

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2024**

Company:

Address:

Telephone number:

Company contact:

Study Area Code:

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

Letters to Santa

Cont. From Pg. 15

snow, turkey, hot chocolate, and a lot of stuffing.

Bryce Anderson:
Tara and David Anderson
Sight: Christmas looks like... Snow everywhere.
Hearing: Christmas sounds like... Bells ringing.
Smell: Christmas smells like... Peppermints.
Touch: Christmas feels like... Snow and coldness.
Taste: Christmas tastes like... Cookies.

Declan Wills:
Alicia Wills
Sight: Christmas looks like... me smuggling up with my cat Sylvester while bundled up in a blanket sitting on a reclining chair.
Hearing: Christmas sounds like... Santa laughing and jingle bells ringing.
Smell: Christmas smells like... hot chocolate being made freshly.
Touch: Christmas feels like... cold snow and the Christmas tree.
Taste: Christmas tastes like... the Christmas chicken fresh out the oven and steaming.

Alexander Biel:
Merideth and Jason Biel
Sight: Christmas looks like...

A white snowy wonderland with hot chocolate.

Hearing: Christmas sounds like... carolers' singing Christmas carols.
Smell: Christmas smells like... hot chocolate and lefse.
Touch: Christmas feels like... warm by the fireplace with family.
Taste: Christmas tastes like... lutefsk lefse and Swedish meatballs.

Cooper Remund:
Natalie and James Remund
Sight: Christmas looks like... happiness.
Hearing: Christmas sounds like... laughing and talking.
Smell: Christmas smells like... Spray cranberries.
Touch: Christmas feels like... soft.
Taste: Christmas tastes like... fresh cookies.

Haylie Hansen:
Courtney and Mike Hansen
Sight: Christmas looks like... A big winter wonderland.
Hearing: Christmas sounds like... The carolers, caroling.
Smell: Christmas smells like... My grandma's homemade cookies.
Touch: Christmas feels like... The warmth of my family.
Taste: Christmas tastes like... My grandma's peppermint hot chocolate.

Adam Aadland:

Aaron Aadland:
Sight: Christmas looks like... colorful decorations.
Hearing: Christmas sounds like... loud Christmas music.
Smell: Christmas smells like... freshly baked cookies.
Touch: Christmas feels like... cold weather.
Taste: Christmas tastes like... more cookies.

Danielle Midboe:
Cynthia and Dan Midboe
Sight: Christmas looks like... fun activities.
Hearing: Christmas sounds like... joyful.
Smell: Christmas smells like... cookies.
Touch: Christmas feels like... warm inside.
Taste: Christmas tastes like... cookies.

Tristan Renville:
Jamie and Daniel Renville
Sight: Christmas looks like... a winter wonderland.
Hearing: Christmas sounds like... a lot of Christmas movies and songs.
Smell: Christmas smells like... candy canes and the smell of new toys.
Touch: Christmas feels like... presents and fuzzy blankets.
Taste: Christmas tastes like... eggnog, cookies and milk.

Levi Anderson:
Heather and Ron Anderson
Sight: Christmas looks like... a lot of snow.
Hearing: Christmas sounds like... a lot of running around.
Smell: Christmas smells like... hot chocolate.

Touch: Christmas feels like... cold, and hot from being outside and inside.
Taste: Christmas tastes like... turkey, mashed potatoes, and stuffing.

Drayven Olson:
Carissa and Erik Olson
Sight: Christmas looks like... A huge igloo with 5 kids and 2 parents in it.
Hearing: Christmas sounds like... jingle bells with a big family of seven.
Smell: Christmas smells like... A big snow globe full of moms Christmas incense that burns.
Touch: Christmas feels like... a big fuzzy blanket and a heated cushion.
Taste: Christmas tastes like... A big pot roast and asparagus with sweet potatoes.

Ryan Wallenstein:
Ron Wallenstein
Sight: Christmas looks like... Christmas tree.
Hearing: Christmas sounds like... Christmas songs.
Smell: Christmas smells like... hot cocoa.


Touch: Christmas feels like... being by family.
Taste: Christmas tastes like... sugar on candy.

