

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

Company: Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc.

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Kennebec, SD 57544

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Study Area Code: 391668

**Lifeline/Tribal 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/ Tribal Link Up.\* (See attached letter.)

X Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information in directory.

X Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information available on Company website.  
( [www.kennebectelephone.com](http://www.kennebectelephone.com) )

X Company's information posted on USAC website.

X Other (describe): Provide Lifeline/ Link Up handouts at the following events: Kennebec Business Appreciation Night, Presho Farm & Home Show and various open houses. The handouts are also available in the information rack at the Kennebec Telephone office. See attached for an article about Lifeline in our newsletter.

\*Required

# Publisher's Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )  
COUNTY OF LYMAN )

Connie Penny, of said county and state being duly sworn on her oath says: The Lyman County Herald is a weekly newspaper of general circulation and published in Presho, Lyman County, and State of South Dakota; and has been such newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; That said newspaper is a legal weekly, that it has a bonafide circulation of more than 200 copies weekly, that it has been published within said County of Lyman more than fifty-two successive weeks next prior to publication of the notice hereinafter mentioned and maintained at the place of publication; That I, the undersigned am editor of said newspaper, in charge of the advertising department thereof, and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed:

Life Line Notice

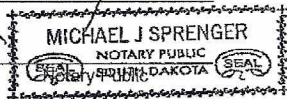
a printed copy of which is hereto attached and published in the said newspaper for consecutive week(s).

The first publication of said notice in said newspaper aforesaid was on Wednesday, the 2 day of Jan, A.D., 2013 and that the succeeding publications were severally

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and the last publication on Wednesday, the 2 day of Jan, 2013, that the full sum of fees charged for publishing the same, to-wit: the sum of \$ 12.10 insures solely to the editor of The Lyman County Herald. That no agreement or understanding for any division thereof had been made with any other person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whatsoever.

Connie Penny  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of Jan, 2013

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_  
MICHAEL J. SPRENGER  
NOTARY PUBLIC - SOUTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires  
March 27, 2015

## Lifeline and Rates

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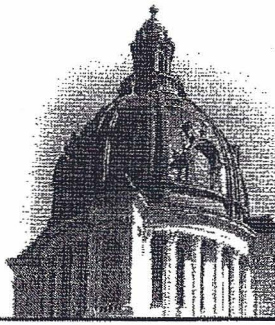
Single Party Residence Service	\$16.00/month
Single Party Business Service	\$18.00/month
Local residence and business service includes:	
-Voice grade, access to the public telephone network	
-Single-party flat-rated local service free of per-minute charges	
-Dual tone multi-frequency signaling (touch-tone) service	
-Access to directory assistance service	
-Access to other operator services	
-Access to 911 emergency services	
-Toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers	

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The basic services described above are offered to all consumers in Kennebec Telephone Company's service area. If you have any questions regarding telecommunications services, please call Kennebec Telephone Company's office at (605) 869-2220.





# Capital Journal

## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of South Dakota, County of Hughes

Ona Arnold of said county, being, first duly sworn, on oath, says: That he/she is the publisher or an employee of the publisher of the Capital Journal, a daily newspaper published in the City of Pierre in said County of Hughes and State of South Dakota; that he/she has full and personal knowledge of the facts herein stated, that said newspaper is a legal newspaper as defined in SDCL 17-2-2.1 through 17-2-2.4 inclusive, that said newspaper has been published within the said County of Hughes and State of South Dakota, for at least one year next prior to the first publication of the attached public notice, and that the legal/display advertisement headed Lifeline & Rates

a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which the same was published, and which is hereto attached and made a part of this affidavit, was published in said newspaper for one successive week(s) to wit:

<u>December 31</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>20</u>
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That the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of the attached public notice inures to the sole benefit of the publisher or publishers; that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof has been made with any other person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever; that the fees charged for the publication thereof are: \$ 180.00.

