

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2022**

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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. <https://www.alliancecom.net/phone/lifeline/>



Company's information posted on USAC website.



Other (describe): Annual letter was mailed to customers on 11/29/2021.

*Required

Giving focused on hunger, specifically in the greater Brandon Valley community, as they collected 2,531 pounds of food and raised \$1,062 in monetary donations, both being directed to the Brandon Area Food Pantry.

Linda Weber was elated that the student council chose the BAFP this year.

"Incredible," said the BAFP executive director. "It was heartfelt and there was a lot of awareness of the need of local folks in the district. It was really touching."

Weber also said the large-scale donation was "definitely needed."

"Most people who come here is someone who needs a hand up, and this really helped," she said.

school, middle school and intermediate school. BV's five elementary schools split up the current needs at the BAFP. Some collected paper products, some canned goods and others brought in personal hygiene items such as soap and toothpaste.

In addition to the collection drives at every building, BV's Lynx Lunch Express bus was located outside the gates of the football stadium on homecoming night, where the public could also donate to the cause.

Jeremiah Donahoe, president of the 26-member BVHS student council, said he fully supported the idea to make the local food pantry this year's Tradition of Giving recipient.

"I thought hunger was kind of a silent deal in Bran-

Submitted photo
Brandon Valley High School Student Council chose the Brandon Area Food Pantry for the Homecoming week "Tradition of Caring" recipient. With donations from every building in the district, the BAFP received 2,531 pounds of food and household items in addition to \$1,062 in monetary donations.

don (Valley) right now," said the BVHS senior. "There's kind of stigma around hunger and it's not a fun topic to talk about, but it needs to be talked about. I think a lot of people don't realize that it is an ongoing problem in our community, and so, with this community donation drive, we kind of helped to spread the word and we also helped to relieve some of the problems with people facing hunger. It could be anyone you talk to that is affected by it and you would never know because it's just something

that we don't talk about." BVHS associate principal Jordan Paula said high school students visited each of the buildings on Friday of homecoming week to thank the kids and staff for their donations and to build excitement for the homecoming football game that night. "It was an awesome experience for our kids to participate in," he said. Donahoe was one of the high schoolers who went to the partnering schools in the district. "They were really excit-

ed about it," he recalled. "They were excited about the football game and you could tell how excited they were to help each other out, especially in the lower level grades. There's so much love for each other and there's no preconceived notions or anything about each other. It's all smiles and they're just so happy to help."

BV Intermediate School won the competition among the upper-grade schools, and Donahoe assures, "Their prize is on the way!"

Councilor campaigns for paved parking at Aspen Park

Jill Meier
Journal editor

Jack Parliament was so impressed by the late-summer paving of Aspen Park Road, that he's now rallying for paved parking spaces along the park's access road.

"One of the big improvements that we did recently that wasn't in the budget and wasn't discussed at our CIP process was putting a two-inch overlay on Aspen Park Road into the softball/baseball complex. That was something that was well-received in the community. Every time I go down there I'm impressed by the road, but I'm unimpressed with our parking situation. It seems to just get worse every year and that's the parking along each side of Aspen Park Road," Parliament said.

The city invested \$70,000 for the

'Band-Aid' fix to the road this year.

The ward 3 alderman solicited an estimate from Splitrock Landscape and Nursery to put down a three-inch gravel base on approximately 12 feet off the side of the road. City engineer Tami Jansma said the area is between 17 and 19 feet.

Splitrock's estimate came in at \$36,000. Parliament suggested the project be paid for out of the general fund.

His long-term goal is to pave the entire parking lot.

"That's not in this proposal. This proposal is merely to clean up the parking areas on each side of Aspen Park Road from approximately where the pool is ... down to what I would call the south entrance to the parking lot. ... It would eliminate the muddy mess that it gets into every single year," Parliament said.

About two-dozen parking spaces,

Parliament estimates, have been unusable because of mud and deep ruts.

Parliament's idea gained support from Alderwoman Vickie David.

"Being a mom of three that in any given summer has two in softball and one in baseball, I understand where you're coming from. It's a mess starting from T-ball on and a lot of it you just can't control because of the weather. I think this would like nice and it's something efficient," David said.

Alderman Dave Kull, however, said the council needs to budget for projects such as this, putting in a plug for the paving in the 2023 budget.

"When we start nickeling and diming our budget, I think that this is something that could be put into the budget for the next go around or into capital improvement. When

you're talking about \$36,000 here and \$50,000 there, and it seems like every year we do this, it kind of defeats the whole budget process that we go through," Kull said. "These are ideas that are perhaps good, but it should go through the process and we should get out of the habit... and kind of hold ourselves to the budget."

Mayor Jim Heinitz said that it's imperative the council stick to the budget.

"But I also agree with Jack and what Barb said, that this is a showcase of the community and I think that if it fits, we should do that. But I (also) agree with Dave. I think that's fiscal responsibility that we have that we do to make sure that we don't do this very often," the mayor said.

City park superintendent Devin
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favorite.

BV Hoopsgiving Basketball Classic

The first Brandon Valley Hoopsgiving Basketball Classic will be played beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 in Brandon. The tournament is for boys and girls in grades 3-8 and each team will be guaranteed to play three games. Proceeds raised from the tournament, formerly the Hardwood Challenge, will go to BV boys' and girls' basketball programs. Teams can register at <https://tourmeymachine.com/E95964>

To learn more, email bvhoopsgiving@gmail.com.

Nominations sought for BV Hall of Fame

Nominations for 2022 induction into the Brandon Valley Athletic Hall of Fame are being accepted through Dec. 20. Nomination forms may be downloaded from the BVHS website under the Booster Club tab, email Bob Logan at lynxlogan@gmail.com or call (605) 261-1308 or Bill Freking at bill.freking@k12.sd.us.

The 2022 Hall of Fame Banquet is set for Saturday, March 26 at Holiday Inn Express in Brandon.

Feather Party in Valley Springs

Charles R. Doman American Legion Post 131 and the Legion Auxiliary invite the public to their annual Feather Party on Saturday, Nov. 20. The party kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with the Auxiliary serving food and proceeds will be matched by Thrivent. Bingo for turkeys will start at 6:30 p.m. The event will also offer a game of chance room with a cash bar.

Bingo at the Brandon VFW

Brandon VFW Post 4726 will host their monthly Bingo night from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20.

November needs at the BAFP

November needs at the Brandon Area Food Pantry are pancake mix and syrup, hot cocoa (6-8 serving packages), beef stew, Spam, chocolate chips, cookies mixes, Banquet Complete Meals.

In respect to COVID-19, Pantry clients must be vaccinated and wear a mask to shop the Pantry. If not vaccinated, clients will receive items that have been pre-bagged by BAFP volunteers.

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County seeks applicants for 2 planning commission appointments
Minnehaha County is requesting applications from county residents for two positions on the Minnehaha County Planning Commission, which meets once a month. The Planning Commission appointment is a five-year term.
Applications for this appointment may be obtained by calling the Minnehaha County Commission Office at (605) 367-4206, or on the county's web site at minnehahacounty.org/residents/appBoardVacancies/appBoardVacancies.php
Completed applications should be returned to the Minnehaha County Commission Office, 415 N. Dakota Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104 or e-mailed to tklatt@minnehahacounty.org. The deadline to apply is Dec. 10, 2021.

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Say it in a "Letter to the Editor!"
Email signed letters to: editor@bvjournal.info
or mail them to: *Brandon Valley Journal*
PO Box 842, Brandon SD 57005

SOCIAL NEWS

Obituaries

Robert Earl Ahrens

Robert Earl Ahrens, 73, of Belle Fourche died Thursday, October 21, 2021 at the Hospice House in Rapid City.

Bob was born July 6, 1948 in Hawarden, Iowa to George and Helen (Wynia) Ahrens. Bob remained in Union County, South Dakota until moving to Belle Fourche in 1990. He enjoyed working with his cattle and taking care of his place. He was a welder by trade for many years and he loved his work. It gave him the opportunity to travel to Washington State and Alaska to work in the oil refinery. He also enjoyed growing trees and selling them in the surrounding area.

Bob married Jeanette On The Tree of Belle Fourche on August 18, 2007.

He will be dearly missed by all, especially his wife, Jeanette Ahrens of Belle Fourche; daughters, Ams Junge (Gary) Ahrens of Omaha, NE and Deanna Guy of Sioux City, IA; his son, Roger Ahrens of Sioux City, IA; 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild; sisters, Donna (Gordon) Schoellerman of Alcester, SD, Betty Pedersen of LeMars, IA and Linda Rosenbaum (Dave Geary) of Elk Point, SD and nieces and nephews.



He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Helen; brother, Marvin Ahrens and brother-in-law, Ronald Pedersen and several aunts and uncles.

Visitation was Thursday, October 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche.

Funeral services were held Friday, October 29 at 11:00 am at Kline Funeral Chapel with interment following at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.

The funeral will be published for viewing at klinefuneralchapel.com live streaming site following the funeral.

An online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneralchapel.com

Sister Act Manages Quick Stop



Sisters Jessica Robertson and Shawna Bailey, Managers of the Alcester Quick Stop on Highway 11.

By Gordon Richard

For the past three years, sisters Jessica Robertson and Shawna Bailey have been managing Alcester's Quick Stop. They describe their experience as "awesome!"

"The people are great, our help is great and most of them are family, plus, the owner, Keith

Vanderbosch, is incredible to work for."

The sisters "love to cook and we try to create a taste for everyone and we like working together. We like doing new things, and the only time we got in trouble with our customers was when we prepared something many could not pronounce." (it was gyro's) shares Jessica and Shawna.

"We are open for improve-

ment and appreciate our customer's comments and suggestions. We have customers from farmers, factory workers and students, who are in a hurry for lunch. Recently, a person came in and commented how he travels throughout the area and said "Your chicken is the best!"

Congratulations and continue your good work to Jessica and Shawna and their helpers.

Thanksgiving Meal Giveaway

Do you have a loved one or a neighbor who is at risk of going hungry this Thanksgiving? The Alcester-Hudson School Cross Country Team and the Alcester-Hudson Food Pantry is holding a "Thanksgiving

Meal Giveaway" to benefit local families. A limited number of Thanksgiving meal boxes will be given away on November 13th. The giveaway will be held from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Alcester-Hudson High School

Parking Lot and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Hudson Community Center. Proof of residency is required.

Your support and consideration is greatly appreciated!

Hulteboda Farm Celebrates 140th Anniversary

By Gordon Richard

Union County's Hulteboda Farm had its 140th Anniversary this summer. The farm was

purchased by John Hultgren of Sweden on June 23, 1879 and has been in the Hultgren family ever since. The Hultgren owners are now Jahn D. and his mother, Nelda E. Hultgren of Alcester. Jahn lives in South Carolina and has cattle in the pasture.

The 254-acre farm was purchased for 97 cents an acre back then.

Over the years the descendants of John and Anna Hultgren have had celebrations at the farm. A recent addition to the farm site has been the reassembly of the historic River Sioux Tornado slide for youngsters.

There are only two Century Farms in Union County and Hulteboda is one of them. Congratulations to the Hultgren family for your ownership all these many years!

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Senior Center 934-2057

All Meals Served with 1/2 Cup Fruit, 1% Milk, 1 Slice Bread (unless already on the menu) and 1 Pat Margarine. Mashed Potatoes served with Gravy. Lettuce salad comes with tomatoes.



*Menus Subject to Change.

Monday, November 15

Lasagna, Broccoli, Garlic Toast

Tuesday, November 16

Pork Wing, Boiled Potatoes, Corn

Wednesday, November 17

Turkey and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Candied Carrots

Thursday, November 18

Hot Beef Sandwich, Green Beans

Friday, November 19

Chicken Nuggets, Tater Bites, Coleslaw

Hudson Dakota Diner

For Reservations contact Vicki Warner at 605-984-2503

Please order meals by noon the day BEFORE you want to eat.

All Meals Served with Milk

Tuesday, November 16

Chili with Crackers, Cinnamon Roll, Plums

Wednesday, November 17

Swiss Steak, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Biscuit with Butter, Pears

Thursday, November 18

Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Bread

Friday, November 19

Breaded Fish on a Bun, Tri Tater, Broccoli, Fruit Cocktail

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Alcester Library

Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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FARM RETIREMENT ONLINE AUCTION

As Jerry and June are downsizing their farming operation, they will sell the following on an online only auction with all the equipment located at their farm at 29949 409th Ave. Avon, SD, or from SD Hwy 46 & SD Hwy 37 Intersection, go 2 miles west and 2.5 miles south, or from Avon, SD go 2 east on SD Hwy 50 & 3.5 miles north on:

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TRACTORS: 2014 JD 6150M, MFD, 20 speed PQ, 3pt, 3 hyd, 1,250 hours; 2015 JD 6130M, MFD, 24 speed PQ, 3pt, 3 hyd, 1,290 hours; 2018 JD 6110M w/JD 620R loader, MFD, 24 speed PQ, 694 hours

HARVEST EQUIPMENT: 2001 JD 9650 STS, CM, duals, 3245/4353 hrs, spent \$28k in shop 300 hours ago, ready to go; JD 893 corn head, single point, CM drive, hyd decks, std rolls; 2016 B88 20' 4-wheel header cart; JD 625F Flex head, full finger, single point; 2018 Wenco 26' 4-wheel header cart; 2018 Demco 650 Grain Cart; (4) 2014 Demco 450 Gravity Wagons w/roll tarps; (2) 425/65R22.5 spare tire/rim for wagons

TRUCKS & TRAILERS: 2011 IHC Dura Star Seml, single axle, 5 speed Allison auto, 201K; 2008 Mauer 34' Grain Hopper Trailer, ag hoppers, new tires, electric tarp; 2012 PJ 24' flat deck trailer, bumper hitch, dove tail w/ramps

MACHINERY: 2017 JD 1765 Planter, 8 Row, 30", 3 bu. Boxes, Yetter row cleaners, 350 monitor, 3025 total acres; just thru the shop in spring of 2021, like new; JD 8200 Grain Drill, 13', nice; 2013 Schaben 1000 gal Sprayer, 60' hyd. fold booms; 2014 Summers 20' Super Colter Plus; McFarlane HDL-100 30' hyd. fold Drag, like new; JD 960 FC, 24' w/harrow; CH 4800 FC, 24', new

shovels; JD 1610 PT chisel 15' w/Gates harrow; JD 215 Disk, 15'; good blades; IHC 510 Plow, 4-16s; JD 115 Stalk chopper, new hammers in 2021; 2020 IA 8 bale wagon; IA F08 PT box blade 8'; Farm King 3pt 8' blade; 3pt bale spear; 3 - 1000 gallon fuel tanks w/pumps; 300 gal overhead fuel tank; 18.4-38 Duals w/9 bolt hubs; 3 chemical tanks; Round-up tank w/12v pump; 2 MDS oil tanks w/stand

Note: Jerry and June are excellent care takers. Take one drive past their farm and you will be impressed. Most items are 1 owner and have been shedded. You will not be disappointed in the quality! All items are located at the Finck farm at 29949 409th Ave. Avon, SD. Loading Available. Please call Jerry @ 605-464-1586 to view the machinery, as most of the major items will stay in the shed until sale day. On sale day, Wieman Land & Auction staff will be available at the Finck farm near Avon, and the Wieman Auction Facility located at 44628 SD Hwy 44, Marion SD to assist with bidding if needed. Bidding will open on Nov. 1, 2021, go to www.wiemanbid2buy.com to register and start bidding. Call 1-800-251-3111 for more info.

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LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR QUALIFIED RESIDENTS

Dear DELIVERY NAME:

This letter is a yearly notice that Alliance is required to send to all of our residential cooperative customers to ensure people know about the availability of the Lifeline program. If you currently receive Lifeline benefits, you do not need to do anything at this time and can disregard this particular notice.

Lifeline is a federal government program that assists qualified low-income residents by providing a monthly reduction of \$9.25/month on broadband Internet service or \$5.25/month on telephone service.

How do I know if I'm eligible? To be eligible for Lifeline assistance, you must meet income-based criteria currently defined as at or below 135 % of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (see table) OR participate in at least one of the following programs: Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance, and Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit

135 percent of federal poverty guidelines (As of January 2021)

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| 1 person: \$17,388 | 2 people: \$23,517 | 3 people: \$29,646 |
| 4 people: \$35,775 | 5 people: \$41,904 | 6 people: \$48,033 |
| 7 people: \$54,162 | 8 people: \$60,291 | For each additional person, add \$6,129 |

Lifeline Rules

If you qualify, your household can get Lifeline for internet or telephone service. If you get Lifeline, you can get the benefit for your mobile phone or your home connection, but not both.

Your household cannot get Lifeline from more than one 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).

Annual notification mailed 11/29/21

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. 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. You may need to show an official document from one of the government qualifying programs or to prove your annual income. If you qualify through a government program: copies of your state ID card and an official document from the programs you are qualifying through. (The document must contain your name.) 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.

How to Apply for Lifeline

Option 1: Apply online through the Lifeline National Verifier

Visit www.checklifeline.org from any computer or mobile device. You most likely will need to upload verification documents to the website if you don't qualify under the Federal Public Housing Assistance. If you're deemed eligible for benefits, contact Alliance Communications at 1-800-701-4980. The Lifeline National Verifier does not notify the provider.

Option 2: Apply in Person

Visit one of our business offices.

Brandon: 1400 E. Aspen Blvd. Garretson: 612 Third St. Baltic: 501 Second St

An Alliance representative will enter your information and enroll you if you're eligible. Please bring documentation that proves you're eligible to receive Lifeline benefits.

Option 3: Apply by Mail

Complete FCC Form 5629. Then mail the application and a copy of documentation that proves you're eligible to receive Lifeline benefits to USAC at the address listed on the application.

For more information, dial 611 from any phone with Alliance service, (605) 582-6311 or 1-800-701-4980.

Sincerely,
Alliance Communications

**The Lifeline program isn't available in the communities*



LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR QUALIFIED RESIDENTS

Welcome to Alliance Communications!

This letter is to let you know about the availability of the Lifeline program. Lifeline is a federal government program that assists qualified low-income residents by providing a monthly reduction of \$9.25/month on broadband Internet service or \$5.25/month on telephone service.

How do I know if I'm eligible? To be eligible for Lifeline assistance, you must meet income-based criteria currently defined as at or below 135 % of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (see table) OR participate in at least one of the following programs: Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance, and Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit

135 percent of federal poverty guidelines (As of January 2022)

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| 1 person: \$18,347 | 2 people: \$24,719 | 3 people: \$31,091 |
| 4 people: \$37,463 | 5 people: \$43,835 | 6 people: \$ 50,207 |
| 7 people: \$56,579 | 8 people: \$ 62,951 | For each additional person, add \$6,372 |

Lifeline Rules

If you qualify, your household can get Lifeline for internet or telephone service. If you get Lifeline, you can get the benefit for your mobile phone or your home connection, but not both.

Your household cannot get Lifeline from more than one 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. 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.

sent to new customers in first 30 days

All yours.



You may need to show other documents. You may need to show an official document from one of the government qualifying programs or to prove your annual income. If you qualify through a government program: copies of your state ID card and an official document from the programs you are qualifying through. (The document must contain your name.) 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.

How to Apply for Lifeline

Option 1: Apply online through the Lifeline National Verifier

Visit www.checklifeline.org from any computer or mobile device. You most likely will need to upload verification documents to the website if you don't qualify under the Federal Public Housing Assistance. If you're deemed eligible for benefits, contact Alliance Communications at 1-800-701-4980. The Lifeline National Verifier does not notify the provider.

Option 2: Apply in Person

Visit one of our business offices.

Brandon: 1400 E. Aspen Blvd. Garretson: 612 Third St. Baltic: 501 Second St

An Alliance representative will enter your information and enroll you if you're eligible. Please bring documentation that proves you're eligible to receive Lifeline benefits.

Option 3: Apply by Mail

Complete FCC Form 5629. Then mail the application and a copy of documentation that proves you're eligible to receive Lifeline benefits to USAC at the address listed on the application.

For more information, dial 611 from any phone with Alliance service, (605) 582-6311 or 1-800-701-4980.

Sincerely,
Alliance Communications

**The Lifeline program isn't available in the communities*

All yours.