Zayden Redday:
Alanna and Brian Redday
Sight: Christmas looks like... joy.
Hearing: Christmas sounds like... bells ringing.
Smell: Christmas smells like... pumpkin pie.
Touch: Christmas feels like... prickly trees.
Taste: Christmas tastes like... chocolate.

Do you have something to sell?
Looking for an item?
Need help with something?
Why not advertise in
The Enterprise?

Happy Holidays

From Everyone At
V.F.W.
Post 3486
Milbank, S.D.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, December 21, 2023

Minnwest Bank Wilmot | 605-938-4665
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Wilmot Enterprise
PO Box 6
Wilmot, SD 57279

The Enterprise makes a great gift idea for family and friends!

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Address _____
City _____
State _____
Zip Code _____

New Renewal

Please mail to:
The Wilmot Enterprise, PO Box 6, Wilmot, SD 57279
Annual Subscription Rate:
\$10 (63¢ per copy - Grant Counties)
Outside Grant Counties: \$20
Outside South Dakota: \$40
Outside State: \$50

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- Access to directory assistance
- Other services, including toll blocking, are also available.

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South Dakota Humanities Council column

Mr. Smith Goes to the Supreme Court to Save the Rule of Law

By DAVID ADLER

Jack Smith, the special counsel prosecuting former President Donald Trump for his efforts to illegally overturn the 2020 election, made a bold and strategically wise move in a rare request to the U.S. Supreme Court to rule "expeditiously" on Trump's claim of absolute immunity from criminal prosecution.

Smith's extraordinary request to the High Court to grant "certiorari before judgment" represents the best opportunity to preserve Trump's scheduled trial date—March 4, 2024—which his legal team is trying to delay. It also tests the vital interests of the rule of law, American democracy and the public's right to a speedy trial.

Federal District Court Judge Tanya S. Chutkan rejected Trump's assertion of "absolute immunity" from criminal prosecution. She rightly held that "presidents are not kings" and that in the United States, "no man is above the law."

As expected, Trump appealed the ruling to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Trump's appeal to the circuit court carries with it a pause in the pre-trial proceedings, including the process of securing jurors in what will be a historic trial.

No American president has been tried on criminal charges. The delay in the proceedings serves the strategic interests of the former president who, obviously, does not want to stand trial. If Trump can delay trial until the late summer months, he may be able to postpone it until after the election since Judge Chutkan would face the difficult question of whether to try Trump in the heat of the campaign, requiring him to be in court for the duration of the trial rather than on the stump. That dilemma is exacerbated by the need, and the right, of the American people to know, before they go to the polls, whether Trump committed a crime against the United States.

Even worse, if Trump were to win the election, he could order the justice department to drop the prosecution, meaning we might never know the full scope of evidence amassed by Smith and the ultimate truth about the allegations against Trump. The "verdict" as it were, would be left to scholars—less satisfactory than the judgment rendered by a jury of Trump's peers.

The United States of America Donald Trump is a case of first impression, which means the first time that the High Tribunal is asked to address the question of whether a former president enjoys absolute immunity from prosecution for crimes that he committed while in office. If the Court agrees to hear the case and decides that Trump

does not, in fact, enjoy immunity from criminal prosecution, then the trial may proceed. If the Court decides, on the other hand, that the president is immune from criminal prosecution, then the case is dismissed. It is possible that the Court will decide that the case and the issues at the center of it should be fully ventilated by the circuit court, leaving the Supreme Court in the position of ruling after the normal appellate process has played out. All of that would take time, of course, likely too much time.

The Supreme Court should agree to hear this case. It should grant "certiorari before judgment." Rule 11 of the Court's practice emphasizes that this will be granted in cases of "imperative public importance." This is such a case. Indeed, if the question of whether the president is above the law does not present a question of "imperative public importance," then no case meets this stringent requirement.