Signed: Ona Arnold

subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of January 2013

May L Baker

Notary Public in and for the County of Hughes, South Dakota.  
My Commission expires 2-19, 2015.



## Caps rebound for consolation title

By CAPITAL JOURNAL STAFF  
stjohns@capjournal.com

It was a different state, but the same results for the Omaha Capitals as they shook off a round-one loss to find success at the River Lakes Tournament in Minnesota.

The Capitals were defeated 8-0 on Wednesday by the tournament's eventual champ, Sartell, Minn., but routed back Thursday with a 5-2 victory against Mankato East/Mankato Loyola to advance to the consolation championship. The Caps closed out their tournament run with a 10-7 victory against Morris-Benson on Friday.

Fans in attendance of the consolation championship had to know they were in for a show when the two teams combined for seven goals in the first period.

Drew Leil, Garry Tibbe and Bo Atkins each scored a goal during the first period but the Caps were still on the short end of a 4-3 score.

Anstin Wagner evened the score at 4 just 29 seconds into the second period but Morris-Benson answered with two consecutive goals.

The Capitals answered though as goals by Brandon Swenson and Alec Norwick ensured that Friday's high-scoring affair would be tied at 6 going into the final period of regulation.

It was in the third period where the Capitals took over as Swenson, Leil and Wagner each added a goal to give the Capitals a comfortable lead.

After Morris-Benson got within two with a goal, Tyler Vander Maen put the finishing touches on the consolation title game with a goal, giving the score a 10-7 final score.

The Capitals made their shot on goal count as they were outshot 46-22 by their opponent in the thrilling finish to their tournament run.

Wagner added four assists in the contest to go along with his two goals; Swenson also had two assists to go with his two goals. Vander Maen and Cash Anderson also each had an assist for the Capitals.

The Capitals will return home over the weekend for a pair of home tilts. The first of those takes place Saturday as the Capitals host Sioux Falls at 6:15 p.m.

## Vikings top Packers 37-34; playoff rematch is next

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)

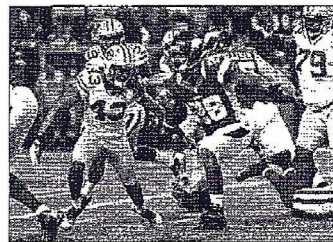
— Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers weren't satisfied with their NFC North title. They went all out for a better seed, hoping for a one-week break.

Adrian Peterson didn't let them catch their breath. Minnesota's relentless runner will be coming right back at them next week.

Peterson finished 9 yards short of breaking Eric Decker's single-season rushing record, powering the Vikings past the Packers 37-34 on Sunday with 199 yards to set up a rematch next weekend in a first-round playoff game.

They'll play on Saturday night at Lambeau Field.

"The road got a little tougher having to play on opening weekend, but we've got a home game and that's why you win the division," Rodgers said. "We got to go back home, and the game



Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson (28) runs from Green Bay Packers free safety M.D. Jennings (43) during a seven-yard touchdown run in the first half of an NFL football game Sunday in Minneapolis. (Associated Press)

will be different. They won't have home-crowd advantage, and hopefully that will make a difference."

Peterson rumbled off left tackle for a 27-yard gain in the closing seconds, his career-high 34th carry. That set up Blair Walsh's 29-yard

field goal as time expired and put the Vikings (10-6) in the postseason after consecutive last-place finishes.

The Packers (11-5) dropped to the NFC's No. 3 seed. Their five-game winning streak against the Vikings ended.

## Govs

From B1

run in near the first half's end, using their size and speed to get back into the contest. Our Savior took Pierre's best shot in the first half but still ended it with a 41-40 lead.

Our Savior New American continued with the momentum in the second half, scoring the first six points of the half before a thunderous slam by Hanson ended the run.

Despite Hanson's rim rather, the out-of-control visitors took a double-digit lead before the Governors proved they could make a run of their own.

