SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2019

Company:	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone A
Address:	PO Box 810
	625 N Main Street
	Eagle Butte, SD 57625
Telephone number:	605-964-2600
Company contact:	Marquel Shepherd
Study Area Code:	391647

Lifeline/Tribal Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:

\checkmark	Advertise in media of general distribution.* (See attached advertisement(s).)
✓	Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Tribal Link Up within 1st 30 days of service.* (See attached letter.)
✓	Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information in directory.
✓	Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information available on Company website. www.companywebsiteaddress.com
✓	Company's information posted on USAC website.
1	Other (describe):

Tribal Lifeline/Linkup Brochure

Live Nativity

The youth of St. Mary's (Isabel), Holy Cross (Timber Lake) and Holy Rosary (Trail City) enacted a live nativity play at Isabel on Dec. 2. The play recounts the story of the Nativity of Jesus.



L-R: Lorenda Long, Sawyer Holzer, Natalie Biegler, Danni Quinn.



FRONT: Shawn Quino, baby Bryson Long, Natalie Biegler; BACK: Isaac Kraft, Danni Quinn, Sawyer Holzer, Lorenda Long, and Carlie Lawrence.



Lawrence, Abby Linderman, and Lola Hornick.



L-R: Brelan Maher, Sawyer Holzer, Natalie Lawrence, Meredith

Individuals living on Tribal Lands may qualify for a monthly discount on their C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority bill

TRIBAL LIFELINE and LINKUP

What is Lifeline? ... Discounted Voice or Broadband Service

What is Linkup?... Reduction for connection (installation charges) for basic home telephone service Qualifying Programs for the DISCOUNTED Service are:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicald

- Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
 Federal Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension
 Income-based Eligibility (135% of Federal Poverty Guidelines)
- Sureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance to Needy Familles
- (TANE)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

For an application and/or more information please call 1-888-587-7035. If you are eligible, you will be mailed a Lifeline/Linkup Application from SOLIX. For more information please contact:



Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority

(605) 964-2600 * 100 Main St. * Eagle Butte, SD 57625 * www.CRSTTA.com



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

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MO; 36- ISLAND FEAST; 37-NOT A DUP; 39-SOME NY LEAGUERS; 42- CROWN OF ANCIENT EGYPT; 43- SUIT TO : 45- FOLD: 46- MARSH OF MYSTERY, 48- TIPS OFF, 49- RELATED THROUGH MALES; 50- LAND, AS A FISH; 51- TAKE INTO CLETODY, 55- PHOTO PINISH?, 56- BROAD, 57-ZHIVAGO'S LOVE 59-SIGHS OF RELIEF: 60-ACTOR JUDE: 61- CLEANING AGENT; 63- MALE TURKEY;

on Page 18

FSA Update: MFP deadline is January 15

The Dewey, Meade, Perkins & Ziebach County FSA offices would like to keep you informed of the following items important to USDA programs. If you have any questions please contact the Dewey County office at 865-3522 ext. 2, Meade County at 347-4952 ext. 2, Perkins at 244-5222 ext. 2 or Ziebach County at 365-5179 ext. 2.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

NOTICE OF LOSS: REPORT LOSS WITHIN 15 DAYS OF OCCURRENCEALLCROPSAND GRASSES

LIVESTOCK LOSSES: FILE NOTICE OF LOSS THE EARLIER OF 30 CALENDAR DAYS OF WHEN THE LOSS WAS APPARENT

DECEMBER 25, 2018: OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS

IANUARY 1, 2018: OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS DAY

JANUARY 15, 2019: DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR MARKET FACILITATION PROGRAM

MFP SIGNUP

DEADLINE NEARS USDA launched the trade

mitigation package aimed at assisting farmers suffering from damage due to trade retaliation by foreign nations. Producers of certain commodities can now sign up for the Market Facilitation Program (MFP).

FSA will administer MFP to provide payments to corn (fresh and processed), cotton, dairy, hog, sorghum, soybean (fresh and processed), wheat, shelled almond, and fresh sweet cherry producers. An announcement about further payments will be made in the coming months, if warranted.

The sign-up period for MFP runs through Jan. 15, 2019, with information and instructions provided at www.farmers.gov/mfp. MFP provides payments to producers of eligible commodities who have been significantly impacted by actions of foreign governments resulting in the loss of traditional exports. Eligible producers should apply after harvest is complete, as payments will only be issued once production is reported.

A payment will be issued on 50 percent of the producer's total production, multiplied by the MFP rate for a specific commodity. A second payment period, if warranted, will be determined by the USDA.

For a list of initial MFP payments rates, view the MFP Fact Sheet,

MFP payments are capped per person or legal entity as follows:

- A combined \$125,000 for eligible crop commodities
- · A combined \$125,000 for dairy production and hogs

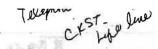
. A combined \$125,000 for fresh sweet cherries and almonds

Applicants must also have an average adjusted gross income for rax years 2014, 2015, and 2016 of less than \$900,000. Applicants must also comply with the provisions of the Highly Erodible Land and Werland Conservation regulations.