The Court rarely grants certiorari before judgment. Historically, the two great cases in which the Court has granted the writ were those involving sweeping assertions of presidential power, though neither presented an issue of such soaring importance as a former president claiming he is above the law. In Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. v. Sawyer (1952), better known as the Steel Seizure Case, the Supreme Court rejected President Harry Truman's claim of an emergency presidential power to seize the steel mills to keep them open and operating in the face of a nationwide steel strike

at a time when the production of steel was vital to America's role in the Korean War and the success of the Marshall Plan in rebuilding Europe after the devastation of World War II. The Court held that no statute and no constitutional provision conferred authority upon the president to seize private property.

More recently, in 1974 in United States v. Nixon—the Watergate Tapes Case—the Court granted certiorari before judgment when President Richard Nixon asserted the power of "absolute executive privilege" to withhold taped conversations in the Oval Office in a criminal case involving Watergate defendants. The Court, in a unanimous 8-0 opinion (Justice William Rehnquist recused himself) authored by Chief Justice Warren Burger, a Nixon appointee, rejected Nixon's unprecedented assertion of power, finding no support in the architecture of the Constitution.

USA v. Trump represents the most profoundly important issue of our time, indeed, of any time in American history. The Court should decide if the president is immune from criminal prosecution and whether any man—or woman—is above the law.

David Adler is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality and civic education. This column is made possible with the support of the South Dakota Humanities Council, South Dakota NewsMedia Association and this newspaper.

Tuesday, December 26 is

National Thank You Note Day

National Candy Cane Day

Boxing Day

Merry Christmas
Only Bunkhouse Brand Refrigerator
Don't miss this holiday display for all the fine folks who have gathered here at the holiday season and fall through the year. Good friends should always have their own Bunkhouse Brand Refrigerator. Should say them you can't live without it!

Rosholt School Board Proceedings

DECEMBER 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for the Rosholt School District 64-4 was held in the boardroom on Dec. 11, 2023. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chr. Sand.

Members present were Lisa Klein, Kevin Klein, Curt Braun and Diana LeClair was absent. Others present were Superintendent Olang, Business Manager Boom, Teachers Renee Zach and Jody Carl. A quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance was said. Chr. Sand welcomed visitors and thanked them for coming.

Action #78-24 was made by Braun, seconded by L.Klein to accept the Agenda with the following additions: New business C. NSB/ASBSD Summits, D. Legislators: E. AI Policy. All Aye.

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

Action #79-24 was made by K.Klein, seconded by L.Klein, to approve the Nov. 13 Regular Mtg Minutes. All Aye.

Action #80-24 was made by L.Klein, seconded by Braun, to approve the following financial report for November 2023. All Aye.

GENERAL: Beg. bal. 301,510.86; Rec. 301,902.83; Exp. 236,304.16; End bal. 367,109.53. COL: Beg. bal. 19,283.89; Rec. 188,680.95; Exp. 253,324.79; End bal. 166,359.01.

AFED: Beg. bal. 146,584.79; Rec. 88,471.60; Exp. 36,950.16; End bal. 207,163.23. FOOD SERVICE: Beg. bal. 105,162.93; Rec. 0.00; Exp. 93,071.44; End bal. 86,091.49.

OTHER WELLNESS: Beg. bal. 21,278.82; Rec. 592.00; Exp. 0.00; End bal. 21,870.82. RECEIPTS: LG: Beg. bal. 461,511.47; State: 112,509.00.

Fed. 309.82; Other: 0.00; Total: 674,330.29. MONEY MARKET: Dist. 2,076,500.15. TRUST & AGENCY: Total 135,848.43.

Action #81-24 was made by Sand, seconded by K.Klein to approve the following bills for Dec. 2023: All Aye.