Pochop knocked down a 3-pointer to begin the run and the lead was cut to four with a three by Lane Severyn.

Severyn erased the lead with a two and a pretty pass to Austin Christopher and from there, the contest was a see-saw battle.

The Governors got big plays from Hanson and Severyn down the stretch, while Our Savior New American got big plays from the speedy Chelek So-Swane and 6-foot-9 forward Chelek Diello.

Our Savior led by four late in the contest but Hanson grabbed a rebound and scored

to chop the lead in half with just seconds remaining. Pierre got the ball back after an empty trip, setting the scene for Walton's clutch shot.

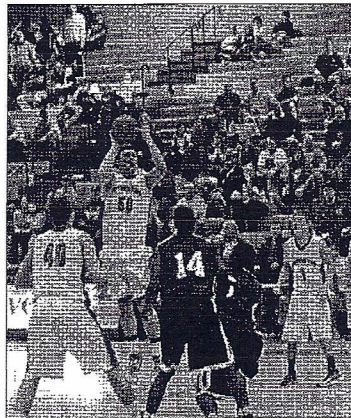
The Governors seemed to be looking for Hanson or Severyn in the waning seconds but as time expired Walton took a turn around jumper that went in as time expired to force overtime.

The Governors scored the first points of the extra session courtesy of two free throws from Erin Severyn but Our Savior New American took control with a 6-0 run capped by a put back by Diello.

Down four with just 1:03 remaining, the Governors got a quick score when their press created a couple of makes at the charity stripe for Hanson.

Michael Neal was soon the beneficiary of a questionable loose ball foul, in an otherwise clearly officiated game, in the next seconds though. Neal made one of two and the Governors couldn't even the score again after a missed 3-pointer by Lane Severyn sent Our Savior New American back to the free-throw line.

Severyn kept it interesting when he was fouled on a 3-pointer but it was too late as Pierre couldn't get the steal they needed.



Governors forward Cooper Walton shoots a game-tying jumper as time expires in regulation of Saturday's contest between Pierre and Our Savior New American. The Governors were defeated in overtime. (Wade LaRocher/Capitol Journal)

Pierre was handed its fourth consecutive loss in yet another thrilling contest, but you couldn't tell by the mood of the team. The Governors are focused rather than dejected

as they have much higher goals than victories in December.

"Our kids are starting to understand how hard we have to play in order to play our

best. In order to play championship basketball, we have to play very hard. It's a daily thing, we have to develop good habits in practice as well and I think our kids are starting to understand that," Becker said. "Our psyche is good right now. We are focused on getting better, rather than wondering why we can't win these games. Our best days are yet to come and if we keep working on it we will peak when and where we want to."

Now that the Mike Miller Classic and the holidays are behind them, the Governors are ready to correct a few minor details before taking on a Watertown squad that has given them fits in the past.

"We've got five days of practice coming up and we're going to continually try to improve. Our Savior stretches you and makes you concentrate on minor details. Hopefully, we can focus on those details in practice now. They all recognize that there were a few silly mistakes that could have changed the outcome of this game and we will look to work on those things in practice," Becker said.

The Governors travel to Watertown for the BSD tilt Saturday. Tip off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

## Conrad

From B1

schools as nearly every opponent has worn Conrad's Clan shirts during warm ups and made a donation when taking on the Governors.

That statewide support was something that Rodman took note of as the wheels began to go in motion for Saturday's showdown to take place.

"We are proud to support Conrad's Clan and it's amazing

to see what a group of kids can do. It struck me to see teams around the state supporting Conrad and it was inspiring to see. That was really what got this idea going," Rodman said.

For those who know Adam better than anyone, they know the donation is greatly appreciated but the support is what has made the Conrad's Clan movement special.

"The money is great and it really helps out but I think the moral support is the best thing for Conrad. For him to

know that there is a gym full of people to who wish they could see him play or an NBA player supporting him really boosts his moral during this."

