

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

Company: Valley Telecommunications Coop Assn.

Address: PO Box 7  
102 Main St S  
Herreid, SD 57632

Telephone number: 605-437-2615

Company contact: Sarah Wientjes or Arnie Hanson

Study Area Code: 391685

Lifeline/Tribal Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:



Advertise in media of general distribution.\* (See attached advertisement(s).)



Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Tribal Link Up within 1<sup>st</sup> 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.valleytel.net/forms-and-policies/>



Company's information posted on USAC website.



Other (describe):

\*Required



Invoice Number	Invoice Date
569039	12/31/2023
Advertiser No.	Amount Due
11171	\$109.50
	Due Date
	1/30/2024

Valley Telecommunications  
 Accounting  
 PO Box 7  
 Herreid SD 57632

JAN 8 2024

VA#328  
 1.6728.

A finance charge of 4.5% will be applied to any account where payment is not received by the 25th.

Amount Enclosed

Please detach top portion and return with your payment.

INVOICE

Prairie Pioneer		Valley Telecommunications			Invoice No. 569039	12/31/2023
Date	Order	Description	Ad Size	SubTotal	Sales Tax	Amount
12/21/2023	242959 PP	Display Ad: ROP: FUC Charges	2 x 3			\$60.30
12/25/2023	242959 REM	Display Ad: ROP: FUC Charges	2 x 3			\$49.20
				Sub Total:		\$109.50
Total Transactions: 2				Total:		\$109.50

SUMMARY Advertiser No. 11171 Invoice No. 569039 Invoice Amount \$109.50

Tear Sheets 1 A finance charge of 4.5% will be applied to any account where payment is not received by the 25th.

Thank you!

Please make checks payable to:

Prairie Pioneer  
 1413 E Grand Crossing  
 Mobridge, SD 57601

Thank you for advertising with our paper!

PAY ONLINE at <https://www.pioneer.com/pay-my-bill/>



Invoice Number	569040	Invoice Date	12/31/2023
Advertiser No.	11171	Amount Due	\$182.50
		Due Date	1/30/2024

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*VA# 328*  
*1.6725.*

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**INVOICE**

Prairie Pioneer		Valley Telecommunications		Invoice No. 569040	12/31/2023	
Date	Order	Description	Ad Size	SubTotal	Sales Tax	Amount
12/21/2023	242960 PP	Display Ad: ROP: Federal Lifeline Notice	2 x 5			\$100.50
12/25/2023	242960 REM	Display Ad: ROP: Federal Lifeline Notice	2 x 5			\$82.00
				<b>Sub Total:</b>		<b>\$182.50</b>
<b>Total Transactions: 2</b>				<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$182.50</b>

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Transaction Period: 12/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

Advertiser Number: 11171  
 Billing Date: 12/31/2023  
 Due Date: 1/30/2024  
**Amount Due: \$292.00**  
 Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach top portion and return with your payment.

**STATEMENT**

Prairie Pioneer					12/31/2023	
Date	Ref No.	Transaction	Details	Debit	Credit	
Balance Forward:				\$148.75		
12/13/2023	564637	Check	55679		\$148.75	
12/31/2023	569039	Invoice	FUC Charges	\$109.50		
		12/21/2023 PP	2 x 3 Display Ad: ROP: FUC Charges	\$60.30		
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12/31/2023	569040	Invoice	Federal Lifeline Notice	\$182.50		
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Valley Telecommunications  
 Advertiser No: 11171  
 No. of TearSheets: 1

AGING					
Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91+	
\$292.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Balance Forward: \$148.75  
 Debits: \$292.00  
 Credits: \$148.75  
**Amount Due: \$292.00**

A fee of 4.5% will be imposed on all balances that are past due  
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# Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,  
COUNTY OF CAMPBELL, ss.