Amazon Capital Services: Med supplies/kitcher supplies, 624.16; Apple Inc., 10 iPads for colony, 4,190.00; Aramark Uniform Services: kitchen laundry, 391.30; Century Business Products, Inc., printer leases/copies, 1,583.41; Church, Maholls, Freeman etc, legal fees, 440.63; Custodial Account, reimburse imprest fund, 766.52; Dakota Waste Solutions, November garbage, 430.50; Eckroli Music Co., instrument repairs/supplies, 669.84; First Interstate Bank, service charges, 20.00; Golden West Technologies, internet cables for new speaker, 1,223.41; Gripper Sports, fall sports awards, 187.95; Hilliard/Hutchinson, supplies, 250.84; Honeywell, Inc., service 12/01/2023-02/29/2024, 7,265.56; Infinite Campus, CC implementation training, 112.50; Interstate All Battery Center, batteries, 207.30; Jerry's U-Save, Inc., propane fuel, 1194.2 gallons, 1,349.44; Josten's, graduation covers, 377.45; Kemps LLC, milk, 2,139.95; Kevin Klein, board meeting mileage, 28.50; Lisa Klein, ASBSD board meeting mileage, 284.07; KSB School Law, legal advice consultant newspaper, 84.50; L&B Hardware LLC, shop/maint supplies, 12,604.56; Lakes Gas, fuel, 4,874.90; Kneiss Toberg, reimburse for MS school bus, 3,000.00; Mike Loh, pulling cables to new speaker system, 620.00; Massena and Supplies, books for OCLA, 11 forms, 813.45; NESC, services,

(See SCHOOL Page 14)

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12-20-23

PUBLIC NOTICES

ROBERTS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CLAIRE CITY MINUTES

December 5, 2023 The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 am in regular session with Tom Vergeldt, Don Carlson, Faye Johnston, Tim Zempel and Kristi Fritz present. Jason Deutsch-Sisseton Cotrier livestream. Chairman Vergeldt presiding. Vergeldt called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Norma Arend Finance Officer, Arlo Anderson, Calvin Pies, Sandy Lowery, Jim Thurman, Jon Boomgarden, Nikki Mikkelsen, David Lewandowski, Cierra Schwinger, David Cardwell, Connie Brotzel and Jennica Pottebaum.

Bentlin called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Public communication: This is suggested for a year to move in a tree east of the firehall for the town to

2.77, Summit Shop #1 Diesel 3.57; VIG LUMBER-Landfill #1 diesel 3.49, New Effington shop #1 diesel 3.49, Summit shop #1 diesel 3.49, Sisseton Shop Ethanol 2.99. Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to accept low quotes of VIG GAS for Diesel #1 (Landfill, New Effington and Summit Shop) 3.49; CHS for ethanol-Sisseton Shop 2.77. All voted aye, motion carried. Motion carried.

November Daycare Payroll gross (2 pay periods) Anderson, Jacy, payroll, \$1,024.60; Bauer, Allison, payroll, \$76.36; Dominguez, Channa, payroll, \$497.56; Edwards, Mary, payroll, \$1,145.48; Lane, Emily, payroll, \$2,071.23; Renville, Sheridan, payroll, \$2,544.41; Schwinger, Cierra, payroll, \$500.00; Tschabert, Tiffany, payroll, \$3,560.48; November Daycare Payroll total,

Culligan, bar water softener rent-2 months, \$109.50; Dakota Hills Excavating, Northside Addition-tabled at Nov. meeting, \$93,259.15; Grant County Review, publications & adv., \$30.30; Hawkins Inc, azone, \$1,189.77; Ménards, supplies, \$312.80; Otter Tail, electricity, includes daycare, \$1,681.03; Otter Tail, transformer repair, \$3,916.64; Post Office, postage, \$66.00; Quale Construction LLP, repair garage door on city shop, \$76.50; RC Comm., internet & phone daycare, old gym & fire-hall, \$378.55; Rural Devel., old project loan pymt, \$996.00; Rural Devel., new water loan pymt, \$2,209.00; Rural Devel., coffee cup project loan pymt, \$1,122.00; Sioux Valley Coop, propane old gym, \$652.34; Sisseton Courier, publications, \$44.18; SD Dept. of Ag & NR, NPDES Municipal fee, \$250.00; SD Dept. of Health, water tests, \$15.00; SD Municipal League, annual dues, \$562.83; SD Retirement System, with held & match, \$2,144.40; SD Retirement System, fee, \$113.49; Whetstone Sanitation, Nov., \$3,090.00; Wright, Dawn, monthly facebook & website updates, \$100.00; Arend, Norma, wages, \$745.90; Bauer, Dale, wages, \$332.46; Bentlin, Travis, wages, \$415.58; Boomgarden, Jon, wages, \$2,732.82; Mikkelsen, Nikki,

