

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2021**

Company: Valley Telecommunications Coop Assn., Inc.

Address: PO Box 7
Herreid, SD 57632-0007

Telephone number: 605-437-2615

Company contact: Sarah Wientjes or Marcia Huber

Study Area Code: 391685

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 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.valleytel.net
- Company's information posted on USAC website.
- Other (describe):

*Required

Lifeline Program Application Form



1. About Lifeline

Lifeline is a federal benefit that lowers the monthly cost of phone or internet service.

Rules

If you qualify, your household can get Lifeline for phone or internet service, but not both.

- If you get Lifeline for phone service, you can get the benefit for one mobile phone or one home phone, but not both.
- If you get Lifeline for internet service, you can get the benefit for your mobile phone or your home connection, but not both.
- If you get Lifeline for bundled phone and internet service, you can get the benefit for your mobile phone bundled service or your home bundled service, but not both.

Your household cannot get Lifeline from more than one phone or internet company.

You are only allowed to get one Lifeline benefit per household, **not per person**. If more than one person in your household gets Lifeline, you are breaking the FCC's rules and will lose your benefit.

What is a household?

A household is a group of people who live together and share income and expenses (even if they are not related to each other).

Do not give your benefit to another person

Lifeline is non-transferable. You cannot give your Lifeline benefit to another person, even if they qualify.

Be honest on this form

You must give accurate and true information on this form and on all Lifeline-related forms or questionnaires. If you give false or fraudulent information, you will lose your Lifeline benefit (i.e., de-enrollment or being barred from the program) and the United States government can take legal actions against you. This may include (but is not limited to) fines or imprisonment.

You may need to show other documents

If the Lifeline Program Administrator is not able to prove you or someone in your household qualify using this form and electronic databases, you may need to show an official document from one of the government qualifying programs or to prove your annual income. You can submit copies of your official documents with this application or wait until the Lifeline Program Administrator asks you for them. To add them now, include the documents in option 1 or option 2 below:

1. If you qualify through a government program: copies of your state ID card and an official document from the programs you are qualifying through (your SNAP card, Medicaid card, etc.)
2. If you qualify through your income: copies of your state ID card and pay stubs for 3 consecutive months (or other accepted documents).

Visit lifelinesupport.org to see the full list of accepted documents.

Apply

To apply for a Lifeline benefit, fill out the required sections of this form, initial every agreement statement, and sign on page 6.

Bring or mail the form to this address:

USAC
Lifeline Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742

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2. Your Information (continued)

*Tribal lands include any federally recognized Indian tribe's reservation, pueblo, or colony, including former reservations in Oklahoma; Alaska Native regions established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (85 Stat. 688); Indian allotments; Hawaiian Home Lands—areas held in trust for Native Hawaiians by the state of Hawaii, pursuant to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 July 9, 1921, 42 Stat. 108, et. seq., as amended; and any land designated as such by the Commission for purposes of this subpart pursuant to the designation process in the FCC's Lifeline rules.

What is your home address? (The address where you will get service. Do not use a P.O. Box)

Street Number and Name

Apt., Unit, etc.

City

State

Zip Code

Is this a temporary address? Yes No **Check if you live on Tribal Lands***

What is your mailing address? (Only fill this out if it is not the same as your home address.)

Street Number and Name

Apt., Unit, etc.

City

State

Zip Code

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Universal Service
Administrative Co.

2. Your Information (continued)

Only fill this section out if you are applying through a child or dependent.

Check if you are qualifying through a child or dependent in your household.
If so, answer the following questions:

What is their full legal name?

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First

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Middle (optional)

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Suffix (optional)

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Last

What is their date of birth?

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Month

Day

Year

What are the last 4 numbers of their Social Security Number (SSN)?

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If they do not have a SSN, what is their Tribal Identification Number?

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3. Qualify for Lifeline

Fill out this section to show that you, your dependent, or someone in your household qualifies for Lifeline.

You can qualify through some government assistance programs or through your income (you do not need to qualify through both).

Qualify through a government program:

Check all programs that you or someone in your household have:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (Food Stamps)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefit Programs

Tribal Specific Programs

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

Or

Qualify through your income:

(Only fill this out if you do not qualify through a government program.)

Including you, how many people live in your household? (check one)

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- If more than 8, add this amount for each extra person:

Is your income the same or less than the amount listed for your state and household size?

(only check yes or no next to your household size)

	All 48 States & DC (not Alaska and Hawaii)	Alaska	Hawaii	Yes	No
	\$17,226	\$21,533	\$19,818	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$23,274	\$29,093	\$26,771	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$29,322	\$36,653	\$33,723	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$35,370	\$44,213	\$40,676	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$41,418	\$51,773	\$47,628	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$47,466	\$59,333	\$54,581	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$53,514	\$66,893	\$61,533	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$59,562	\$74,453	\$68,486	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Add \$6,048	Add \$7,560	Add \$6,953	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

135% of the 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines

*The Federal Poverty Guidelines are typically updated at the end of January.

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4. Agreement

I agree, under penalty of perjury, to the following statements:

You must initial next to each statement.

Initial I (or my dependent or other person in my household) currently get benefits from the government program(s) listed on this form or my annual household income is 135% or less than the Federal Poverty Guidelines (the amount listed in the Federal Poverty Guidelines table on this form).

Initial I agree that if I move I will give my service provider my new address within 30 days.

Initial I understand that I have to tell my service provider within 30 days if I do not qualify for Lifeline anymore, including:

- 1) I, or the person in my household that qualifies, do not qualify through a government program or income anymore.
- 2) Either I or someone in my household gets more than one Lifeline benefit (including, more than one Lifeline broadband internet service, more than one Lifeline telephone service, or both Lifeline telephone and Lifeline broadband internet services).

