

Bellingham

Erin Lynn Esente.....568-2207

Chokio-Alberta

Diane Pederson324-7293
Derek & Carrie Redden324-7426

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T and D Barnwood Rustics312-2276

Hancock

R. Sanders392-6076
Spring Valley Farms.....392-0001

Milan/Big Bend

Thomas Guse734-4654

Lynn R. Molden793-6769
Cody Olson793-6757
Mison Ponun734-4663

Morris

Reina Asmus585-6558
Luverne Barnes585-6628
Leticia Botello.....585-6678
Jim & Penny Domnick.....589-3837
Domnick Seeds, LLC.....589-4021
Mark & Melanie Fohl589-3748
Stan Kent.....585-6644
Brad & Heather Krosch585-6577
Nathan Kunde585-6579
Ione Lange589-4299
Courtney Lenz.....585-6591
Mike Moser589-3513
Bruce Riedner589-3290
David & Beth Savela585-1357

Odessa

Dan Thompson.....273-2463

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www.fedtel.net

Satellite Office:
PO Box 107
508 Atlantic Ave.
Morris, MN 56267
320-585-4875
morrisftc@fedtel.net
www.fedtel.net

Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.





**Welcome to
Farmers Mutual Telephone**

A Cooperative Owned by the Members It Serves

What's Inside...

- *Office/Billing Information*
- *Member Requirements*
- *Terms & Conditions*
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Please see the Area-Wide Telephone Directory or visit www.farmerstel.net for more information about our features and services.

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- 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 also offers a monthly discount on your phone bill.

For more information on a Lifeline/TAP Application, please contact our office.