

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2015**

Company: Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority

Address: PO Box 810
100 Main Street
Eagle Butte, SD 57625

Telephone Number: (605)964-2600

Company Contact: _____

Study Area Code: 391647 _____

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

Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information in directory. (C.R.S.T. TA did not print a 2014 directory.)

Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information available on Company website. (www.crstta.com – C.R.S.T. TA did not print the 2014 income guideline page off of website but we are including the 2015 table.)

Company's information posted on USAC website.

*Required

Wouldn't you like to **\$SAVE** every month? Then the Tribal Lifeline and Linkup Program might be for you!

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- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
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How Do You Apply?... For an application and/or more information please call: 1-888-587-7035.

If you are eligible, you will be mailed a Lifeline/Link-Up Application from SOLIX. For more information contact:

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Annis looked at the crowd sitting on the track bleachers before him with the sun shining in his eyes and said, "Here we are together for the same purpose. We are a community, even if we don't know each other well." "One of our most sacred things is time; we can give each other time," he said of the time each person took to come to the 5K event, and of the time we could offer each other when struggling with loss or depression. Loss is a painful and difficult emotion to cope with. Annis offered several other strategies that could help someone who is

dealing with a death resulting in suicide, or any death.

He first explained the analogy of a piece of meat, which can sustain a person for a time, but once it is gone, its sustenance ends. If you try to save the meat, it will eventually spoil, and offer no sustenance at all.

The eaten meat is the past, and saving the meat for the future will only take you so far before it too is no longer useful. Without the meat, there is no sustenance, but we can't make that one piece last forever.

"The future and the past cannot sustain you; you only have today," explained Annis. "We get sick if we live in the past or the future. So take life one day at a time. Annis ended his speech with a thought a firefighter's wife shared upon his passing.

"She said she is going to make a point to have as much fun as she can while she is alive, because when you're having fun, time flies, and she said, 'I'll be with my husband that much sooner.'"

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*****NOTICE*****

THE SOLID WASTE LANDFILL HAS RECENTLY FINISHED THEIR INVENTORY OF TRASH CONTAINERS AND 2 YARD DUMPSTERS.

Effective July 7th, 2014 any person or persons who has a container or dumpster that belongs to the landfill and does not have a contract will have their container or dumpster removed until such time the person or persons comes to the landfill office to sign a payment agreement for garbage collection.

Also, any person or persons who's accounts are grossly behind on payments for services will have their container or dumpster removed as well, until a payment agreement can be made.

Should anyone have questions regarding this NOTICE you may contact the Landfill Office at 964-6111.

All birthdays are Good,
but this one is Great!

So, let's get together and Celebrate

**Joan Webb's
80th Birthday**

Saturday, June 28, 2014 - 4 p.m. - ?

Big Sue's Legion
Your presence is your gift!

Senators Johnson and Hoeven introduce bill to adopt bison as national mammal

Washington, DC — U.S. Senators Tim Johnson (D-SD) and John Hoeven (R-ND) today led a bipartisan group of Senators in introducing the National Bison Legacy Act, legislation that would officially adopt the North American bison as the national mammal of the United States.

"The bison has played an important role in our nation's history, holds spiritual significance to Native American cultures, and remains one of our most iconic and enduring symbols," Johnson said. "Bison production has also become an important agricultural endeavor in South Dakota and throughout the country as demand continues to grow. By adopting the North American bison as our national mammal, the National Bison Legacy Act recognizes their historical, cultural, ecological, and economic significance."

Bison have played and continue to play an important role in Indian Country economies and in the spiritual lives of American Indians. The animal was nearly extinct in the early 1900s, but a collaboration of public and private interests worked together to help restore its population. Currently, many American Indian tribes are working to restore bison on tribal lands.

Bison producers help grow rural economies and provide quality food to individuals across the country. Nationwide, there are 2,600 bison ranches that help create jobs, generate economic growth, and provide a sustainable and healthy meat source to contribute to our nation's food security.

The following Senators have co-sponsored the bill: Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Michael Bennet (D-CO), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Tom Udall (D-NM), John Thune (R-SD), Rob Portman (R-OH), Mike Johanns (R-NE), James Inhofe (R-OK), and Jerry Moran (R-KS).

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519 7th Ave E, Mobridge, SD

 Joe Stout

 Dennis Thiessen

Peek Into the Past

November 5, 1914

Robbins & Linde are moving a large amount of dirt, a bank about 16 feet deep and are getting down to a new vein of coal. They are shipping coal so fast that they can hardly get the orders filled and are employing all the men they can find.