Initial I know that my household can only get one Lifeline benefit and, to the best of my knowledge, my household is not getting more than one Lifeline benefit.

Initial I agree that my service provider can give the Lifeline Program administrator all of the information I am giving on this form. I understand that this information is meant to help run the Lifeline Program and that if I do not let them give it to the Administrator, I will not be able to get Lifeline benefits.

Initial All the answers and agreements that I provided on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Initial I know that willingly giving false or fraudulent information to get Lifeline Program benefits is punishable by law and can result in fines, jail time, de-enrollment, or being barred from the program.

Initial My service provider may have to check whether I still qualify at any time. If I need to recertify (renew) my Lifeline benefit, I understand that I have to respond by the deadline or I will be removed from the Lifeline Program and my Lifeline benefit will stop.

Initial I was truthful about whether or not I am a resident of Tribal lands, as defined in section 2 of this form.

I consent to let USAC contact me at my Lifeline phone number for important reminders and updates to my Lifeline service. Message and data rates may apply. Text STOP to end messages.

Signature	Today's Date
<input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>

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5. Agent Information

Answer only if a sales person submits this form.

What is the agent’s full legal name?

The name you use on official documents, like your Social Security Card or State ID. Not a nickname.

First

Middle (optional)

Suffix (optional)

Last

What is the agent’s ID number?

What is the agent’s date of birth?

Month

Day

Year

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Notice

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT NOTICE: Section 54.410 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules requires all Lifeline subscribers to demonstrate their eligibility to receive Lifeline services. This collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §254. Using this authority, the FCC has designated USAC as the permanent Lifeline Administrator. The FCC has published rules detailing how consumers can qualify for Lifeline services and what Lifeline services they may receive (47 CFR §54.400 et seq.). The data provided in response to this information collection will be used by USAC to verify the applicant's eligibility for Lifeline services.

We have estimated that each response to this collection of information will take, on average, between 0.25 and 0.75 hours. Our estimate includes the time to read the questions, look through existing records, gather the required data, and actually complete and review the form or response. If you have any comments on this estimate, or how we can improve the collection and reduce the burden it causes you, please write to the Federal Communications Commission, OMD-PERM, Paperwork Reduction Project (3060-0819), Washington, D.C. 20554. We also will accept your comments via the Internet if you send them to PRA@fcc.gov. Please DO NOT SEND COMPLETED DATA COLLECTION FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS.

Remember – You are not required to respond to a collection of information sponsored by the Federal government, and the government may not conduct or sponsor this collection, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. This collection has been assigned an OMB control number of 3060-0819.

The Commission is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the information we request on this form, if we believe there may be a violation or potential violation of a statute or a Commission regulation, rule, or order, your response may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation, or order.

If you do not provide the information we request on this form, you will not be eligible to receive Lifeline services under the Lifeline Program rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.400-54.423.

The foregoing Notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, P.L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. § 3501, et seq.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: The Privacy Act is a law that requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to explain why we are asking individuals for personal information and what we are going to do with this information after we collect it.

Authority: Section 254 of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. § 254), as amended, 47 U.S.C. §254, authorizes the FCC to operate the Lifeline program. Using this authority, the FCC has designated USAC as the permanent Lifeline Administrator. The FCC has published rules detailing how consumers can qualify for Lifeline services and what Lifeline services they may receive (47 CFR §54.400 et seq.).

Purpose: We are collecting this personal information so we can verify that you qualify for the Lifeline program and so we can efficiently provide Lifeline services to you. We access, maintain and use your personal information in the manner described in the Lifeline System of Records Notice (SORN), FCC/WCB-1, which we have published in 82 Fed. Reg. 38686 (Aug. 15, 2017).

Routine Uses: We may share the personal information you enter into this form with other parties for specific purposes, such as: with contractors that help us operate the Lifeline program; with other federal and state government agencies that help us determine your Lifeline eligibility; with the telecommunications companies that provide you Lifeline service; and with law enforcement and other officials investigating potential violations of Lifeline rules.

A complete listing of the ways we may use your information is published in the Lifeline SORN described in the "Purpose" paragraph of this statement.

Disclosure: You are not required to provide the information we are requesting, but if you do not, you will not be eligible to receive Lifeline services under the Lifeline Program rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.400-54.423.

Pages from new members book

Lifeline Assistance Programs

Valley Telecommunications participates in the Lifeline Assistance program. Lifeline assistance is available if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household receives benefits from one of the following qualifying federal assistance programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Federal Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit

If you are eligible for Lifeline assistance under any of the programs listed above, please contact our office for an application.

The Lifeline discount is equal to \$9.25 reduction in your monthly telephone or broadband service. The credit applies to the main account listed in the name of the subscriber.

This benefit can only be received on either wireless OR landline telephone service OR a single broadband connection. Each customer can only receive one subsidy.

*******Proof of eligibility in the above named programs is required to begin receiving the Lifeline discount via a card, letter or official document. *******

Other ways to qualify

A recent FCC ruling has added an additional eligibility criterion that is purely "income-based," and is not tied to subscriber participation in the previously mentioned government assistance programs. You are now eligible to participate in Lifeline if your income is at, or below, 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. To view the income eligibility guidelines, please visit <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/ls/do-i-qualify/federal-poverty-guidelines.aspx>

Income Certification

If you qualify under the income-based eligibility criterion, and wish to apply for Lifeline Assistance, you must provide our office with supporting documentation of income.* Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes the prior year's state, federal, or tribal tax return, a current income statement from an employer or a paycheck stub (at least 3 months), 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, federal or tribal notice of letter of participation in General Assistance, a divorce decree, child support, or other official documentation. (Subsection 54.410(1)).