BRIDGE-Rentals/A-OX 111.51, Repairs/ACE 12.87, Auto Value 558.91, CNH Industrial 8252.32, Equipment Blades 1128.80, First Call Auto 446.58; Inland Truck Parts 6780.15, Laursen Asphalt 20.00, Valley Office 85.13, Total 894.94, Little Falls Machinery 2067.32, Nielson Exe 660.00, Services/Cameron Law 12500.00, Northern Truck Equip 221.60, Doody Law 12500.00, Total SD DOT 12006.15, Transource 25000.00; COURT APPT ATTY- Court Equip, attorney

Old Business: Cal's fence progress update-materials are delivered and he is currently working on the fence. Cal's vehicles on main street issue-Cal is currently working on this issue. Barking dogs- two letters for barking dogs and one letter for dog at large will be sent out. Expenses the town incurred for the old grocery store tear down have been assessed to the property. Delinquent water bills were discussed.

New Business: 2024 water, sewer & garbage rates will remain the same as 2023. Daycare items were discussed. Jennica put a few cards on the bank's Angel Tree for the daycare. Another fundraiser will be done in the spring.

City Maintenance- looking for inexpensive saucers for the dumpsters, flushing hydrants will be done in the near future. Motion by Bentlin, second by Quale to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. The next regular town board meeting will be Sunday, January 7th, 2024 at 6:00pm at the town fire hall. Norma Arend, Finance Officer

ORDINANCE 694

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, an ordinance to amend Section 1.03.01 adopted by Ordinance 686, January 9, 2023, as amended, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Sisseton.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Sisseton, South Dakota: that Section 1.03.01 adopted by Ordinance 686, January 9, 2023, as amended, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Sisseton be amended to classify the following property:

East half of lots 1-6 Block 124, City of Sisseton, SD 57262. To Highway Commercial (HC) from General Residential (R2).

Passed this first reading this 13th day of November, 2023. Passed this second reading and adoption this 11th day of December, 2023.

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7-3-23 for that. The Claire City Board met on Monday, July 3rd at the Claire City Hall at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Lyle Carl, Councilmen Randy Kriz, and Allen Schrader and Brent Wolfe, Finance Officer. Mayor Carl called the meeting to order. Carl called for public comment, there was none. Minutes were read and motion by Schrader and seconded by Kriz to approve. Treasurer's report was read and motion by Schrader and seconded by Kriz to approve.

NEW BUSINESS Had an inquiry on a city lot. Block 5 and lot 7. After discussion it was decided that the value would be \$1000 provided that a structure would be built on it. Motion by Schrader and seconded by Kriz to pay all existing bills. Wages paid this month \$737.36. Motion by Kriz and seconded by Schrader and seconded by Kriz to pay all existing bills. Wages paid this month \$723.87 Motion by Schrader and seconded by Kriz to adjourn. Brent Wolfe Finance Officer Published once at a total approximate cost of \$9.96 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

OLD BUSINESS Still working on the cement by the cafe. New flag poles have been installed. Still figuring out the

11-6-23

The Claire City Board met on Monday, November 6th at the Claire City Hall at 8:00 p.m. with Mayor Lyle Carl, Councilmen Randy Kriz, and Allen Schrader and Brent Wolfe, Finance Officer. Mayor Carl called the meeting to order. Carl called for public comment, there was none. Minutes were read and motion by Schrader and seconded by Kriz to approve. Treasurer's report was read and motion by Kriz and seconded by Schrader to approve.

OLD BUSINESS Still working on the cement by the cafe. Have gotten some feedback on the flower garden. Will look into a low maintenance plant and maybe ask for some donations

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners, Roberts County, South Dakota will meet in their chambers at the County Courthouse, Sisseton, South Dakota, on the 26th of December at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of considering the adoption of a supplemental budget for the calendar year 2023 for the following budgets:

Table with 2 columns: Budget Item, Amount. Court Appointed Attorney \$55,000, Public Defender \$80,000, Sheriff \$70,000.