Miss Tillie Pillar had the misfortune to break a bone in her foot. She attempted to step over a woven wire fence, which was about a foot high and she tripped.

It has been reported that on this day it will be cleanup day. All of the school children will assist in picking up tin cans, etc. Two wagons will be on the job to haul the stuff out of town.

November 2, 1934

G.L. Koch of Mound City and Nels Jeppson of Isabel had the misfortune of crashing automobiles near the junction of No. 8 and 65, west of Isabel. The Koch car was considerably damaged. It is reported the accident was due to defective lights.

C.E. Boehrs, Jr., democratic candidate for sheriff was in an accident, which resulted in three broken ribs.

In returning home, he ran into a car without tail lights. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Paul, passengers in the other car were also hurt.

The 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Flagg has been seriously ill with pneumonia.

November 3, 1944

Isabel lost the game played at Selby by a 26-8 score. The East River boys played real rough and, which was tolerated by the referee.

Corky Wortman was the victim of a splintered bone and was taken to Moberidge hospital.

On October 27th six cars of sheep and three cars of cattle were shipped from Isabel.

Mrs. Earl Woodcock returned home from a trip to the West Coast. While at Van Couver, Washington she was a guest at the launching of a ship.

November 4, 1954

After an interim of 20 years Mrs. "Shorty" Lutz and her brother, Alvin Opp, visited in Blanchard, Idaho.

Kenneth Lindskov had a tonsillectomy operation at the Lowe hospital at Moberidge.

Chris Aldinger was the winner of the shotgun that was given away at the Fireman's Ball in Isabel.

The first issue of The Wildcat hit the streets Nov. 1st. Donna Heck is the editor and Donna Beebe, Assistant editor. Memeographers are Carol Lutz, Corinne Solberg, and Lucille Taylor; art editors: Mary Beer and Donna Beebe; copy readers Corinne Solberg and Esther Young; proof readers: Roberta Lindskov and Forrest Hall; typists: Romona

Bertsch, Carol Lutz and Roberta Lindskov; feature writers Kay Badure, Esther Young and Corinne Elfrink; Boys sports: Duane Heck, Marvin Gill and Forrest Hall; Girls Sports: Delores Dahl, Mary Beer and Dawn Siepman; exchange news: Romona Bertsch; Grade news: Edith Stapert grades 1-4 and Elvina Klingman grades 5-8; Reporters are Eileen Reichert, Alice Anderson, Margaret Siepman and Alvin Motis.

November 5, 1964

News from Moberidge: a 30 pound lynx, was shot just west of Moberidge by Clarence Mendell while hunting grouse. The male cat appeared near a small pond about a mile west of the Sitting Bull monument and Mendell shot him in the head with a .410 shotgun.

Returning letterman for the Isabel boys' basketball team include, Mark Perrett, Ronald Stradinger, Gerry Heck, Dean Finkbeiner and Leslie Lindskov. There are twenty-five boys out for basketball.

October 31, 1974

Sixty-seven senior citizens attended the annual Senior Citizens Tea in Isabel.

The Dewey County Bank of Isabel has announced that a high school senior, Margaret Meginness has been named to attend the 13th Annual Economics

Seminar for Young Adults held in Pierre.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Heck of Firesteel and Mr. and Mrs. Reine Heck of Moberidge recently traveled to the East Coast. On their trip they visited Washington, D.C., Niagara Falls, Cobb Island and Port Tobacco.

November 1, 1984

Ray Knodel, Isabel, was injured when a rock fell off a rock-crusher conveyor and struck him on the side of the head - in the temple area.

The Isabel Lounge held their annual Halloween party. "Spookiest" prize went to Mick Frank, "Funniest" prize was won by Ginger Knowlton, "Ugliest" prize went to LeRoy Warner, "Most Original" prize went Christy Finkbeiner and "Best Over-All" went to Brad Haack.

November 3, 1994

Over five inches of rain was received in Isabel during the month of October.

Kimberly K. Lindskov was one of 114,000 students included in the 17th Annual Edition of The National Dean's List. She attends University of Mary in Bismarck.

The All-State Chorus quartet has been chosen for the 1994 school year. The quartet consists of senior, Matthew Reichert, tenor; junior Melody Reich, soprano; junior Melody Stradinger, alto; and sophomore, Brrok Bege-man, bass.

Monte Lindskov and Keri Kerstiens were selected as the 1994 Homecoming royalty.

Nov. 4, 2004

Two hundred six voters marked their ballots at the Isabel Nutrition Site Tuesday, Nov. 2.