****Income for eligibility requirements is defined to include "all income actually received by all members of the household." Income is considered "gross" income, prior to taxes. Exceptions to income include student financial aid, military housing and cost of living allowances, and irregular income from occasional small jobs.***

Could I become ineligible?

If you no longer participate in any of the qualifying public assistance programs, you are no longer eligible for telephone or broadband assistance under the program based criterion. In addition, if the Benefit Qualifying Person is no longer eligible for assistance and you DO NOT meet the income guidelines, you are no longer eligible.

By signing and submitting the application, you certify under penalty of perjury that you, in fact, qualify for Lifeline benefits, and if, at any time, you become ineligible, you will notify Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Assn., Inc.

In addition, Valley's compliance with the FCC Regulations will include annual verification of eligibility of program participants. Verification procedures include annual recertification.

Telephone Assistance

Payment Options

TELEPHONE/BROADBAND ASSISTANCE PLAN

Phone directory



The Program

Changes brought about by the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 have resulted in the introduction of low-income assistance programs in South Dakota. Low-income subscribers may qualify to receive reduced monthly and installation charges for basic telephone or broadband service.

Valley Telecommunications Coop. Assn., Inc. is authorized to provide the federal telephone assistance program that was developed in response to concerns about the affordability of telephone service and/or broadband for low-income citizens.

Lifeline

The Lifeline program provides a reduction in basic monthly telephone or broadband service of: Phone without Internet - \$5.25; Phone & Internet or just Internet - \$9.25*. The credit applies to the main account listed in the name of the subscriber. Lifeline subscribers may also receive blocking of long distance calls on their telephone line at no additional charge.

* May be subject to change by the FCC.

* This benefit can only be received on either wireless or landline telephone service or broadband service. Each customer can receive only one subsidy.

Who is Eligible?

Telephone service must be in the applicant's name. The subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependants or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the following federal assistance programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Veteran's Pension or Survivor's Pension
- Medicaid (Title XIX/Medical)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

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How to Apply

Contact Valley Telecommunications Coop. Assn., Inc. to obtain an application and income certification and verification form and provide all supporting documentation to Valley's business office at: PO Box 7, 102 Main St. S., Herreid, SD 57632; or call 437-2615.



GIBSON PUBLISHING

PO BOX 7
 419 5th Ave.
 Ipswich, SD 57451

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
12/9/2020	53414

Bill To
Valley Cable & Satellite PO Box 7 Herreid, SD 57632

P.O. No.	Terms	Project

Description	Column Inch	Amount
Tribune ad - Lifeline Notice	10	28.50
Tribune ad - Kelsey	4	11.00
R-H Independent ad - Lifeline Notice	10	28.50

Subtotal		\$68.00
Sales Tax (6.5%)		\$0.00
Total		\$68.00
Payments/Credits		\$0.00
Balance Due		\$68.00

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of South Dakota)
) SS
County of Edmunds)

D.E. Gibson of said county, being, first duly sworn on oath says: That he is the publisher or an employee of the publisher of the Roscoe-Hosmer Independent, a weekly newspaper, published in the City of Ipswich, in said County of Edmunds, and State of South Dakota; that he 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 Edmunds and State of South Dakota, for at least one year next prior to the first publication of the attached public notice, and that the advertisement headed

FEDERAL LIFELINE NOTICE

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 issues.

The First publication being made on the 9 day of Dec., 2020

The Second publication being made on the day of , 20....

The Third publication being made on the day of , 20....

The Fourth publication being made on the day of , 20....

The Fifth publication being made on the day of , 20....

That the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of the attached public notice insures to the sole benefit of the publisher; 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:

Twenty-eight Dollars and fifty cents (\$28.50)

Signed: [Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of Dec., 2020

[Signature]

Notary Public - Edmunds County, South Dakota
My commission expires February 26, 2025

Federal Lifeline Notice

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative provides basic and enhanced telecommunications services within its service area. Basic Services are offered at the following rates:

- Single Party Residence Service \$18.00/month
Single Party Business Service \$18.00/month
Broadband Service is available, contact Valley for additional information.

Eligible Lifeline telephony services provide voice grade access to the public switched telephone network or its functional equivalent; minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge to end users; access to emergency 911 and enhanced 911 service to the extent the local government in an eligible carrier's service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems; and toll limitation at no charge to qualifying low-income consumers.

The Lifeline assistance program provides monthly service discounts to qualifying low-income subscribers. To qualify, a subscriber, or one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household must receive benefits and provide documentation from one of the following assistance programs: Medicaid; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Veteran's Pension and Survivor Benefit; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Federal Public Housing Assistance; or have household income that is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline, wireless and/or broadband service. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program. If an applying consumer is currently receiving Lifeline benefits from an alternate carrier (including a wireless provider), they will need to discontinue their benefits with the alternate carrier prior to receiving benefits from Valley Telecommunications.

The basic services described above are offered to all consumers in Valley Telecommunications's service area. If you have any questions regarding telecommunications services, please call Valley Telecommunications' business office at (605) 437-2615.



PO Box 7 - 102 Main St
Herreid SD 57632-0007
www.valleytel.net

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) SS
County of Edmunds)

D.E. Gibson of said county, being, first duly sworn on oath says: That he is the publisher or an employee of the publisher of the **Ipswich Tribune**, a weekly newspaper, published in the City of Ipswich, in said County of Edmunds, and State of South Dakota; that he 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 Edmunds and State of South Dakota, for at least one year next prior to the first publication of the attached public notice, and that the advertisement headed

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.....
Twenty-eight Dollars and
.....
fifty cents (\$.....28.50.....)

Signed:.....
[Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this31..... day ofDec....., 20.....20.....