Conrad's Clan founder Graham Proterex said.

Proterex, Anderson and company began Conrad's Clan

"I never thought this group and movement would become this big,"

Conrad's Clan founder  
Cash Anderson

message that there are more people going through this. It's great that we can help Conrad,

but all of our friends and

in support of a teammate but they also take pride in helping spread the word about the fight. Millions are going through with cancer.

"We want to send the message that there are more people going through this. It's great that we can help Conrad,

everyone in the community has learned the lesson that unfortunately this happens to people everyday. We hope to keep spreading the word and hopefully, it helps others who are fighting cancer as well," Proterex said.

Adam has certainly proven to be an inspiration for the entire state and much of the country and Conrad's Clan has had his back the entire way as it continues to grow from a high school team to an NBA champion.

## Wrestling

From B1

out and looked to get a first period pin and almost did it. He couldn't put him away and the entire third period was gut-check time for Tanner. He was tired but he sucked it up and got the win for us," Noyes said.

Pierre also got big wins at 195 from Kyle Sarringer and another at 220 by Lane Lettau. Winning wasn't anything new for both of the seniors as Sarringer went 6-0 with five pins in the tournament and Lettau went 5-0 with all of his victories coming by fall.

Lettau was so dominant that he got a very rare distinction as he was named to the all-tournament team.

"It's a great accomplishment for Lane. It's pretty amazing to have somebody from Pierre do that when you have so many great teams from around the nation. It's exciting to know that every college coach is looking at that team and I'm sure he will get quite a bit of phone calls from them based on that," Noyes said.

Kyle Sarringer's perfect weekend took place at a different weight class than usual. With the Ows' shuffling their lineup due to injuries, the senior was asked to move up a weight to 195. He did just that in his final two matches of the day and you couldn't tell the difference after he dominated his opponents.

"Most of Kyle's wins were at 195 pounds. We felt bad because we don't like to shuffle our lineup and we don't want to put a kid at a disadvantage. We talked to Kyle about it and he was willing to do that for the team. He didn't even think twice about it and everyone on the team appreciated his effort," Noyes said.

Jebben Keyes also moved up a weight class for a couple of matches and held his own as he went 5-1 during the tournament. Dylan Bennett and Dawson Monfort also had 5-1 weekends for Pierre during a very strong tournament run capped by a very difficult dual victory.

"It was great for us to finish strong. We love going to this tournament and we are thankful that we have this stage to compete at. Our last dual was physical and we were pushed to the limit. Guys like Seth Scott, Jebben and Dawson did a great job keeping their composure and doing what they needed to do," Noyes said.

Pierre also got contributions from wrestlers new to the big stage as Spencer Sarringer, Nick Wiebe, Artie Williams, Traci Scott, Levi Stolteberg, Alec Williams and Sany Jacobson each came up big for the Governors at times.

With the dual behind them, the Governors will continue their quest to continue their South Dakota dominance after a break in their season. The Governors will be back in action Jan. 11 when they travel to Huron for a dual.

## Lifeline and Rates

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Single Party Residence Service \$16.00/month

Local residence and business service includes:

- Voice grade access to the public telephone network
- Single-party late-night local service free of per minute charges
- Dual tone multi-frequency signaling (touch-tone) service
- Access to directory assistance service
- Access to other operator services
- Access to 911 emergency services
- Access to interexchange (long distance) services
- Toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers

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Date

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Re: Lifeline/Link Up Program

Dear:

Enclosed is an application for Lifeline/Link Up Assistance. If you are eligible please complete the form and return to us as soon as possible.

If you are not eligible please sign at the bottom of the form where it states information was provided to you and return it in the enclosed envelope.

If you have any questions please call 869-2220. Thank you.

