SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2020

Company:	
Address:	
Telephone	number:
Company	contact:
Study Area	Code:
Lifeline/Tril	oal 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 within 1 st 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.
	Company's information posted on USAC website.
	Other (describe):







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"Don't Shatter the Dream"

CRST Indian Highway Safety "Don't Shatter the Dream" Indian State Mobilization will be from December 13, 2019 - January 1, 2020

The impaired driving prevention campaign "Don't Shatter the Dream" Indian State Mobilization will be conducted by the CRST Law Enforcement - Indian Highway Safety program! This is an effort to promote safety and will be in effect from December 15th to January 1st, 2020. This campaign unites the BIA and tribal law enforcement agencies across the country to reinforce the message that driving while impaired will not be tolerated. Throughout this holiday season, tribal officers are on alert, conducting checkpoints and patrols to protect the reservation roadways. One of the goals is to decrease alcohol-related motor vehicle crash injuries and fatalities on the reservation. There's no happy holiday ending to drunk driving. The risks aren't worth it, you could find yourself in the back of a police car headed to jall, or worse—you could kill someone or end up seriously injured or dead yourself. Help others be responsible. If someone you know is drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel. They'll thank you for it.

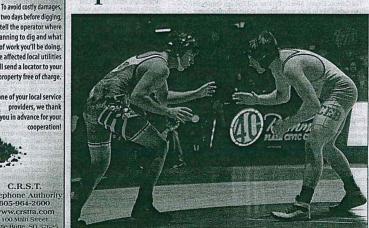
Keep your holiday's happy and safe!

Drive sober or get pulled over!

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C-EB/Dupree Wrestlers represent at Lakota Nation





There may be more than roots underground All sorts of utility lines, pipes, and cables could be buried on your property. In some cases, they're close to the surface and easily damaged by even shallow digging, which can result in service interruptions to our neighborhood.

call two days before digging, simply tell the operator where you're planning to dig and what type of work you'll be doing. The affected local utilities will send a locator to your property free of charge

As one of your local service providers, we thank you in advance for you cooperation!

That's why every digging job - from planting a bush to installing

a fence - requires a call to 811 to have utility lines marked.

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As the new year renews happiness and good tidings, joyful spirit keeps glowing in the your heast forever!

Happy New Year

City of Dupree

EAGLE PHOTOS BY JODY RUST Above and below: CRST members Brayden Stadel, son of Shawn Stadel, and Hunter Stambach face off in the 170 lb. weight class at the LNI Wrestling Championships on Saturday, Dec. 21. Stadel is the only wrestler representing his school in Havre, MT. Stambach defeated Stadel, who posed a worthy and challenging opponent for Stambach.





EAGLE PHOTO BY JODY RUST Three C-EB/Dupree Wrestlers made it to the finals in the wrestling competition and each won his match. Dupree students Hunter Stambach won first in the 170 lb, weight class; Zander Bowman won first in the 126 lb. weight class; and Xavian LaPlante won first in the 132 lb, weight class.



We wish every day of the new year to be filled with success, happiness and prosperity for you, happy new year.



With Black Friday and Small Business Saturday only days away, retailers across the state are preparing for holiday shoppers. The South Dakota Retailers Association is encouraging families to "Shop Mom & Pop" this holiday season, to support local communities and the business owners that support them.

"Mom and Pop businesses help define the unique character of our towns," said Executive Director Nathan Sanderson. "Support the shops that provided team uniforms, event space, meals, and supplies to activities in your hometown during this past year.'

To Cash Hogan, owner of Hogan's Hardware Hank in Pierre, holiday shopping is personal. "My employees and I make coming into the store an experience, not just a mouse click," Hogan said.

Hogan and his employees know that to be a destination for shoppers this holiday season, they should focus on the customer experience. "For the holidays, we carry what people need, help them find it, and present it all in a fun way," noted Hogan. Care for the



customer and the community is what local business does best. Local retailers like Cash Hogan are committed to being a destination for shoppers this holiday season.

Interesting and unique events and collaborations are also attracting shoppers downtown. Michelle Evans of Cowboys Too Fine Western Apparel in Belle Fourche focuses on making her business a Christmas shopping destination.