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[Signature: Jenna M. Gibson]
Notary Public - Edmunds County, South Dakota
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www.valleytel.net

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
) SS.
County of McPherson)

[Signature], of said county and State, being first duly sworn, on oath says: That the McPherson County Herald is a weekly newspaper of general circulation, and a legal newspaper as defined by Section 7070, 1919 Revised Code printed and published in Leola in said County

and State by [Signature] and has been such newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned, and that

I, [Signature], the undersigned am publisher of said newspaper, in charge of the advertising department thereof, and have personal knowledge of all facts stated in this affidavit, and that the advertisement headed:

Federal Lifeline Notice

a printed copy of which is hereto attached was printed and published in the said newspaper for 1 successive issues, to-wit: The first publication being made on

Dec. 10, 2020

the second on _____
the third on _____
the fourth on _____
the fifth on _____
the sixth on _____

That the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same, to-wit: the sum of \$ 35.00 inures solely to the benefit of the publisher of the McPherson County Herald. That no agreement or understanding of any division thereof has been made with any person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

JODI L. KALLAS
Notary Public
SEAL
South Dakota

Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of January, 2021

Jodi L. Kallas
Notary Public
My commission expires 8.25, 2026

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Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

County of McPherson

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[Signature] of said county and State, being first duly sworn, on oath says: That the McPherson County Herald is a weekly newspaper of general circulation, and a legal newspaper as defined by Section 7070, 1919 Revised Code printed and published in Leola in said County

and State by [Signature] and has been such newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned, and that

I, [Signature], the undersigned am publisher of said newspaper, in charge of the advertising department thereof, and have personal knowledge of all facts stated in this affidavit, and that the advertisement headed:

Federal Universal
Service Charge Notice

a printed copy of which is hereto attached was printed and

published in the said newspaper for 1 successive issues, to-wit: The first publication being made on

Dec. 31, 2020

the second on _____

the third on _____

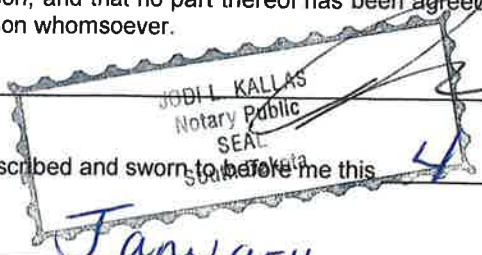
the fourth on _____

the fifth on _____

the sixth on _____

That the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same,

to-wit: the sum of \$ 14.00 inures solely to the benefit of the publisher of the McPherson County Herald. That no agreement or understanding of any division thereof has been made with any person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2021


January, 2021

Jodi L. Kallas
Notary Public

My commission expires 8-25, 2020

Federal Universal Service Charge Notice

The Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) Surcharge Factor recovers the costs associated with Valley Telecommunications contributions to the federal universal service fund program. Effective with the 1st Quarter of 2021, there will be an increase in this charge from 27.1% to 31.8%.



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PO Box 250
 1413 E. Grand Crossing
 Moberidge, SD
 57601-0250
 845-3646
 800-594-9418

Invoice Number	288062	Invoice Date	12/27/2019
Advertiser No.	3386	Amount Due	\$193.60
		Due Date	1/26/2020

Valley Telco % Accounting Dept
 PO Box 7
 102 Main St. S
 Herreid, SD 57632
 US

A finance charge of 1.5% will be applied to any account where payment is not received by the 25th.

Amount Enclosed

Please detach top portion and return with your payment

INVOICE

Moberidge Tribune/Reminder		Valley Telco % Accounting Dept		Invoice No. 288062	12/27/2019	
Date	Order	Description	Ad Size	SubTotal	Sales Tax	Amount
12/23/2019	115993 REM	Display Ad: ROP: Lifeline Notice	2 x 5.5			\$116.16
12/25/2019	115993 TRIB	Display Ad: ROP: Lifeline Notice	2 x 5.5			\$77.44
				Sub Total:		\$193.60
Total Transactions: 2				Total:		\$193.60

SUMMARY Advertiser No. 3386 Invoice No. 288062 Invoice Amount \$193.60

Tear Sheets 1 A finance charge of 1.5% will be applied to any account where payment is not received by the 25th.

Thank You!

A fee of 1.5% will be imposed on all balances that are past due.
 Please make checks payable to: Moberidge Tribune.

Thank you for advertising with our paper!

Vendor - 484
 Ac 1.6728 (162)

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

COUNTY OF WALWORTH

I, Lori Cox, having first duly sworn under oath say: The Mobridge Tribune is a legal weekly newspaper of general circulation as required by South Dakota Code of Nineteen Hundred Thirty-Nine, and any acts amendatory thereto, printed and published by the Mobridge Publishing, Inc., in Mobridge, in said county and state, and has been such legal newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned; that during all of said time as an employee or officer of said newspaper I have had personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed:

Federal Lifeline Notice

Valley Telecommunications

a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper for one successive week upon the following dates, to-wit:

December 23rd & 25th, 2019

that the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same to-wit: the sum of \$193.60 inures solely to the benefit of the publishers of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for any division of this sum has been made with any other person; and that no part of said sum has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

Lori Cox

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of December, 2019

Arden Nelson
Arden Nelson, Notary Public
State of South Dakota

My commission expires August 1, 2025

(Seal)



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N.W. Blade
PO Box 797
Eureka, SD 57437 US
(605) 284-2631

Invoice

BILL TO
Valley Telco Cooperative
102 Main St. S.
PO Box 7
Herrled, SD 57632

JAN 4 2021

INVOICE #	DATE	TOTAL DUE	DUE DATE	TERMS	ENCLOSED
23041	12/01/2020	\$87.50	01/30/2021	Net 60	

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Display Ad 12/10- Lifeline Notice- Display Ad	10	6.25	62.50
Display Ad 12/24- Merry Christmas- Display Ad	4	6.25	25.00

Thank you for your business!