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Poor \$35,000 All interested persons may appear at this time, either in person or by representation and be heard. By order of the Board of County Commissioners, Roberts County, South Dakota this 12th day of December, 2023. For handicap accessibility please call (605) 698-7336. Kristi Fritz Roberts County Auditor

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LIFELINE: The Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone or internet service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$9.25 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge and Access Recover Charge are not assessed to consumers participating in Lifeline. Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long-distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost. Also, choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

TRIBAL LIFELINE: The Tribal Lifeline program provides up to an additional \$25.00 in federal support to qualifying residents of Tribal Lands and applies to the main service listed in the name of the eligible telephone or internet company subscriber.

TRIBAL LINK-UP: Tribal Link-Up support is available to qualifying consumers residing on Tribal Lands and covers 100% of the charges (up to \$100) that the carrier customarily assesses for installing/connecting subscribers to the network.

Consumers are eligible for Lifeline if they, one of their dependents or their household participate in one of the following qualifying assistance programs or have a household income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (documentation is required):

LIFELINE

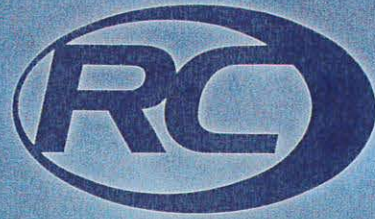
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (Food Stamps)
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Medicaid
Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefit Programs

TRIBAL LIFELINE & LINK-UP

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance
Tribal Temporary Assistance of Needy Families (Tribal TANF)
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
Tribal Headstart (only household that meet the income qualifying standard)

If you are on Lifeline or Link-Up and are no longer eligible for any of these low-income programs or if your household income no longer meets the requirements set forth in the Federal Poverty Guidelines, you are obligated by law to notify RC Technologies of your ineligibility. The FCC prohibits consumers from receiving more than one Lifeline subsidized wireless telephone or discounted home telephone.

Contact the RC Technologies office in New Effington, 605-637-5211 or 800-256-6854, for more information or application forms. You may also e-mail questions to csrs@rctechteam.com.



TECHNOLOGIES

2023 - 2024 TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Big Stone City	57216	New Effington	57255
Browns Valley	56219	Peever.....	57257
Claire City.....	57224	Rosholt.....	57260
Corona.....	57227	Sisseton.....	57262
Kranzburg.....	57245	Summit	57266
Milbank	57252	including:	
including:		Marvin.....	57251
Corona.....	57227	Veblen.....	57270
Twin Brooks	57269	Watertown	57201
		Wilmot.....	57279



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General Rules, Regulations, & Information

PAYMENT OF BILLS

All telephone, internet and video service bills will be billed to the subscriber on a monthly basis. Statements shall be mailed to the subscriber the first of each month. Local service charges are billed one month in advance. The statement is due by the 10th of each month. Customers that have not made full payment will receive a reminder call on the 13th. If no payment by the 20th, customer will receive a final call. If payment is not received by the last day of that month, penalty fees will be added to the past due account. If payment is still not received by the 5th of the following month, (1) service will be disconnected for non payment and will not be reconnected until the current amount due, plus additional charges have been paid in full. (2) RC Technologies may charge an additional deposit fee in its discretion.

If a customer pays a portion of their bill sufficient to cover all local service charges, but not long distance charges, the company may, at its discretion, or at the customer's request, put a toll restriction on the customer's line until all long distance charges and any additional local service charges are paid in full. Toll service will be restored once, and only if, all past due amounts are received.

RC offers many convenient ways to pay your monthly bill. Have your payments automatically deducted from your bank account, credit card, or register on-line at www.tnics.com for electronic billing. Choose from either monthly or recurring payment options. When mailing payments to the RC office, be sure to enclose the payment stub along with your payment.

NEW OR RECONNECTED SUBSCRIBER PROMPT PAYMENT POLICY

RC Technologies reviews the service payment history for all subscribers. Such payment history serves as the basis for establishing a credit rating for each subscriber. New subscribers who do not have a credit rating, or who have a credit rating which does not meet minimal standards established from time to time by RC Technologies, must make their payments within 10 days after billing for the first 6 months of service. Subscribers who have been disconnected for non-payment must make their payments within 10 days for the first 6 months after reconnection. Assuming payments are made in a timely fashion during the first 6 months of service, such subscribers are subject to the Payment of Bills procedure described above and payments must then be made in accordance with that schedule.