Expanded Hog Timeline

USDA has expanded the timeline for producers with whom the Aug. 1, 2018, date does not accurately represent the number of head of live hogs they own. Producers may now choose any date between July 15 to Aug. 15, 2018, that correctly reflects their actual operation.

MFP applications are available online at www.farmers.gov/mfp. Applications can be completed at a local FSA office or submitted electronically either by scanning, emailing, or faxing. To locate or contact your local FSA office, visit www.farmers.gov.



Last-Minute Holiday Gift Id

(StatePoint) We've all been there before. Procrastinated or overscheduled our holiday season to the point where we leave ourselves little to no time to shop for loved ones. But great gifts don't necessarily need to be planned months in advance. e planned months in advance These last-minute ideas will

Inese last-minute locas will bring cheer to the season for gift-givers and recipients alike.

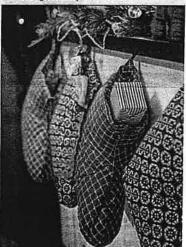
• A Gift Basket: A gift basket is easy to prepare and, if created by you, won't feel last-minute at all. With a few customizations for an individual's preference for an individual's preferences, this is an extremely thoughtful gift. Shopping for a person with a sweet tooth? Hit up the candy aisle and get most of your items from there. Shopping for a foodie? Prepare a basket of interesting herbs and spices from around the world. The possibilities are endless. from around the world. The possibilities are endless. After you've arranged the Items nicely, spiff itup with a few bows and flourishes in your gift recipient's favorite colors.

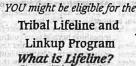
• A Timepiece, If you're stumped for a gift for that pragmatic, stylish someone that will be appreciated for both its beauty and its functionality, consider a great timepiece

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What is Linkup? ion for connection (installation charges)

for basic home telephone service

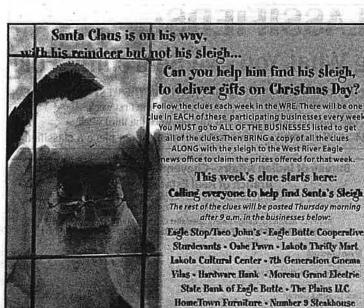
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- Food Stamps/SNAP

- Tribal Head Start (The qualifying standard) Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General
- Assistance programs

 Tribully Administered Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TIANF)
 Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
 Income based eligibility - 135% of Federal Poventy
- How Do You Apply

For an application and/or more info Chevenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone (605) 964 2600 set • E.O. Box 810 • Eagle But



West River Eagle Rules for Santa's Sleigh 1. The sleigh is hidden on property accessible 24 hours a day, can be seen from the right angle and
is ready to be found on THURSDAY mornings.

2. The first line of the clue to the sleigh's whereabouts is printed in the West River Eagle each week;
each line thereafter is posted at each of the participating business on Thursdays by 9 a.m.

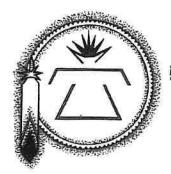
No clues in these businesses: CR Gas Company - Lindskov Motors LLC

CRST Housing Auth. - CRST Chairman's Office CRST Telephone Anth. . CRST Sales & Service

st person to bring the sleigh AND all the clues to the West River Eagle will win the prizes for that week.

4. No relatives of WRE employees may participate.





C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority

July 1, 2018

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 <u>up to</u> \$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, <u>up to</u> \$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)
- Veterans Pension & Survivors Benefits Programs
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF)
- Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Or, if your household income is no more than 135% of the federal poverty income guidelines (see table below).

Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)	Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)
1	\$16,389	5	\$39,717
2	\$22,221	6	\$45,549
3	\$28,053	7	\$51,381
4	\$33,885	8	\$57,213

Federal Register, Vol. 83, No. 12, January 18, 2017, pp. 2642-2644 (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

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Tire Shop	538-4482
Titles of Dakota, Inc	
Tri County Chiropractic	466-2050
Tri County Water	
Intake Station	964-3834
Intermediate Station	964-6763
Water Office	964-7766
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Upell Margaret Dr	964-7700
US Post Office	
Dupree	365-5110
Eagle Butte	964-6633
Isabel	
Lantry	964-8018
Ridgeview	
White Horse	
US Probation Office	
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Veteran Service Corps	733-2658
Vilas Drug	964_8955
Vision Care Associates	964-2010
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Administration Office	
Adult Detention	
Dispatch	
Juvenile Detention	064 4577
Patrol Division	
West River Eagle	
Dupree Office	365 5145
Eagle Butte Office	064 2100
West Winds Home Health	904-2100
Western Dakota Bank-EB	
Western Dakota Bank-Isabel	466-2115
White Horse Community Bldg	/33-2463
Windswept Academy	
Wolakota Construction	964-6895
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Ziebach County	
Assessor	365 5120
Attorney	
Auditor	
Clerk of Courts	
Extension	
Health	
Register of Deeds	
Sheriff	
States Attorney	
Treasurer	365-5173