BALANCE DUE

\$87.50

Vendor-339
1. 6613(162)-Christmas ad
1. 6728(162)-Lifeline ad

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

The Northwest Blade
P.O. Box 797; Eureka, SD 57437
605-284-2631

STATE OF South Dakota: COUNTY OF McPherson

I, Makera Vercil, am authorized by the publisher as agent to make this affidavit of publication. Under oath, I state that the following is true and correct.

The Northwest Blade is a newspaper which is published weekly and is of general circulation and is in compliance with South Dakota Newspaper Association legalized Statutes.

The notice has been published in the newspaper listed above.

DATE(S) OF PUBLICATION

12/10 Lifeline Notice

NAME OF THE CORPORATION/GOVERNMENT OFFICE: Valley Telecommunications

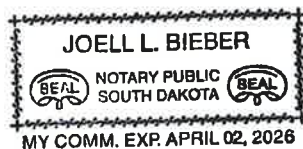
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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: Makera Vercil

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON THE

29th DAY OF December, 2020.

NOTARY SIGNATURE: Joell L. Bieber



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Prairie Pioneer
 1413 E Grand Crossing
 Mobridge SD 57601
 USA
 605-889-2320 arden@mobridgetribune.com

Invoice Number 315927
 Invoice Date 12/31/2020

Advertiser No. 11171
 Amount Due \$92.40
 Due Date 1/30/2021

Valley Telecommunications
 Accounting
 PO Box 7
 Herreid SD 57632

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Amount Enclosed
92.40

Please detach top portion and return with your payment.

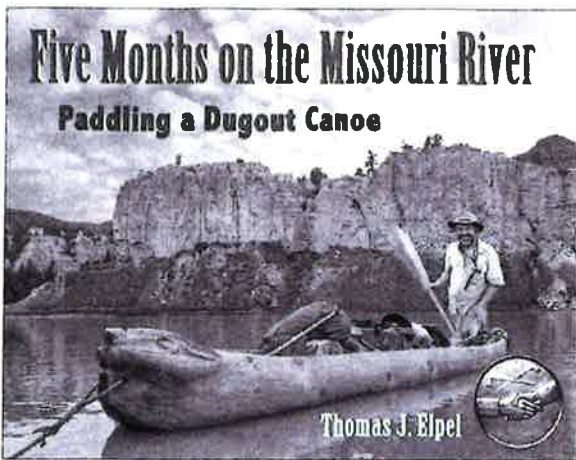
INVOICE

Prairie Pioneer		Valley Telecommunications			Invoice No. 315927		12/31/2020	
Date	Order	Description	Ad Size	SubTotal	Sales Tax	Amount		
12/10/2020	127578 PP	Display Ad: ROP: Federal Lifeline Notice	2 x 5.5				\$92.40	
						Sub Total:	\$92.40	
						Total Transactions: 1	Total: \$92.40	

SUMMARY Advertiser No. 11171 Invoice No. 315927 Invoice Amount \$92.40

Tear Sheets 1 A finance charge of 1.5% will be applied to any account where payment is not received by the 25th.
 Thank You!

*Vendor-328
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The *Prairie Pioneer* ran Elpel's weekly column this year. The weekly articles chronicled his journey down the Missouri, including his two stops in the Pollock area.

'Five Months on the Missouri River' author wins *Writer's Digest* Award

Writer's Digest has awarded Montana author Thomas J. Elpel First Place in Nonfiction for his natural history travelogue, "Five Months on the Missouri River: Paddling a Dugout Canoe." Elpel partnered with Churchill Clark, the great-great-great-grandson of Captain William Clark to carve the canoe. Together they whittled a 10,000 pound Douglas fir log into a 500+ pound canoe.

Enlisting friends with additional canoes to join the adventure, Elpel led a five-month "Missouri River Corps of Rediscovery" expedition, paddling the 2,341-mile Missouri River segment of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail from Montana to St. Louis.

Instead of racing to the finish line, Elpel and friends paddled the Missouri River as a conduit for exploring the land and meeting its inhabitants. Every campsite offered a new opportunity to hike and explore the landscape and geology, identify plants,

and forage for wild foods. They enjoyed a leisurely pace paddling through the heart of America while diving into Lewis and Clark history and the history of Native American tribes along the route.

Throughout the journey, Elpel wrote a weekly column that was published in newspapers in Montana and across the Midwest. He fleshed out the story for the book, filling in additional details and whole new essays, accompanied by seven hundred stunning color photos from the adventure. The finished book is an uplifting adventure story and coffee table photo journal, an inspiring page-turner for the whole family.

"Tom's extensive knowledge of plants and the natural world, his love of history and the river are expressed here on every page as if Lewis and Clark stepped into the 21st Century. The stunning images and narrative are breathtaking and inspiring, seen through the eyes of Elpel as he traveled aboard a beautiful dugout canoe through the heart of America," said Norm Miller, Expedition Paddler and Historian.

"Five Months on the Missouri River" also won the National Indie Excellence Award for Best Travel Book and was a Finalist in the Travel Guides & Essays for the 2020 Best Book Awards.

"Five Months on the Missouri River: Paddling a Dugout Canoe" is an 11" H x 8 1/2" W 270 page book with 700 photos and full color throughout.

ISBN: 978-1-892784-50-6 March 2020. Available from HOPS Press LLC (www.hopspress.com). Direct Link: http://www.hopspress.com/Books/Missouri_River.htm.



Church Activities

Herreid Assembly of God Church

The Herreid Assembly of God Church Sunday School students will be presenting their annual Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m.