We have 'Come to Christmas in Belle Fourche' every Saturday during the holiday season," Evans said. "The town comes alive with horse-drawn wagon rides, Christmas movies at a

local church and of course, Santa! While the kids are watching movies, visitors can go shopping or enjoy a quiet meal at a local restaurant.

Main Street businesses strive to make downtown a friendly, inviting neighborhood for locals and visitors alike. These businesses also are a driving force in the overall satisfaction with the communities where people love to live, work, and raise a family.

We all love the neighborhood feel of our cities and towns in South Dakota," said Sanderson. "It's the local charm of small businesses that keeps this sentiment strong."

The South Dakota Retailers Association reminds consumers that: When you shop local, you're mak-

ing a personal investment in your neighborhood and community.

Small businesses employ more people directly per dollar of revenue, and they are also customers of fellow local businesses.

"The more you shop in your community, the more aware you are of what your town offers," Evans added. "It changes your mindset and you begin thinking locally.'

Timber Lake Topic, November 21, 2019, Page 9 HANDS ON HEALTH Physical Therapy Mon. & Thur. 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. DREW PETERSEN, DPT 900 MAIN AVE. TIMBER LAKE, SD PH: 605-374-5844 FAX: 605-374-9524



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 2:00 - 7:00 PM MT

Start at the Timber Lake Museum & make your way to each participating business. Stop at each location and be entered to win a grand prize drawing!

Participating businesses include: TL Museum, Dakota Silk Screen, Biegler's TLS, Pretty Bitchin Boutique & Tostefully Simple set up at TLS, Mandy's Beauty Boutique, Grounded, Monica Lawrence's wooden decor set up at Grounded, Biegler Equipment/NAPA, Country Market, supper special at R Rockin Bar & Grill Sponsored by Timber Lake & Area Development Board

TLAD sponsors Sip & Shop at local businesses on December 6

Timber Lake & Area Development is sponsoring a new holiday evening shopping event, Sip & Shop, from

2 to 7 p.m. on Friday, December 6. Beginning at the Timber Lake Museum, shoppers will pick up a beverage glass and a ticket listing participating businesses. At each location they will get their ticket signed and enjoy a beverage (and some will have snacks) while they check out what local businesses have to offer.

Shoppers who have stopped at each business will drop off their signed tickets at the Museum and be entered in a drawing for a grand prize gift basket to be held at 7 p.m. (Need not be present to win)

Sip & Shop coincides with customer appreciation and open house events being held at several of the businesses the same day.

(Participating businesses are listed in the ad on this page.)

The BEST selection of WINES for your upcoming holiday meals

Prairie Berry Wines



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Cupcake

- Strawberry Fusion Poker Face
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DANCE! To George Mendoza at Sparky's Saturday, Nov. 23



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Tribal Lifeline and Linkup Program

What is Lifeline? Discounted Telephone

What is Linkup? Reduction for connection (installation charges) for basic telephone

You may be eligible if you are receiving assistance from any one of the following programs:

- Food Stamps/SNAP
- · Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- · Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Not the same as Social Security Benefits

- · Veterans Pension & Survivors Benefit Program
- · Tribal Head Start (Those meeting the Income qualifying standard) Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance programs
- Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TTANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) • Income based eligibility - 135% of Federal Poverty Guidelines

How do you apply?

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Santa Claus hears Christmas wishes



Jett Hughes came from Spearfish to see Santa Claus at Timber Lake on Saturday.



The Zeug brothers fom Firesteel with Santa and Mrs. Claus. L-R Isaac, Andrew and Eli.



Colton Ridl was one of Santa's helpers who handed out stockings of goodies to the kids.



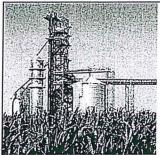
The Krafts (minus Mom) L-R Anna, Mason and their dad, Ross.



"Let's go see Şanta," Ben Petersen tells his little brother Brady Biegler.



"Let's go see Santa," Ben Petersen Amelia Swift Hawk tells Santa what she's wishing for.