Regards,

Crystal Brakke  
Marketing Assistant/CSR

Enclosures



[Date]

[Subscriber name and address]

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Earlier this year, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released an Order and new rules comprehensively reforming its Lifeline Assistance Program. This program currently provides you, as a Lifeline Assistance subscriber, a monthly discount of \$9.25 on the charges for your residential voice telephone service. One of the new requirements adopted by the FCC is that we annually obtain from each of our existing Lifeline subscribers a completed re-certification form verifying continued eligibility for Lifeline Assistance. Enclosed is the necessary "Lifeline Assistance Re-Certification Form." In order for *[insert name of telephone company]* to continue the monthly Lifeline discount applied to your service, you will need to promptly complete and return this form to our company office at *[insert telephone company address]*.

We would ask that you please complete the enclosed "Lifeline Assistance Re-Certification Form and return it to us (by hand delivery or mail) by no later than *[insert date 30 days after date letter is sent to subscriber]* (30 days from the date of this letter). If we do not receive your completed form by that date, your monthly discount will be discontinued and not applied to any bills issued after *[insert date 35 days after letter is sent to subscriber]*.

Failure to provide all of the information requested on this form and to return it within the time specified will result in your de-enrollment from the Lifeline Assistance Program and a loss of the monthly Lifeline Assistance discount/credit that is currently applied to your billing statement.

If you any questions, please contact our office at (XXX) XXX-XXXX.

Sincerely,

Encl.

## consumer tips

You are protected by state and federal regulations that guide the way telephone companies do business. There are also things you can do to help protect your privacy and safety. Some consumer guidelines are listed here.

### Obscene or Harassing Phone Calls

#### If You Receive Obscene or Harassing Phone Calls

Stay calm and hang up the phone. Call your local telephone company for information on how to handle these types of phone calls.

It's against the law to make obscene or threatening phone calls. Telephone harassment is a crime. Penalties include imprisonment and/or a fine.

### Financial Assistance

Several programs provide financial help depending on your circumstances. The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) provides money to qualified customers who need help with winter heating bills. Also, the major energy utility companies have their own financial assistance programs to help customers.

### Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program

CenturyLink participates in a program to make residential telephone service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. This program, established by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and in conjunction with the Federal Communications Commission, offers discounted basic local service to qualified customers. In addition, service deposits are generally waived for customers electing to place toll restriction on their lines. Monthly charges for toll restriction will be waived for customers requesting to have that restriction on their account.

### Who is Eligible for Telephone Assistance?

Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and the FCC. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs.

The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone per household, which can be either a wireline or wireless telephone. A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable,

and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain Lifeline telephone service can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

If you have questions or believe you may qualify for these benefits, please call your CenturyLink Residential Customer Service Representative at 1-800-244-1111 or visit [www.centurylink.com/TAP](http://www.centurylink.com/TAP).

### Pay Per Call Service Information

#### What 900 Numbers Are

Private companies offer a variety of informational programs using phone numbers that begin with "900."

There is a charge for calls to these numbers. Charges for "900" calls appear on the Interexchange Carrier page of your bill. "900" calls contain an introductory disclosure message specifying types of charges, time necessary to complete the call, and an option to disconnect without charge at the end of the introductory message.

The price and content of "900" services are the responsibility of the companies that provide the information.

#### How to Block Calls to "900" Numbers

Your local telephone company will assist you in blocking calls from your line to "900" numbers.

#### Other Questions about "900" Numbers

If you have a complaint or dispute about the "900" services, call the Interexchange carrier. Services that contain illegal or sexually explicit material are not allowed. Nor is your telephone service disconnected for disputes about payment of "900" charges.

### Unwanted Sales & Survey Calls

If you receive unwanted sales and/or survey calls, please take the following steps:

- Be skeptical of offers that sound too good to be true; they usually are.
- Report companies using questionable sales practices to the Better Business Bureau or your State Attorney General's office at 800 300-1986.