The Symbols of Christmas by Felicia Molloyhan is a play presenting a biblical view of the "stuff" used for Christmas, i.e. evergreen tree, wreath, holly, ornaments, angel, etc.

The public is invited to attend and hear what God's word says about these symbols and more that are part of the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Subscribe for a friend

If you have local news to report and do not get called by a correspondent, please call the Pioneer Office at (605) 889-2320 and we will gladly include it.

Menus

Herreid Nutrition Site All menu offering are SUBJECT TO CHANGE due to COVID affecting inventory deliveries.

Monday, December 14 - Goulash, corn, fruit, dinner roll.

Tuesday, December 15 - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, coleslaw, peaches whole wheat bread.

Wednesday, December 16 - Vegetable soup, chicken salad sandwich fruit.

Thursday, December 17 - Baked pork chop, au gratin potatoes, carrots, applesauce, iced honey cookie, whole wheat bread.

Friday, December 18 - Hamburger w/bun, oven roasted potatoes, fresh fruit, mixed vegetables, ice cream sundae.



A Second Helping

A collection of recipes from 25 years ago in 'Irene's Kitchen Korner'

Retyped by Paige Meyer



The December 7, 1995 issue featured recipes from Judy Thorntenson.

Chimichangas

1 1/2 lbs. lean ground beef
1 dz. flour tortillas
Shredded lettuce
1 10 oz. can Old El Paso enchilada sauce
Cheddar Cheese
1 10 oz. can Old El Paso tomatoes and green chilies

Cook ground beef and enchilada sauce in fry pan about 1/2 hour until moisture cooks out. Spoon meat mixture onto 12 flour tortillas. Spread 1 tablespoon cheddar cheese over meat sauce. Roll up and place in cake pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve with shredded lettuce and tomatoes and green chilies spooned over top. NOTE: For a less crisp doneness, cover the pan with foil leaving the sides open for steam to escape.

Apple Salad

1 cup sugar
1 cup sweet cream
3 egg yolks
3 tps. vinegar
1 cup sour cream
8-10 apples, cut up

Cook sugar, sweet cream, yolks, and vinegar until thick. Cool until cold and add sour cream. Mix in apples. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Keeps well.

Broccoli Rice Casserole

1 small onion
2 cups chopped celery
1 Tbsp. butter
1 pkg. 10 oz. frozen broccoli, thawed and cut
1 jar 8 oz. Cheese Whiz
1 can cream of mushroom soup
3 cups cooked rice
1 can 5oz. evaporated milk

In a large skillet over medium heat, saute onion, celery and broccoli in butter for 3-5 minutes. Stir in cheese, cream of mushroom, and milk until smooth. Place rice in a greased 8 inch square pan. Pour cheese mixture over, do not stir. Bake uncovered at 325 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

Pumpkin Pie Bars

1 cup flour
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup melted butter
2 eggs, beaten
1 lb. can pumpkin
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. cloves
1/2 tsp. ginger
1 1/3 oz. can evaporated milk

Mix flour, brown sugar, and melted butter together and press in a 9x12 pan. Combine the remaining ingredients together and pour over crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes.

Meetings

Herreid Area Booster Club

President Rick Quaschnick called the Herreid Area Booster Club meeting to order on November 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Gary Weismantel made a motion, seconded by Sandy Weismantel, to accept the Secretary's report. Motion passed. Gary Weismantel made a motion, seconded by Rick Quaschnick, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Gary Weismantel filed the documents for the State Corporation Registration. This will need to be paid and sent in again in May of 2021. Rick made a motion, seconded by Sandy, to reimburse Gary \$10.00 for submitting the document. Motion passed.

New Business

Sandy Weismantel made a motion, seconded by Gary W. to have Rick Quaschnick as President, Gary Weismantel as Vice-President, and Sandy Weismantel as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion Passed.

Santa Day will be December 19, 2020. The times and events were discussed. The drawing will be for twenty hams and twenty turkeys. CAG will provide free skating from 1:00 to 2:30. Patrons

will sign up as they arrive at Skateland on December 21, their opportunity to sign up will be from 2:00 until 2:40. Names will be drawn at 2:45. Approximately 3:00 Santa will arrive, Rick Q. will order the hams and turkeys, contact the American Legion to confirm the date, check into advertising through Valley Tel Communications and contact Carol Ann and Ray Ottenbacher to run Skateland during the skating. Gary will reserve Skateland. Sandy Weismantel will contact the Town N Country Gals about

the lighting contest, send articles to the *Prairie Pioneer*, organize the tickets, and prepare a box for the drawing. Only one ticket per family will be handed out to sign up for the drawing.

The group will suspend all activities until the next meeting. The next meeting will be the annual meeting November 2021 or if anyone has a need to call a meeting at any time Gary W. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30.

Sandra Weismantel
Secretary

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**Moblidge
Regional Hospital
and Clinics**

Heartsavers CPR & AED - Cost \$40

Monday, Dec. 14, at 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Education & Training Center, Moblidge Regional Hospital
This class is for daycare workers, teachers and the general public. Class size is limited and participants are asked to wear a mask.