RC Technologies may in its discretion disconnect service for new subscribers or subscribers who have been reconnected after being disconnected for non-payment, who do not observe this required Prompt Payment Policy.

NEW OR RECONNECTED SUBSCRIBER DEPOSIT POLICY

A \$100.00 telephone deposit and \$150.00 video deposit may be required at the time of application for

each new subscriber with no credit rating or a credit rating which does not meet the minimum standards established from time-to-time by RC Technologies or subscribers who have been reconnected after disconnection for non-payment. The deposit will be returned after one year if payments are successfully made complying with the Subscriber Prompt Payment Policy and Payment of Bills Policy for 12 consecutive months. The deposit will be retained by RC Technologies if the subscriber fails to comply with these policies.

LIFELINE PROGRAM

Lifeline Terms and Conditions

RC Technologies (the "Company") offers Lifeline program-supported service to qualified low-income residential consumers for one telephone or internet line per eligible household. The Lifeline program provides discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone or internet service. Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone or internet service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$9.25 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge and Access Recovery Charge are not assessed to consumers participating in Lifeline. Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

Lifeline Program Eligibility Information

Program Based Eligibility

Consumers are eligible for Lifeline if they, one of their dependents or their household participate in one of the following qualifying assistance programs:

- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veteran's Pension and Survivor's Benefit

Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means.

Acceptable documentation of program-based eligibility includes: current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; program participation documents; or another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.

Income Based Eligibility

In addition, consumers are eligible for Lifeline if their household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

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Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes: prior year's state, federal or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; social security statement of benefits; Veterans Administration statement of benefits; retirement/pension statement of benefits; unemployment/workmen's compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice of letter participating in General Assistance; or a divorce decree or child support award or other official document containing income information.

Tribal Eligibility

A subscriber who lives on Tribal lands and is an eligible resident of Tribal lands is eligible for Tribal Lifeline service or Tribal Link Up if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household participates in any of the above-listed qualifying assistance programs or one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Tribal subscribers may also qualify if the household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Numbers of Minutes-of-Use Provided as Part of Lifeline Program Service

The Company's Voice Lifeline service includes unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. The Company's Voice Lifeline Plan does not include any free minutes-of-use for toll. Toll is billed at the standard toll rate depending on which interexchange carrier the consumer subscribes to for toll service. As part of the Lifeline service, Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

Rates

Subscribers may receive the Lifeline credit on any type or grade of local service, including voice, internet or bundled services that are normally offered by the Company. Advertised rates do not include any applicable taxes or surcharges.

Recertification of Lifeline Eligibility

Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for the Lifeline program will result in termination of the Lifeline recipient's monthly Lifeline discount and de-enrollment from the Lifeline Program.

Additional Lifeline Program Information

The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A 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. 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.

To apply for the Lifeline Program, please visit www.lifelinesupport.org or call 1-800-234-9473 to have an application mailed to you.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW SERVICE

MOVES OR DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

It is preferred that you stop in person at our Business Office to arrange for the installation of service. If this is not convenient, please telephone us and we will be glad to furnish you with an application for service prepared for your signature.

If you wish telephone service discontinued or instruments moved from one location or address to another location or address, our Business Office should be notified by telephone or letter ten days in advance.

After the telephone has been placed at a location designated by the customer, the customer agrees not to move, alter or abuse the instrument or any telephone equipment on the premises leased from the company to the customer.

SUSPENSION OF SERVICE

When you are away from your residence for an extended period, you may arrange to have your telephone service temporarily suspended at a reduced rate, retaining your telephone number.

BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION

Telephone numbers used in business advertising will classify that number as a business telephone regardless of the location. The use of the service rather than location will determine the classification.

RESIDENCE ADDITIONAL LISTINGS

You can list other members of your household in the telephone directory. Extra listings make it easier for friends to locate members of your family and add to a really complete service in your home.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

One directory for each access line is furnished without charge.