I, Lori Cox, being first duly sworn, on oath says, that she is the bookkeeper of the Prairie Pioneer, a weekly newspaper published in Pollock, County of Campbell, and has full and personal knowledge of all the facts herein stated; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper and has a bona fide circulation of at least two hundred copies weekly, and has been published within said county for fifty-two successive weeks next prior to the publication of the notice herein mentioned; that the

FUC Charges

Valley Telco

a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which same was published, is attached to this sheet, and is made a part of this Affidavit, was published in said newspaper at least once each week for 1 successive week, on the day of each week on which said newspaper was regularly published to-wit:

1- Prairie Pioneer: 12/21/2023

That the full amount of the fees for the publication of the annexed notice is \$60.30

*Lori Cox*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1/9/2024


*Arden Pahl*

Arden Pahl, Notary Public  
State of South Dakota

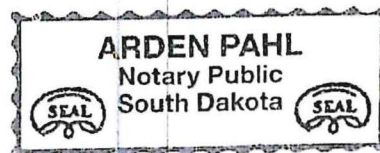
My commission expires August 1, 2025

**Federal Universal Service Charge  
Notice**

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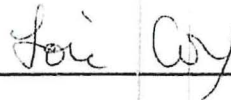
Federal Lifeline Notice

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State of South Dakota

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FUC Charges

Valley Telco

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

**December 25, 2023**

that the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same to-wit: the sum of \$49.20 inures solely to the benefit of the publishers of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for any division of this sum has been made with any other person; and that no part of said sum has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

*Lori Cox*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1/9/2024

*Arden Pahl*


Arden Nelson, Notary Public  
State of South Dakota  
My commission expires August 1, 2025

(Seal)



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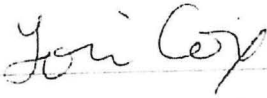
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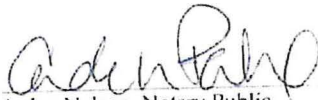
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Arden Nelson, Notary Public

State of South Dakota

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Invoice Number	Invoice Date
522566	6/30/2023
Advertiser No.	Amount Due
11171	\$294.75
	Due Date
	7/30/2023

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Accounting  
PO Box 7  
Herreid SD 57632

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Amount Enclosed

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INVOICE

Prairie Pioneer		Valley Telecommunications			Invoice No.	522566		6/30/2023
Date	Order	Description	Ad Size	SubTotal	Sales Tax	Amount		
6/14/2023	221707	TRIB Display Ad: ROP: 2023 Monthly Charges Federal Universal Service	2 x 7.5			\$144.00		
6/15/2023	221707	PP Display Ad: ROP: 2023 Monthly Charges Federal Universal Service	2 x 7.5			\$150.75		
						Sub Total:	\$294.75	
Total Transactions: 2						Total:	\$294.75	

SUMMARY Advertiser No. 11171 Invoice No. 522566 Invoice Amount \$294.75

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Thank you!  
Please make checks payable to:  
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Mobridge, SD 57601  
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Mobridge Tribune  
Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

COUNTY OF WALWORTH

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

**Federal Universal Service Charge**

**Valley Telecommunications**

a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper for 1 successive weeks upon the following dates, to-wit:

**1- Mobridge Tribune: 6/28/2023**

that the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same to-wit: the sum of \$57.60 inures solely to the benefit of the publishers of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for any division of this sum has been made with any other person; and that no part of said sum has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

*Marjorie Schaffer*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this date of 7/12/2023


*Arden Pahl*

Arden Pahl, Notary Public  
State of South Dakota  
My commission expires August 1, 2025



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# Mobridge Tribune Affidavit of Publication

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## 2023 Monthly Charges Federal Universal Service

### Valley Telecommunications

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### 1- Mobridge Tribune: 6/14/2023

that the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same to-wit: the sum of **\$144.00** inures solely to the benefit of the publishers of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for any division of this sum has been made with any other person; and that no part of said sum has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this date of  
7/12/2023



Arden Pahl, Notary Public  
State of South Dakota  
My commission expires August 1, 2025



## Valley Telecommunications Universal Telephone Service

Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, "universal service" means basic telephone service is available to all customers. Universal service is voice grade access to the telecommunications network, local usage at no additional charge, access to emergency 911 services, and toll limitation services to qualifying low income consumers. Universal service also provides support for broadband Internet access services which provide the capability to transmit data to and receive data from substantially all Internet endpoints. All of these services are available from Valley Telecommunications in: Eureka, Glenham, Herreid, Hosmer, Ipswich, Leola, Long Lake, Mound City, and Pollock.