If interested, contact Kallyn Reinert, RRT
605-845-8163

GIBSON PUBLISHING

PO BOX 7
419 5th Ave.
Ipswich, SD 57451

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
6/17/2020	52361

Bill To
Valley Cable & Satellite PO Box 7 Herreid, SD 57632

P.O. No.	Terms	Project

Description	Column Inch	Amount
Tribune ad - Universal Services	14	39.90
Tribune ad - Kelsey	4	11.00
R-H Independent ad - Universal Services	14	39.90
<p><i>Vendor-342</i></p> <p><i>A/c 1.6613 (162) 11.00</i></p> <p><i>A/c 1.6738 (163) 79.80</i></p>		

Subtotal		\$90.80
Sales Tax (6.5%)		\$0.00
Total		\$90.80
Payments/Credits		\$0.00
Balance Due		\$90.80

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of South Dakota)
) SS
 County of Edmunds)

D.E. Gibson of said county, being, first duly sworn on oath says: That he is the publisher or an employee of the publisher of the **Ipswich Tribune**, a weekly newspaper, published in the City of Ipswich, in said County of Edmunds, and State of South Dakota; that he 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 Edmunds and State of South Dakota, for at least one year next prior to the first publication of the attached public notice, and that the advertisement headed

VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE SERVICE

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 issues.

The First publication being made on the 17 day of June, 2020

The Second publication being made on the day of, 20....

The Third publication being made on the day of, 20....

The Fourth publication being made on the day of, 20....

The Fifth publication being made on the day of, 20....

That the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of the attached public notice insures to the sole benefit of the publisher; 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:

Thirty-nineDollars and
ninetycents (\$ 39.90)

Signed: [Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of June, 2020

[Signature: Ina M Gibson]

Notary Public - Edmunds County, South Dakota

My commission expires February 26, 2025

Valley Telecommunications Universal Telephone Service

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2020 Monthly Charges for Residential Services:

Basic local resident service	\$18.00
<i>(including extended area service to designated nearby service areas)</i>	
Touchtone Service	No additional charge
Single Party Service	No additional charge
Access to emergency service	No additional charge
<i>Local government assesses a \$1.25 tax to pay for special equipment</i>	
Access to operator services	No additional charge
Access to directory assistance	No additional charge
<i>Charges for services provided by Directory Assistance vary and are determined by the long distance company who provided the service.</i>	
Federal Universal Service Charge	19.6% (changes quarterly)
<i>(FUSC Charge will change on July 1, 2020)</i>	
Federal Access Charge	\$6.50
<i>Flat rate prescribed by Federal Communications Commission</i>	
Access Recovery Charge	Res \$3.00/Bus \$3.00
Lifeline Low Income Discounts	\$7.25
<i>To prevent long distance calls made from your phone, toll blocking is available at no charge to low-income consumers.</i>	

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The Home Team Advantage.

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Thirty-nine Dollars and
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Signed: [Signature]

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[Signature: Jera M Gibson]

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2020 Monthly Charges for Residential Services:

Table listing monthly charges for residential services including Basic local resident service (\$18.00), Touchtone Service (No additional charge), Single Party Service (No additional charge), Access to emergency service (No additional charge), Local government assessment (\$1.25 tax), Access to operator services (No additional charge), Access to directory assistance (No additional charge), Federal Access Charge (\$6.50), Access Recovery Charge (Res \$3.00/Bus \$3.00), Lifeline Low Income Discounts (\$7.25).



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County of McPherson)

[Signature] of said county and State, being first duly sworn on oath says: That the McPherson County Herald is a weekly newspaper of general circulation, and a legal newspaper as defined by Section 7070, 1919 Revised Code printed and published in Leola in said County

and State by [Signature] and has been such newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned, and that

I, [Signature], the undersigned am publisher of said newspaper, in charge of the advertising department thereof, and have personal knowledge of all facts stated in this affidavit, and that the advertisement headed:

Valley Telecommunications
Universal Telephone Service

a printed copy of which is hereto attached was printed and

published in the said newspaper for 1 successive issues, to-wit: The first publication being made on

June 18, 2020

the second on _____

the third on _____

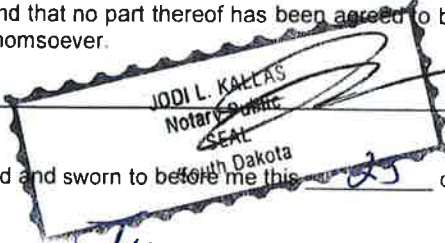
the fourth on _____

the fifth on _____

the sixth on _____

That the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same,

to-wit: the sum of \$ 49.00 inures solely to the benefit of the publisher of the McPherson County Herald. That no agreement or understanding of any division thereof has been made with any person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.



Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of

June, 2020

Jodi L. Kallas
Notary Public

My commission expires 8.25.20, 2020

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Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
) SS.
County of McPherson)

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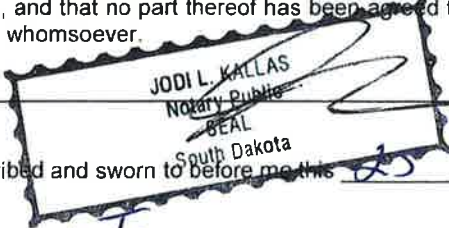
Federal Universal
Service Charge Notice

a printed copy of which is hereto attached was printed and published in the said newspaper for 1 successive issues, to-wit: The first publication being made on

June 25, 2020

the second on _____
the third on _____
the fourth on _____
the fifth on _____
the sixth on _____

That the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same, to-wit: the sum of \$ 21.00 inures solely to the benefit of the publisher of the McPherson County Herald. That no agreement or understanding of any division thereof has been made with any person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.




Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of June, 20 20

Jodi L. Kallas Notary Public
My commission expires 8.25, 20 20

Federal Universal Service Charge Notice

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MOBRIDGE TRIBUNE

PO Box 250 -- 1413 East Grand Crossing
Mobridge, SD 57601-0250
605-845-3646

Invoice Number

Invoice Date

299155

6/25/2020

Advertiser No.

Amount Due

Due Date

3386

\$264.00

7/25/2020

Valley Telco % Accounting Dept
PO Box 7
102 Main St. S
Herreid, SD 57632
US

A finance charge of 1.5% will be applied to any account where payment is not received by the 25th.

Amount Enclosed

Please detach top portion and return with your payment.

INVOICE

Mobridge Tribune/Reminder		Valley Telco % Accounting Dept			Invoice No. 299155		6/25/2020	
Date	Order	Description	Ad Size	SubTotal	Sales Tax	Amount		
6/17/2020	120934 TRIB	Display Ad: ROP: Universal Telephone Service	2 x 7.5			\$105.60		
6/22/2020	120934 REM	Display Ad: ROP: Universal Telephone Service	2 x 7.5			\$158.40		
				Sub Total:		\$264.00		
				Total Transactions: 2	Total:	\$264.00		

SUMMARY Advertiser No. 3386 Invoice No. 299155 Invoice Amount \$264.00

Tear Sheets 1 A finance charge of 1.5% will be applied to any account where payment is not received by the 25th.

A fee of 1.5% will be imposed on all balances that are past due.
Please make checks payable to: Mobridge Tribune.

Thank you for advertising with our paper!

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

COUNTY OF WALWORTH

I, Lori Cox, having first duly sworn under oath say: The Mobridge Tribune is a legal weekly newspaper of general circulation as required by South Dakota Code of Nineteen Hundred Thirty-Nine, and any acts amendatory thereto, printed and published by Mobridge Publishing, Inc., in Mobridge, in said county and state, and has been such legal newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned; that during all of said time as an employee or officer of said newspaper I have had personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed:

Federal Universal Service Charge Notice

Valley Telecommunications

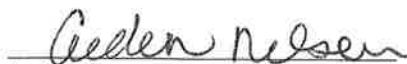
a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper & The Monday Reminder for one successive week upon the following dates, to-wit:

June 17th & 22nd, 2020

that the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same to-wit: the sum of \$264.00 inures solely to the benefit of the publishers of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for any division of this sum has been made with any other person; and that no part of said sum has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of June 2020

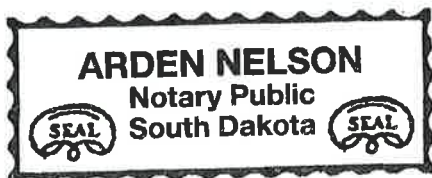


Arden Nelson, Notary Public

State of South Dakota

My commission expires August 1, 2025

(Seal)



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N.W. Blade
PO Box 797
Eureka, SD 57437 US
(605) 284-2631

JUL - 8 2020

Invoice

BILL TO
Valley Telco Cooperative
102 Main St. S.
PO Box 7
Herrled, SD 57632

INVOICE #	DATE	TOTAL DUE	DUE DATE	TERMS	ENCLOSED
22242	06/01/2020	\$131.25	07/31/2020	Net 60	

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Display Ad 6/18- Universal Telephone Service- Display Ad	15	6.25	93.75
Display Ad 6/25- Service Charge Notice- Display Ad	6	6.25	37.50
BALANCE DUE			\$131.25

Thank you for your business!

Vendor-339
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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

The Northwest Blade
P.O. Box 797; Eureka, SD 57437
605-284-2631

STATE OF South Dakota: COUNTY OF McPherson

I, Makera Vocu, am authorized by the publisher as agent to make this affidavit of publication. Under oath, I state that the following is true and correct.

The Northwest Blade is a newspaper which is published weekly and is of general circulation and is in compliance with South Dakota Newspaper Association legalized Statutes.

The notice has been published in the newspaper listed above.

DATE(S) OF PUBLICATION

6/18 Universal Telephone Services

6/25 Service Charge Notice

NAME OF THE CORPORATION/GOVERNMENT OFFICE: Valley Telecommunications

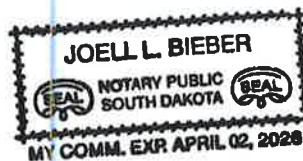
TYPE OF DOCUMENT: display

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: Makera Vocu

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON THE

30 DAY OF June, 2020.

NOTARY SIGNATURE: Joell L. Bieber



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Prairie Pioneer
Heartland Publishing, Inc.

PO BOX 218
 POLLOCK, SD 57648-0218

Voice: 605-889-2320
 Fax: 605-889-2361
 email: pioneer@valleytel.net

INVOICE

Invoice Number: 53697
 Invoice Date: Jun 18, 2020
 Page: 1

JUN 26 2020

Bill To:
VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PO BOX 7 HERREID, SD 57632

Customer ID	Customer PO	Payment Terms	
V001		Due at end of Month	
Sales Rep ID	Shipping Method	Ship Date	Due Date
			6/30/20

Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Amount
18.00	AD	UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE SERVICE	8.68	156.20
<p><i>Vendor-328 1.6728(162)</i></p> <p>Call today to pay your bill with a credit card.</p>				

Subtotal	156.20
Sales Tax	
Total Invoice Amount	156.20
Payment/Credit Applied	
TOTAL	156.20

Check/Credit Memo No:

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
 COUNTY OF CAMPBELL } ss:

I, Leah Burke, being first duly sworn under oath say: the **Prairie Pioneer** is a legal weekly newspaper of general circulation as required by South Dakota Codified Laws, and any acts amendatory thereto, published to Allan and Leah Burke in said county and state, and has been such legal newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned; that during all of said time as an employee or officer of said newspaper, I have had personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed:

Universal Telephone Service

A printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper for... successive weeks upon the following dates, to wit:

..... 6/18, 2020 20
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That the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same to wit: the sum of \$156.20

inures solely to the benefit of the publishers of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for any division of this sum has been made with any other person; and that no part of said sum has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

Leah Burke

subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of June, 2020.

Mark W. Weber

MARK W. WEBER
 NOTARY PUBLIC
 STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
 My Commission Expires June 30, 2021

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