TOLL FREE NUMBERS

BH Federal Credit Union	1-800-482-2428
Exede/WildBlue Support	1-888-256-8372
Lakota Network Help Desk	1-866-264-7802
Lifeline/Linkup	1-888-587-7035
Moreau Grand Electric	1-800-952-3158

Telephone Authority Pay by Phone 1-844-886-9805

Telephone Authority After Hour Outage 964-5555

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG 811

TELEPHONE

Telephone Services Tribal Lifeline and Linkup Program

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 \$25.25 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 (e.g., Title XIX Medical State Supplemental Assistance)
- · Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program

2018 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES POVERTY GUIDELINES

135% Guideline (Annual)

Number in Residence

\$16,389

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Font Size:

Packages

Telephone

Internet & Network

Sales & Service
Division

Lifeline Assistance Application

> Business Application for Service



Companies Near Me

See the Do I Qualify? page to find out if you qualify for a Lifeline Program discount.

er Your Zip Co	de	
7625		
xample: 12345	Enter Your City and State	
OR		W. 41

Note: The search results may not show every company that is near you. A company may still offer Lifeline even if it is not on this list. Please ask the service provider if they offer Lifeline in your area.

Clear Results

Companies near 57625

The order of this list is random and may change next time you search. The results will still be the same.

Showing 1 of 1 companies		Print List	Download	List: CSV	Xrs	PDF	
Company Name	Phone	Type of Service ▲		State			
C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority	605-964-2600	Home Pho		SD			

If you want to see more companies, see the list of companies in SD.

Tell Us What You Think

We will continue to update this tool, so please check back often. If you have any comments or find something wrong, please email us at LifelineProgram@usac.org.

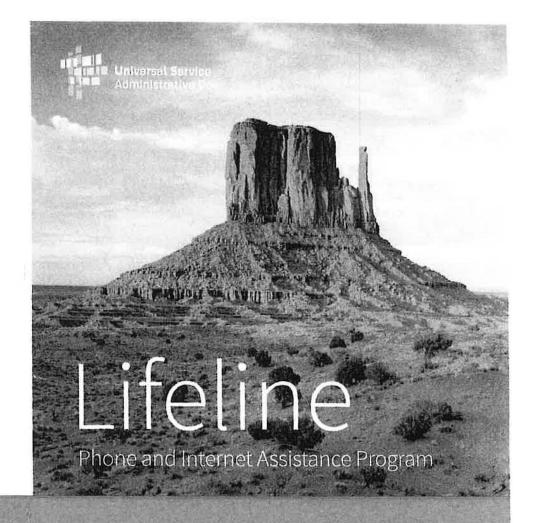
More About the Data

The Companies Near Me tool is powered by USAC's Open Data initiative. This initiative allows the public to explore and analyze information submitted by universal service program participants.

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PROGRAM RULES

- . Lifeline is available only to subscribers who can document their eligibilit
- · Only one Lifeline benefit is permitted per household
- · Subscribers are required to recertify their eligibility every year

For more information, please visit our website lifelinesupport.org

People across the United States rely on phone and internet to stay connected to family, work, education, and essential services. The Lifeline Program provides a monthly benefit to reduce or eliminate the cost of these connectivity services for qualified households.



Millions of people across the United States have no access to the internet services needed to work, learn, and communicate. In an effort to connect people to the services needed to participate and function in today's digital world, the Lifeline Program now includes the option to choose internet.

HOW IT WORKS

Lifeline offers a monthly benefit of \$9.25 to eligible subscribers, or up to \$34.25 to those living on Tribal/Native lands. Subscribers may receive the benefit on either:

· Home phone

- Cell phone
- · Mobile and home internet
- · Internet-phone bundle

To get started, a consumer must select a participating Lifeline service provider in their state and apply for Lifeline through the provider. The provider then supports the consumer through the application process and verifies eligibility. Once enrolled, the provider begins delivering the monthly benefit to the consumer.

Lifeline is the Federal Communications Commission's program to help make communications services more affordable for low-income consumers.

In addition to the \$9.25 monthly benefit, Lifeline subscribers are not billed the monthly federal Universal Service charge (up to \$2.50 per month, depending on the provider).

ELIGIBILITY

Consumers are eligible for a Lifeline benefit if they are currently enrolled in one of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
- Reside on Tribal lands and participate in one of the federal or state assistance
 programs listed above or one of the following Tribal-specific programs: Bureau
 of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Head Start (those meeting the income
 standard), Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF), or Food
 Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Income-based eligibility (at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines)

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.