Northern Plains

Tuesday, December 17th 4th Annual Farm Show & Annual Meeting

Scherr-Howe Event Center - Mobridge, SD 9am Farm Show | 12noon Meal & Meeting

Breakout Sessions

9:00am Agellum/YieldPoint • Valent 9:30am CHS Agronomy • Allegiant

10:00am Dekalb • Bayer

10:30am Open Vendor Booths

Keynote Speaker, VJ Smith • 11am

Meal and Meeting 12noon

-Drawing

- 1:30pm Weekend at The Lodge at Deadwood Two Winners!
- * Must be present to win *



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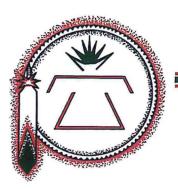
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C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority

2019 ANNUAL LIFELINE LETTER

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 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:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid (example, Title XIX/Medical State Supplemental Assistance)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Veterans Pension & Survivors Benefits Programs

-Tribal Specific Programs

- o Bureau of Indian Affairs(BIA) General Assistance
- Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families(Tribal TANF)
- o Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- o Tribal Head Start (only households that meet the income qualifying standard)

Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)		
1	\$16,862		
2	\$22,829		
3	\$28,796		
4	\$34,763		
5	\$40,730		
6	\$46,697		
7	\$52,664		
8	\$58,631		

To apply for the Lifeline benefit, you can: (1) apply online by going to the National Verifier consumer portal at CheckLifeline.org and creating an account; (2) you can send an application by mail to Lifeline Support Center, PO Box 7081, London, KY 40742; or (3) you can come to C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority to apply.

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

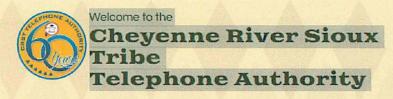
If the prospective subscriber presents documentation of income that does not cover a full year, such as current pay stubs, the prospective subscriber must present the same type of documentation covering three consecutive months within the previous 12 months.

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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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 \$34.25 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:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps
- Medicaid
- · Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
- Tribal Programs (and live on federally-recognized Tribal lands)

TRIBAL LIFELINE

Tribal Lifeline takes up to an extra \$25 off your monthly bill, for a total Lifeline discount of up to \$34.25 per month.

You can get Tribal Lifeline if you live on Tribal lands. Tribal lands include any federally recognized Indian tribe's reservation, Pueblo, or colony, including former reservations in Oklahoma, Alaska Native regions, Hawaiian Home Lands, or Indian Allotments.

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Lifeline Assistance
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Lifeline Household Worksheet

Business
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Service

If you live on Tribal lands, you can qualify for Lifeline if you or someone in your household participates in:

- · Any of the federal assistance programs listed above
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Head Start (only households meeting the income qualifying standard)
- Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

Show a card, letter, or another document as <u>proof that you participate</u> in one of these programs when you apply for Lifeline, and tell them you're applying for Tribal Lifeline.

2020 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES POVERTY GUIDELINES

If <u>your household's</u> income is at 135% or less than of the federal poverty guidelines, you may be eligible for a Lifeline Program discount.

The table below reflects 135% of the 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines. Phone and internet companies must begin using the updated guidelines by the end of Q1 2020 (Tuesday, March 31, 2020).

Number in Residence	48 Contiguous States, D.C., and Territories	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$17,226	\$21,533	\$19,818
2	\$23,274	\$29,093	\$26,771
3	\$29,322	\$36,653	\$33,723
4	\$35,370	\$44,213	\$40,676
5	\$41,418	\$51,773	\$47,628
6	\$47,466	\$59,333	\$54,581
7	\$53,514	\$66,893	\$61,533
8	\$59,562	\$74,453	\$68,486
For each additional person after 8, add:	\$6,048	\$7,560	\$6,953



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<u>Source:</u> U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines Used to Determine Financial Eligibility for Certain Federal Programs, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, January 15, 2020. The federal poverty guidelines are typically updated at the end of January.

HOW TO 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, Inc.



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Valedictorian and Salutatorian each
receive a \$250 Scholarship Award for the
Higher Education Institution they are
enrolled at

CRST Telephone Authority Scholarship Applications for this one-time scholarship are awarded each year between June and July and awards range from \$250 -\$1,500

2020 Scholarship Application

LOCAL LINKS

- · Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
- Cheyenne River Health Center
- CRST Game, Fish & Parks
- · CRST Cultural Preservation
- CR Chamber Of Commerce
- Four Bands Community Fund
- Tribal Ventures
- · Cheyenne River Youth Project
- Sioux YMCA

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