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Monday: Muffins
Tuesday: Cookies
Wednesday: Donuts & Rolls
Thursday: Pie
Friday: Cakes
Saturday: Baker's Choice

Daily Bread Bakery

Located 5 mi. west of Timber Lake, SD
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Look into the Lifeline and Linkup Program!



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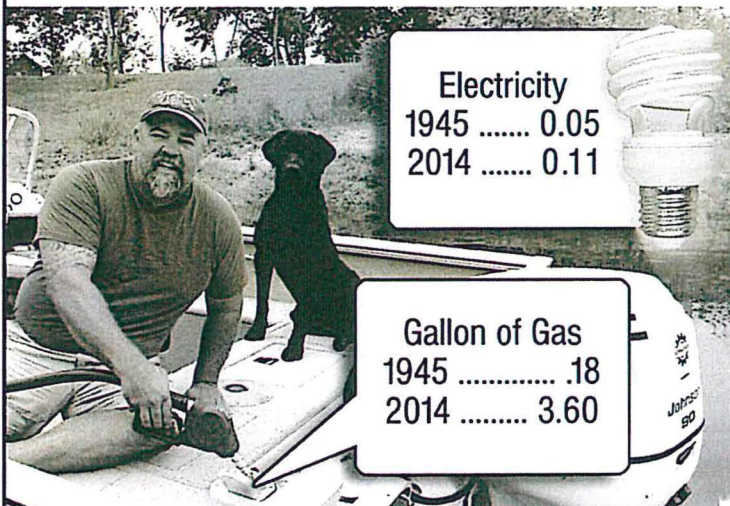
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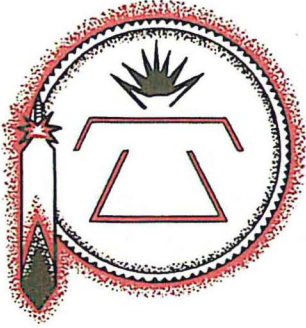
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NFR Calcutta & Poker Tournament

Saturday,
November 22, 2014

Pioneer Hall in Dupree
Poker Tournament -
Sign-Up 3:00 • Start at 4:00
NFR Calcutta - during the break at 6:00
Individuals & Rough Stock/Timed Event Teams
Lunch will be served!

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C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority

Dear C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority Customer,

Please read this letter carefully.

Individuals who reside on tribal lands and meet the eligibility criteria may qualify for discounts [on the telephone bill] through **Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up programs**. Tribal lands are defined as any federally-recognized Indian tribe's reservation, pueblo, or colony; Indian Allotments; and areas that fall outside the boundaries of existing Tribal lands but have been designated by the Federal Communications Commission as Tribal lands for the purpose of receiving Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up support.

Tribal Lifeline helps eligible residents of tribal lands save up to \$34.25 on their monthly phone bill. The discount applies to wireline or wireless residential telephone service plans and is limited to one line per household. **Tribal Link Up** provides a one-time discount for the connection or activation charge for new telephone service at the applicant's primary residence. The discount is a 100 percent reduction, up to \$100, of the customary charge to initiate telecommunications service. Link Up also allows you to pay any remaining amount owed on initiation of service (up to \$200) on a deferred schedule, interest free.

Eligible consumers may also be able to sign up for free toll blocking or toll limitation service that either blocks or limits long-distance calls from your phone.

Both programs have eligibility requirements. You may qualify if you, one or more of your dependents, or your household participates in any of the following programs:

- Medicaid (example, Title XIX/Medical State Supplemental Assistance)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
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- National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
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- Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Or, if your household income is no more than 135 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines (see table below).

2015 Health & Human Services Poverty Guidelines			
Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)	Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)
1	\$15,890	5	\$38,354
2	\$21,506	6	\$43,970
3	\$27,122	7	\$49,586
4	\$32,738	8	\$55,202

For each additional person after 8, add \$5,616 to the annual guideline.

*Federal Register, Vol. 80, No. 14, February 2, 2015, pp. 3236-3237
(Applicable to the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia only.)*

To apply for **Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up on Tribal Lands**, contact Solix at 1-888-587-7035 for a Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up Assistance Application, complete the form, and then return it to **Lifeline Administrator, 30 Lanidex Plaza West, PO Box 685, Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685**. A representative from Solix will contact you to verify your eligibility and complete the application process. You will be required to provide documentation to prove eligibility.

Important Information

- Not all telephone providers in South Dakota offer the Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up discounts.
- Tribal Lifeline is available on only one line per household. A household is defined as any individual or group of individuals living together at the same address as one economic unit. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. A household may include related and unrelated persons.
- Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up discounts cannot be applied to past due telephone bills.
- It can take up to two months for the discounts to show up on your bill as a credit. You must pay the bill until that time.
- Tribal Link Up will not cover the cost of a phone or wiring your home.
- You must notify C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority when you no longer qualify for the program.

Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up Telephone Assistance Programs Proof of Eligibility

If you qualify for Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up based on income, you may be asked to provide proof of your income. The following documents are acceptable proof:

- Last year's state, federal or tribal tax return
- Current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub
- A Social Security statement of benefits
- A Veterans Administration statement of benefits
- A retirement/pension statement of benefits
- An Unemployment/Worker's Compensation statement of benefits
- A federal or tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance
- A divorce decree, child support award, or other official document containing income information

If the prospective subscriber presents documentation of income that does not cover a full year, such as current pay stubs, the prospective subscriber must present the same type of documentation covering three consecutive months within the previous 12 months.

If you qualify for Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up based on **program-based eligibility**, you may be asked to provide proof of your eligibility. The following documents are acceptable proof:

- The current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying assistance program
- A notice or letter of participation from a qualifying assistance program
- Program participation documents
- An official document demonstrating that the prospective subscriber, one or more of the prospective subscriber's dependents, or the prospective subscriber's household receives benefits from a qualifying assistance program.

Sincerely,

C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe



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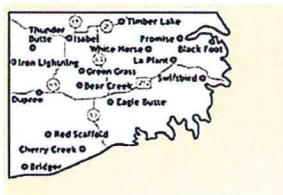
The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority offers many valuable services for our customers from basic telephone service to robust internet solutions.

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Tribal Lifeline And Linkup Program

You May Be Eligible For Discounted Telephone Service.

Qualifying customers who reside within the boundaries of the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation. This program can decrease your local monthly telephone service by as much as \$22.75 per month.



On January 01, 1998, the basic Lifeline and Linkup program was implemented. This program was designed to assist low-income consumers with the cost of basic telephone service. On October 01, 2001, the Enhanced Lifeline and Link-up rules were implemented. This "enhanced" program applies to low income consumers living on tribal lands.

Eligibility Requirements:

This low income federal telephone assistance program is available to eligible subscribers that are participating in at least one of the following public assistance programs:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps)
- Head Start (meeting income qualifying standards)
- Household Income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Medicaid (eg., Title XIX Medical State Supplemental Assistance)
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Service Type</u>
Northern Valley Communications	888-919-8145	Wireline
James Valley Wireless	800-556-6525	Wireless
AT&T Mobility	800-377-9450	Wireless
City of Brookings Telephone Fund		Wireless
Northern Valley Communications	888-919-8945	Wireless
Budget Mobile	888-777-4007	Wireless
ITC Telecom	800-417-8667	Home Phone
Swiftel Communications	605-692-6211	Home Phone
Alliance Communications	800-701-4978	Home Phone
CenturyLink (formerly Qwest)	800-244-1111	Home Phone
C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority	605-964-2600	Home Phone
Golden West Telecommunications	866-279-2161	Home Phone
James Valley Telecommunications	800-556-6525	Home Phone
Kennebec Telephone Company	605-869-2220	Home Phone
Jefferson Telephone Company	712-271-4000	Home Phone
Midstate Communications	605-778-6221	Home Phone
PrairieWave Community Telephone	877-633-4567	Home Phone
PrairieWave Black Hills	605-721-2000	Home Phone
Santel Communications	888-978-7777	Home Phone
RC Communications, Inc.	800-256-6854	Home Phone
Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association	800-256-6854	Home Phone
TrioTel Communications, Inc.	800-242-1925	Home Phone
Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association	605-437-2615	Home Phone
Venture Communications	800-824-7282	Home Phone
West River Telecom	800-748-7220	Home Phone
Beresford Municipal Telephone	605-763-2500	Home Phone
City of Fairth Municipal Telephone Company	605-967-2261	Home Phone
Mt. Rushmore Telephone Company	605-666-4411	Home Phone

Golden West Telecommunications	855-888-7777	Home Phone
Western Telephone Company	800-824-7282	Home Phone
Midcontinent Communications	605-274-9810	Home Phone
Midstate Telecom, Inc	888-214-1431	Home Phone
SS Telecom	605-676-6000	Home Phone

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CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY
391647

Line 1222 Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority only provides its lifeline customers a flat rate local service. There is no measured local service provided, so the number of minutes provided is not necessary.

Line 1223 Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority provides access to toll service providers for its lifeline customers. The lifeline customer has to choose its own toll service provider, so no additional charges are noted or required by the C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority.