

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2023**

Company: Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.

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PO Box 349
Garretson, SD 57030

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Company contact: Shirley Flanagan

Study Area Code: 391405, 391642, 391657, 399024

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.



Company's information posted on USAC website.



Other (describe):

*Required

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Call 1-800-701-4980 or visit www.alliancecom.net if you have questions.

December 22, 2022

Advances in surgery

By Debra Johnston, M.D.

My son is one of the many Americans with cleft lip and palate. The specifics of each affected individual's situation vary, but one thing they have in common is that they will be having surgery, lots of surgery. Although most individuals with clefts do well, including my son, are otherwise healthy and lead normal lives, the process of restoring a normal smile, normal speech, normal chewing, involves many steps from birth into adulthood.

Most of his surgeries have blended together in my mind, however, his first bone graft remains starkly vivid.

In this surgery, bone is removed from the hip for implantation in the ridge under the nose, where your front teeth are anchored. The pain where the bone was removed was excruciating. He was hospitalized for four days, and once home we struggled to keep him comfortable despite acetaminophen, ibuprofen, and two different opioids.

We were understandably dismayed ten years later to learn he would have to undergo this procedure again. Not enough bone had grown from the earlier graft to support the next stage of the repair.

It was with great trepidation that we checked into the hospital for surgery earlier this summer. Despite the re-

assurance of our surgeon, we both expected the same pain we had experienced before.

We were wrong. In the intervening years, a new delivery system for an injectable anesthetic had been developed, and then approved for use in young people. His surgeon used this medication at the graft harvest site. The difference was almost inconceivable. He needed minimal supplemental pain medication during our single night in the hospital, and once discharged took only the occasional dose of Tylenol or Motrin. I suspect those doses were prompted mostly by the fear that it might start to hurt more, and not by pain itself.

Like all of medicine, surgery has experienced change at an ever-accelerating pace, but the apparent "revolutions" are built on a foundation of steady step-by-step change. In medical school I watched the first laparoscopic nephrectomy performed at the University of Iowa, a major urinary care center. This amazing "new" technology could trace its history back nearly 200 years, to a German doctor who invented a primitive precursor. Advances in both medicine and technology have brought us to today, when endoscopic, laparoscopic, and robotic surgeries have become commonplace.

The path to developing new techniques and technologies may not be smooth, but we are the beneficiaries of pioneers and pioneers who make medicine forward.



I am grateful for them all, as a doctor, and as a parent. Debra Johnston, M.D. is part of The Prairie Doc™ team of physicians and currently practices family medicine in Brookings, South Dakota. Follow The Prairie Doc™ based on patients, built on trust, at www.prairiedoc.org and on Facebook featuring On Call with The Prairie Doc™ a medical Q&A show, broadcast on SDPB and streaming live on Facebook, most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.

GARDEN TO GO

Mother of Thousands



Donna Rumbough | Extension Master Gardener
gardentips@comcast.net

soil below and start a whole new plant. This has to be the easiest plant to propagate I have ever seen.

Mother of Thousands is hardly only in zones 9-11 and generally only blooms (but rarely) when planted outdoors in those zones. Once the plant blooms, it dies, and the babies that ride on the edges of the leaves take over. Growing this plant in a container will most likely prevent the plant from blooming.

Related to the jade plant, it is part of the Crassulaceae family and does not produce any toxic, only the plantlets. This succulent plant can resist drought but performs better when watered regularly. But like most succulents, it will need good drainage meaning use cactus soil mix in the planter or add sand to regular potting mix. Place the plant in an area that provides bright, indirect light. If given the room, this plant will grow to about three feet tall, but usually the stay smaller due to pot size.

If the babies after they have dropped off the mother plant and just drop them in a pot of soil, pat it down a little and add water and that is all it takes for them to take off and grow. It can be rewarding for those with black thumbs, or children to watch this hardy plant grow.

Let me know if you want to give it a try...I have a lot of them!

(Until next week, happy gardening!)

Well, there's not much to talk about outside gardening, so let's turn our attention to some fun indoor plants.

Here is an interesting one that just fascinates me. It is called Mother of Thousands but sometimes are confused with Mother of Millions because they look so much alike. Another name for this plant is Devil's backbone. This is a fast-growing plant of the succulent family that is best kept indoors in pots.

This plant will bloom, but rarely, but its blossoms are not all plain to some. The most interesting feature of this plant is the tiny babies it produces around the rim of its leaves. Usually thousands of them cling to the leaves and look like miniature plants, complete with hair like roots. The babies then drop off and land in the

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Option 2: Apply in person at one of our business offices.
Brandon: 1400 E. Aspen Blvd. Caretson: 612 Third St. Bakke: 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.

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Public Notices

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MINUTES
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Middle School Principal Amanda Nelson, Assistant Middle School Principal Adam Rotzberger, Inter-

Valley School District is neither a proponent nor opponent; we simply want to receive the information

Alliance Communications

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Monthly Service Charges	
Voice Grade Residential Service	\$18.00
Voice Grade Business Service	\$18.00
Federal Subscriber Line Charge - Single Line	\$6.50
Federal Subscriber Line Charge - Multi Line	\$9.20
Local Usage	Included
Dual Tone Multi-Frequency Signaling (Touch Tone)	Included
Single-Party Service	Included
Emergency 911 Services	Varies
Operator Service	Varies
Interexchange Service (Long Distance)	Varies
Directory Assistance	Varies

Toll Blocking is available at no charge for low income customers that qualify. If you have any questions regarding the company's services and rates/charges, please contact us by visiting www.alliancecom.net or by calling 1-800-701-4980.

Geographic areas where Alliance services are available: Alcester, Alvord, Baltic, Brandon, Carthage, Crooks, Garretson, Howard, Hudson, Inwood, Larchwood, Lester, Lyons, Oldham, Ramona, Sherman, Valley Springs, and Rock County, MN (excluding inside Luverne city limits).

can. We take these most interesting weather days at a half day at a time, making the decisions closest to the event(s) that we have before us. We have had very dynamic and complex weather events as of late, with just one degree (temperature-wise) up or down making an impact on our decision. Ultimately, it is the right and privilege of the parents/guardians to make the best decision for their individual student(s) on any given day, regardless of what the school district decision was made for that day. Parents should know that any absences will be excused in a weather-related parental decision to keep their student(s) home.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Bell to approve the following general business items:

1. Accept the bid from Waste Management for Garbage Service for the Brandon Valley School District for \$7,987.00/month, effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

our behalf to make this School District the BEST!

Board Member Ellie Saxer reported on behalf of the City Affairs & Legislation Committee. As the moderator of a recent Associated School Boards of South Dakota (ASBSD) regional call, she was tasked with gathering ideas on how school districts can share with our local legislators and with the ASBSD how we can communicate "the LYNX way" in our school district and in our community. She is seeking public input on some of the many ways our school district makes this happen.

Motion by Saxer, seconded by Bell to adjourn at meeting at 6:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved by the Board of Education this 9th day of January, 2023.

INVOICE LISTING
BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 49-2 INVOICE LISTING DECEMBER 2022

OT SVCS, 658.90 SPEECH THERAPY SVCS, 259.20; CHS INC, HS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 763.80 FUEL, 2,342.48 LUBRICANTS, 1,854.90; COMBINED BUILDING SPECIALTIES, HS-BACKBOARD REPAIRS, 2,072.00; CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY, UTILITIES-GAS, 6,191.37; CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING, HS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 52.20 RBE-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 87.00 BUS GARAGE-WATER SYSTEM REPAIRS, 210.00; DAKOTA ALIGNMENT & FRAME SVC, VAN REPAIRS, 95.85; DAKOTA AUTO PARTS, SUBURBAN/PICKUP REPAIRS, 86.86; DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC, GROUNDS SUPPLIES, 51.29; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, HS-PLUMBING SUPPLIES, 168.84; DAYS INN MITCHELL, TRAVEL-ORAL INTERP (STATE), 572.50; DEMCO INC, BE-LIBRARY SUPPLIES, 79.29 FAB-LIBRARY SUPPLIES, 72.25 VSE-LIBRARY SUPPLIES, 82.88; DEWIT, TEFERA, BUS PASS REFUND, 150.00; DUKE RENTALS, IS-LIFT RENTAL, 324.90; DUST-TEX SERVICE, INC, LAUNDRY, 2,362.93; DTB SYSTEMS, FAE-MASTER CLOCK REPAIRS, 418.37; EBSCO, HS LIBRARY-ONLINE DATABASES, 3,348.00; ECO-LAB PEST ELIMINATION, DISTRICT-PEST CONTROL, 363.68; GE SOFTWARE INC DBA EKOS, GAS PUMP SOFTWARE INSTALL, 3,000.00 GAS PUMP SOFTWARE TECH SUPPORT, 1,740.00; FASTENAL COMPANY, HS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 44.19 GROUNDS SUPPLIES, 13.65; THE FLOWER MILL, BOE SUPPLIES, 55.00; FRAZIER, MARLANA, MILEAGE, 9.18; G & H DISTRIBUTING, MS-CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 3.89; CENGAGE LEARNING/GALE, HS LIBRARY-ONLINE DATABASE, 1,752.83; GEHRKE, HEIDI, MILEAGE, 165.24; GEHRKE, WAYNE, MILEAGE, 150.96; GEOTEK ENGINEERING & TESTING, HS AD-DITION-TESTING SVCS, 4,653.00; GOEMBEL, CLIFF, MILEAGE, 376.56; GOSSE, MARIE, MILEAGE, 143.31; GRAYBAR ELECTRIC CO, INC, DISTRICT-LIGHTING SUPPLIES, 4,150.55 FAE-ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES, 696.48 HS-ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES, 282.00; G & R CONTROLS, BE-HVAC REPAIRS, 5,113.96 MS-BOILER INSTALL, 13,550.00 GROUP RESOURCES, HRA AD-

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Order of Service Change - Multiple Lines	\$14.99
Call Transfer	\$4.99
Out of State Mail Delivery (Domestic Only)	\$4.99
Single Party Service	\$4.99
Emergency 911 Services	Varies
Operator Service	Varies
Emergency Service (Long Distance)	Varies
Charitable Assistance	Varies

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Geographic areas where Alliance services are available: Acadia, Aroostook, and York, Carleton Place, Kennebec, Lincoln, Penobscot, Piscataquis, St. Lawrence, and Washington counties, including inside Lawrenceville limits.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

SCHEDULED FINES

Greg Jon Lonheiman, Blaine, Minnesota, dark window or windshield.
 Cristalina Aguirre, Sibley, failure to provide proof of financial liability.
 Jesus Guzman Hernandez, Rock Rapids, no valid driver's license; operation without registration card or plate; failure to provide proof of financial liability.
 Kendal Garrett Westmoreland, Conway, Arkansas, no valid driver's license.
 Luke Douglas Nagel, Mitchell, South Dakota, dark window or windshield.
 Cassidy Ruth Harsman, Maurice, speeding.
 Keyes Dandurand, Larchwood, failure to provide proof of financial liability.
 Diana Sue Feucht, Inwood, speeding.
 Ruth Antonio Gomez Ramos, Rock Valley, no valid driver's license; operating non-registered vehicle; failure to comply with order of peace officer.
 Chad David Posthum, California, Michigan, speeding.
 Russel Dahtan Hustlen, Luverne, Minnesota, seat belt violation.
 Joel Robert Donaker, George, failure to obey stop sign and yield right-of-way.
 Thomas Dandurand, Rock Rapids, violation of instruction permit limitation.
 Fidel Ramos Morales, Sioux Center, operating non-registered vehicle; no valid driver's license.
 Maria Guadalupe Ramirez, Sheldon, speeding.
 Kendra Leigh Hage, Inness, speeding.
 Nicholas Martin Clifford, Rock Rapids, operation without registration card or plate.
 Cliff Edwin Gamett, Sibley, operation without registration card or plate.
 Michael Daniel Eibert, Rock Rapids, speeding.
 Brandon Lee Zinke, Aurora, South Dakota, maximum gross weight violation.
 Wyatt Lance Spawns, Larchwood, speeding.

and house arrest.

Jake Vernon Motha of Inwood was sentenced Dec. 6 for violation of probation on a deferred in a previous sentence for possession of a controlled substance-methamphetamine, first offense, a serious misdemeanor. The suspended jail term was revoked and Motha was sentenced to serve 21 days in the Lyon County Jail and pay court costs and court-appointed attorney's fees.
 On Dec. 6, Timothy Rutland Hollenberg of Rock Rapids was sentenced for possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor. He was ordered to pay a \$105 fine, court costs and surcharge.
 Tyler Joe Den Besten of Howard was sentenced Dec. 6 for possession of a controlled substance-second offense, an aggravated misdemeanor, and dominating control of a firearm-offense, first offense, a serious misdemeanor. As a result of the above charges, Den Besten was also sentenced for violation of probation on a number of previous charges.
 On the possession charge, Den Besten was sentenced to serve 60 days in the Lyon County Jail with credit given for time served. He was ordered to pay an \$855 fine, court costs, surcharge, restitution and court-appointed attorney's fees. The fine was suspended. On the weapon charge, the defendant was sentenced to serve five years in prison, to run concurrent with the jail and prison sentences ordered for the violation of probation on the previous charges. He was ordered to complete the DNA requirement and pay a \$1,025 fine, surcharge, court costs and court-appointed attorney's fees. The fine was suspended.
 Den Besten was sentenced to serve 60 days in the Lyon County Jail for violation of probation from a June 20, 2022, sentence for theft

fourth degree, a serious misdemeanor; 60 days in the Lyon County Jail for violation of probation from a June 20, 2022, sentence for possession of a controlled substance-marijuana, a serious misdemeanor; 60 days in the Lyon County Jail for violation of probation from a June 20, 2022, sentence for possession of a controlled substance-methamphetamine, first offense, a serious misdemeanor; and 60 days in the Lyon County Jail for violation of probation from a June 20, 2022, sentence for possession of a controlled substance-marijuana, a serious misdemeanor. Those sentences were ordered to run concurrently.

Den Besten's suspended prison term of five years each and a four-year probation term on each charge that were imposed in a June 20, 2022, sentence for burglary-third degree, a Class D felony, and third-degree, a Class B felony, were revoked and the original sentences were imposed as the sentence for violation of the probation from the original charges.
 All of the jail and prison sentences were ordered to run concurrently.
 On Dec. 7, Samantha Ann Haugen of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was sentenced for disorderly conduct-abusive epithets/threatening, a simple misdemeanor. She received a deferred judgment and was ordered to pay a \$105 civil penalty, surcharge, court costs, court-appointed attorney's fees and restitution. Haugen was also ordered to serve six months on probation.
 Molly Marie Hawk of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was sentenced Dec. 8 for operating while under the influence-second offense, an aggravated misdemeanor. She was sentenced to serve 365 days in the Lyon County Jail with all but 60 days suspended.

Hawk was also ordered to pay a \$1,875 fine, court costs, surcharge, and court-appointed attorney's fees, serve two years on probation, submit to a substance abuse evaluation and follow any and all recommendations of said evaluation, and complete a driving unimpaired course and provide proof of completion to the probation officer. Her driver's license was suspended.

On Dec. 8, Blake Michael Bengard of Alton was sentenced for domestic abuse assault causing injury or mental illness, first offense, a serious misdemeanor. He received a deferred judgment and was ordered to pay a \$410 civil penalty, court costs, surcharge, restitution, and court-appointed attorney's fees. Bengard was ordered to serve one year on probation, complete a batterer's course and submit to a substance abuse evaluation and follow any and all recommendations of said evaluation.
 Hugo Angeris Jauregui of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was sentenced Dec. 9 for operating while under the influence, first offense, a serious misdemeanor. He received a deferred judgment and was ordered to pay a \$1,250 civil penalty, court costs and court-appointed attorney's fees. Jauregui was also ordered to serve one year on probation, submit to a substance abuse evaluation and follow any and all recommendations of said evaluation, and complete a driving unimpaired course and provide proof of completion to the probation officer. His driver's license was revoked.
 On Dec. 9, Lynelle B. Schemmel of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was sentenced for violation of probation ordered in the sentence for a previous charge of forgery, a Class D felony. The five-year suspended prison sentence was imposed and ordered to run concurrent to the prison

terms on two additional probation charges.

On Dec. 9, Lynelle B. Schemmel of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was sentenced for violation of probation ordered in the sentence for a previous charge of forgery, a Class D felony. The five-year suspended prison sentence was imposed and ordered to run concurrent to the prison terms on two additional probation charges.
REAL ESTATE DEEDS
 Jana and Bryan Paulson to Luke and Courtney Irwin, warranty deed to Lot B in Block 3 of Edgewood Heights Addition to the city of Larchwood.
 David and Barbara Popkes, Beverly and Timothy Heliger, and Linda and Edward Den Besten, to Darryl L. and Mary Jo Hunt, warranty deed to Parcel C in the N1/2 of the NE1/4 of 30-100N-43W.
 Daniel and Janet Moser to Ryan and Christine Slosser, warranty deed to Parcel F in the SW1/4 of the SE1/4 of 16-100N-47W.
 Darin D. and Michelle C. Barthels to Truway Lockhart, warranty deed to Lot 5 in Block 11 of Moon's Addition to the city of Rock Rapids.
 James and Sadie Paulson to Julie Cesar Chavez Carbajal, warranty deed to Lot 10 and the S1/2 of Lot 11 in Block 1 of Weng and Barthel's First Addition to the city of Inwood.
 Ron and Sheila Dykstra to Hope Haven Support Foundation, quit claim deed to the W1/2 of the E1/2 of the NW1/4 of 9-99N-45W.
 Marsha Harne and Usa Erickson, co-trustees of the Viola J. Aberson Revocable Intervivos Trust, to Barry N. Willemssen, trustee warranty deed to Parcel H in the SE1/4 of 27-100N-44W.
 Marsha Harne and Usa Erickson, co-trustees of the Viola J. Aberson Revocable Intervivos Trust, to Barry N. Willemssen, trustee warranty deed to Parcel E in the NE1/4 and Parcel F in the E1/2 of Section 27-100N-44W.
 Marsha Harne and Usa Erickson, co-trustees of the Viola J. Aberson Revocable Intervivos Trust, to Kevin L. and Karla Stormer, trustee warranty deed to Parcel C in the NE1/4 of 27-100N-44W.

SHERIFF'S NEWS

ACCIDENT

On Dec. 12 at 8:25 a.m., the Lyon County Sheriff's Office responded to a one-vehicle accident near the intersection of Hwy 9 and Birch Avenue.
 Marjorie A. Bergsma, 84, of Rock Valley was west bound on Hwy 9 operating a 2014 Chrysler Town & Country van and hit a patch of ice, losing control and entering the south ditch rolling several times and coming to rest on its top.
 Marjorie and her passenger, James J. Bergsma, 85, were transported to a Sioux Falls hospital for minor injuries. Bergsma's vehicle was considered a total loss.

ACCIDENT

On Dec. 12, deputies with the Lyon County Sheriff's Office responded to a single-vehicle accident near Third Avenue and North Second Street in Doon, Iowa.
 Dylar Bucher of Doon, operating a 2007 Honda TRX400SX, drove over a snow bank and fell off the ATV.

ARREST

On Dec. 18, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office charged Bobby Oseth, 31, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for operating while intoxicated, possession of a controlled substance (cocaine)-second offense, possession of drug paraphernalia, defraud drug, last-synthetic urine, shuffling, falsify DWI drugs/participating in a felony. Oseth was also cited with unsafe passing, reckless driving, careless driving, 110 miles per hour in 55 miles-per-hour zone, 110 miles per hour in 45 miles-per-hour zone, 110 miles per hour in 35 miles-per-hour zone, failure to maintain control, driving on wrong side of highway, operating non-registered vehicle and violation of financial liability coverage.

CRIME

On Dec. 17, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office cited Cody Meza, 29, of Alford for possession of drug paraphernalia.

CITED

On Dec. 14, a Lyon County Deputy responded to a call referencing poison being set out in the neighborhood to intentionally harm neighborhood animals. An investigation was conducted, and Percy Meyer, 34, of George was charged with animal abuse. A serious misdemeanor.

CITED

On Dec. 16, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office cited Harold Harche, 85, of Rock Rapids for driving while suspended, violation of financial liability coverage and failure to obey a traffic control device.

LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO ALLIANCE COOPERATIVE CUSTOMERS

LIFELINE
 Financial assistance through the federal Lifeline program is available to help qualified customers afford and maintain basic telephone or broadband Internet service. Lifeline provides a monthly bill credit of \$9.25 on Internet service or \$5.25/month on phone service (home or mobile) per qualified household. Subscribers may receive the Lifeline credit on service offered in a bundle. Advertised rates do not include any applicable taxes or surcharges. Reduced deposits are also available.

The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A 3022 household is defined for purposes of the Lifeline program as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Households currently receiving more than one Lifeline service must select a single Lifeline service provider and de-enroll from the program with any other provider(s).

Lifeline participants must recertify their eligibility every year. Lifeline is a government program. Consumers who willfully make false statements to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program. The basic services described above are offered to consumers in Alliance's cooperative service area.

How to Apply for Lifeline
Option 1: Apply online through the Lifeline National Verifier
 Visit www.fcc.gov 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 at 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.

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM
 The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a Federal Communications Commission program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet access. It provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households.

There are two steps to enroll: 1) Go to affordableconnectivity.gov to apply or print out a mail-in application. 2) Contact your preferred participating provider, such as Alliance, to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill. Get more details and eligibility criteria at fcc.gov/ACP.
 Call 1-800-701-4980 if you have questions.

We can stop HIV, Iowa.

According to a survey by the Iowa Department of Public Health, 27% of respondents who were living with HIV said they wanted to get tested because of the stigma.



Everyone has a role to play in creating a future free of HIV stigma.

STOP HIV IOWA

Learn more at stophiv.org

DELIVERY NAME
DELIVERY ADDRESS
DELIVERY CITY

LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR QUALIFIED RESIDENTS

Dear DELIVERY NAME:

This is a yearly notice that Alliance is required to send to all residential customers to ensure people know about the availability of the Lifeline Program and the Affordable Connectivity Program.

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How do I know if I'm eligible for Lifeline? 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)

1 person: \$18,347	2 people: \$24,719	3 people: \$31,091
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Lifeline Rules

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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.

You may need to show other documents. You may need to show an official document from one of the 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 program 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 three 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 nv.fcc.gov 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 at 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

According to federal law, all conversations are kept private and confidential. No records of any conversations are maintained.

Relay Numbers To Know

All Services: 711
Customer Service: 877-866-8950
TTY: 800-877-1113
Voice: 800-877-1113
ASCII: 800-877-1113
Speech-to-Speech (STS): 877-981-9744
Spanish Service: 877-981-9743
Voice Carry Over (VCO): 877-981-2117
Hearing Carry Over (HCO): 800-877-1113

IOWA RELAY

Hamilton Relay provides telecommunications relay services for the state of Iowa including TTY, Voice Carry Over (VCO), Hearing Carry Over (HCO), Speech-to-Speech (STS), Visually Assisted Speech-to-Speech (VA STS), Spanish and CapTel®. When you connect with Iowa Relay, a Communication Assistant (CA) will connect on the phone with you. Simply give the CA the number you wish to call and your call will be processed promptly, professionally and accurately.

How To Connect - Dial 711

Dial 711 to use Hamilton Relay in Iowa or call one of the toll-free numbers below:

- TTY: 800-735-2942
- Voice: 800-735-2943
- VCO (Voice Carry Over): 800-735-4313
- Speech-to-Speech: 877-735-1007
- Visually Assisted Speech-to-Speech (VA STS): 800-855-8440
- Spanish: 800-264-7190 (includes Spanish-to-Spanish and translation from English to Spanish)

If you are traveling out of State or you are in a State that is not served by Hamilton Relay, you can place interstate calls by calling:

- TTY: 800-833-5833 (toll-free)
- Voice: 800-833-7833 (toll-free)

Relay Iowa Customer Care

Hamilton Relay
1006 12th Street
Aurora, NE 68818
Voice/TTY: 888-516-4692
Spanish Voice/TTY: 866-744-7471
Fax: 402-694-5110
Email: iarelay@hamiltonrelay.com
Website: hamiltonrelay.com/iowa

MINNESOTA RELAY

Minnesota Relay is a free, federally mandated Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) program that allows individuals who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or speech disabled to place and receive telephone calls.

A specially trained communications assistant (CA) facilitates the telephone conversation between the person with a hearing or speech disability and other individuals. Calls can be made to anywhere in the world, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. All calls are completely confidential.

Minnesota Relay is administered by the Telecommunications Access Minnesota (TAM) program within the Minnesota Department of Commerce, and is funded by a monthly surcharge on each wired and wireless telephone access line, and a fee on each pre-paid wireless retail transaction, in the state.

The state contracts with Sprint Communications Company, LP to provide Minnesota Relay services. The Minnesota Relay call center is located in Moorhead, MN.

To learn more about Minnesota Relay Services:

Website: www.mnrelay.org
Voice/TTY: 1-800-657-3775
E-mail: mn.relay@state.mn.us

You may dial 7-1-1 and be connected to Minnesota Relay. Once connected to the relay service, tell the CA the type of relay call you wish to make (i.e. TTY, HCO, VCO, STS, Spanish, etc.). While the 7-1-1 access number is easy to remember, dialing the direct toll-free number for a specific type of relay call may result in faster connections because the call does not need to be transferred.

- **TTY, Voice, ASCII, Hearing Carry Over**
1-800-627-3529

- **CapTel (single-line)**

To contact a person who uses a single-line CapTel, dial 1-877-243-2823 and then enter the telephone number of the CapTel user.

- **Speech-to-Speech**
1-877-627-3848

- **Voice Carry Over**
1-877-627-3024

- **Two-Line Voice Carry Over**
1-866-855-4611

- **Spanish Relay**
1-877-627-5448

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM HELPS LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS PAY FOR BROADBAND SERVICE

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BACKUP POWER (CONTINUED)

phones will still work in the house. Make sure to plug the unit back in at the end of testing.

Battery backup units will display a battery light when the battery needs replaced. Please refer to the battery backup unit's instruction manual for details on the warning indicator lights and the battery replacement procedure.

Alliance Communications does not supply any warranty on the battery backup unit. If you have additional questions, please contact us by dialing 611 from any phone with Alliance service or call (605) 582-6311 from your cell phone.

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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 phone service. (Low income programs aren't available in all areas.)*

What is Lifeline? Lifeline is a federal benefit that lowers the monthly cost of internet service or phone service for eligible low-income subscribers.

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

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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 Alliance phone, (605) 582-6311 from your cell phone or 1-800-701-4980.

*The Lifeline program isn't available in the communities of Beaver Creek, Hardwick, Jasper, Kanaranzi, Kenneth, Magnolia and rural Luverne.

NATIONAL DO NOT CALL REGISTRY

You can register your home or mobile phone for free at www.donotcall.gov. After you register, other types of organizations may still call you, such as charities, political groups, debt collectors and surveys. To learn more, read the FAQs section. If you received an unwanted call after your number was on the National Registry for 31 days, report it to the FTC.

CALLER ID SPOOFING

The number on your caller ID says the person calling you lives in your area, but he could be halfway across the world. A scam called caller ID spoofing manipulates the number appearing on your caller ID display. Scammers know you will hesitate to reveal personal information if an 800 number, for example, appears on your caller ID display. Always be suspicious, especially

name, telephone number and the organization he is representing and then hang up. Do not provide any information at this time. Call the organization back using the customer assistance number listed in the phone book, an official online directory, your account statement or bill. Do NOT use the number the caller gives you.

PRIVACY NOTICE

Your privacy matters to us. We pledge to protect your privacy and keep your trust. As we provide services to you, we gather information about the quality, technical configuration, type, destination, and amount of products and services you use. We also gather data during application processes. This information is known as Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) and "Non Public Personal Information." Under federal law, you have a right and Alliance Communications has a duty, to protect the confidentiality of your CPNI. Alliance Communications will not disclose or sell this information, unless required to do so by law, or upon receipt of an affirmative written request by a customer. Alliance may share or permit access to your CPNI on a limited, as-needed basis with trusted agents and contractors (billing and technical support vendors) that assist us in providing services. They share a duty to protect your CPNI. Know that we limit access to your personal information to employees, agents or contractors who must use the information to provide products and services to you. Our employee handbook, nondisclosure agreements and the law restrict further sharing of this information in order to guard your personal information. From time to time, we would like to notify you of additional products available from us outside of the existing business relationship we have with you. For example, if you have our local voice service, you may be interested to learn about specials on our cable television service. You have the right, under federal law, to be excluded from these special notifications. If it is acceptable to receive information about additional products and services, you need to do nothing. However, if you prefer to be excluded from these notifications, please call the business office by dialing 1-800-701-4980 or e-mail us at cpni@alliancecom.net within 30 days of your receipt of this notice. Ask us to limit your CPNI, and include your name and Alliance account number or Alliance phone number. We will screen you from all targeted notifications for the next two years. Your Alliance service is not impacted by this notification.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.