- Disconnect computer-generated calls by hanging up your telephone for 12 to 15 seconds.
- Call your local telephone company to have your name removed – at no charge – from any lists that they may lease to other firms. Customers with non-listed or non-published numbers are never included on the lists.
- Do not give your telephone credit card number to anyone who calls and asks for the number.

### Billing Name & Address Disclosure

When you place a calling card call or accept a collect call or third-number billed call, your telephone company is required to provide your billing name and address to the telecommunications service provider that handled the call, if that provider requests. Your telephone company will continue to provide billing name and address information to telecommunications service providers for other account matters, such as customer service, servicing your account, to prevent fraud or when you move from one location to another.

### South Dakota Do-Not-Call Register

#### Sign-Up is Free

Register on line at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)

Or Call Toll Free ..... 888 382-1222  
TTY ..... 866 290-4236

If you have problems registering, please contact the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission at 800 332-1782 or [www.state.sd.us/puc](http://www.state.sd.us/puc).

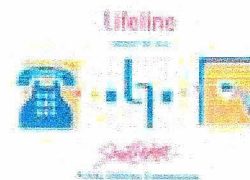
### 8-1-1 Call Before You Dig

A call to 8-1-1 connects the caller with the state One-Call Notification System whereby the caller can request the location of underground facilities. State law requires that everyone planning to excavate (or otherwise disturb the ground) must first call the state one-call notification center at least two business days, but not more than 10 days, before the work is scheduled to start. Except in emergencies, requests to locate underground facilities made after 5 p.m. Local Time, or on weekends and holidays, will not be dispatched until 7 a.m. the next business day. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is a free call.





# Lifeline... do you Qualify?



Lifeline and Tribal Lifeline are government benefit programs that provide discounts on monthly telephone service for eligible, low-income consumers to help ensure they have the opportunities and security that telephone service affords, including being able to connect to jobs, family, and 911 services. Lifeline and Tribal Lifeline are supported by the federal Universal Service Fund (USF).

**What Benefits are Available Under the Lifeline and Tribal Lifeline Programs?** These programs provide discounts on monthly telephone service (*wireline or wireless*) for eligible consumers. These discounts average **\$9.25** per month, and may be more depending on the state. Federal rules prohibit eligible low-income consumers from receiving more than ONE Lifeline/ Tribal Lifeline service at the same time. That is, eligible low-income consumers may receive a discount on **either** a wireline or a wireless service, **but may not receive the same discount on both services at the same time.** Additionally, only ONE Lifeline or Tribal Lifeline service may be obtained per household. "Household" is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address as one economic unit. An "economic unit" is defined as "all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household." Lifeline support is available to eligible, low-income consumers living in group living facilities. Lifeline applicants must prove when initially enrolling in the program that any other Lifeline/ Tribal Lifeline recipients residing at their residential address are part of

a separate household.

In some cases, Lifeline/Tribal Lifeline also includes Toll Limitation Service, which enables a telephone subscriber to limit the amount of long distance calls that can be made from a telephone.

In addition to Tribal Lifeline, Tribal Link Up is also available to eligible, low-income consumers living on Tribal lands with a one-time discount of up to \$100 on the initial installation or activation of a wireline or wireless telephone for the primary residence. Tribal Lands Link Up also allows consumers to pay the remaining amount that they owe on a deferred schedule, interest-free. Federal rules prohibit eligible, low-income consumers from receiving more than ONE Link Up discount at a primary residence. Eligible consumers may be eligible for Link Up again only after moving to a new primary residence. Link Up support is only offered to carriers who are building out infrastructure on Tribal lands so not all carriers may discount their activation fee.

Enhanced benefits are provided to low-income consumers who live on a federally recognized Indian Tribe's reservation.

For more information on these programs, you may call our office, or check out <http://www.fcc.gov/guides/lifeline-and-link-affordable-telephone-service-income-eligible-consumers> on the web.



## Time to send the kids back to school!

The "home phone" is yours again!

**Unlimited Long Distance-  
only 21.95 per month**