### 2023 Monthly Charges for Residential Services:

Basic local resident service	\$23.00
<i>(including extended area service to designated nearby service areas)</i>	
Touchtone Service	No additional charge
Single Party Service	No additional charge
Access to emergency service	No additional charge
<i>Local government assesses a \$1.25 tax to pay for special equipment</i>	
Access to operator services	No additional charge
Access to directory assistance	No additional charge
<i>Charges for services provided by Directory Assistance vary and are determined by the long distance company who provided the service.</i>	
Federal Universal Service Charge	29% (changes quarterly)
<i>(FUSC Charge will change on July 1, 2023)</i>	
Federal Access Charge	\$6.50
<i>Flat rate prescribed by Federal Communications Commission</i>	
Access Recovery Charge	(Bus Only) \$3.00
Lifeline Low Income Discounts	\$5.25
<i>To prevent long distance calls made from your phone, toll blocking is available at no charge to low-income consumers.</i>	



The Home Team Advantage.

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# Invoice

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

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

INVOICE #	DATE	TOTAL DUE	DUE DATE	TERMS	ENCLOSED
27743	12/28/2023	\$113.90	01/27/2024	Net 30	

DATE	ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
12/21/2023	Display Ad Display Ad - FUSC Notice	6	6.70	40.20
12/21/2023	Display Ad Display Ad - Federal Lifeline Notice	11	6.70	73.70

A 2% (\$2.00 minimum) service charge will be added to all past due invoices.

SUBTOTAL	113.90
TAX	0.00
TOTAL	113.90
BALANCE DUE	<b>\$113.90</b>

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# AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

## The Northwest Blade

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

STATE OF South Dakota: COUNTY OF McPherson

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

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

The notice has been published in the newspaper listed above.

DATE(S) OF PUBLICATION

12/21/23 – FUSC Notice Q1/2024; Federal Lifeline Notice

NAME OF THE CORPORATION/GOVERNMENT OFFICE: Valley Telecommunications

TYPE OF DOCUMENT: Legal

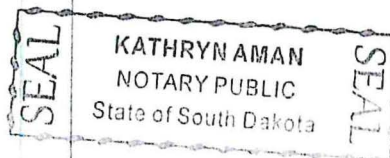
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: Kaitlin Huber

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON THE

27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2023.

NOTARY SIGNATURE: Kathryn Aman

COMMISSION EXPIRES: 4-4-24



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JUN 28 2023

**Invoice**

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nwblade@valleytel.net

**BILL TO**  
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PO Box 7  
Herried, SD 57632

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INVOICE #	DATE	TOTAL DUE	DUE DATE	TERMS	ENCLOSED
26951	06/29/2023	\$135.45	07/29/2023	Net 30	

DATE	ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
06/15/2023	<b>Display Ad</b> Display Ad - Monthly Res. Charges	15	6.45	96.75
06/29/2023	<b>Display Ad</b> Display Ad - Federal Universal Service Charge Notice	6	6.45	38.70
		<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		135.45
		<b>TAX</b>		0.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>		135.45
		<b>BALANCE DUE</b>		<b>\$135.45</b>



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Land Management, www.  
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**AT 1603 J AVE - EUREKA, SD**  
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**JULY 1-4, OPENING AT 10 A.M. DAILY**


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 Zip Codes  
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of County  
 Codes  
**\$52**

**Federal Universal Service Charge**  
**Notice**

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## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

### The Northwest Blade

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

STATE OF South Dakota: COUNTY OF McPherson

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

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

The notice has been published in the newspaper listed above.

DATE(S) OF PUBLICATION

6/15/2023 – Universal Telephone Service Notice  
6/29/2023 – Federal Universal Service Charge

NAME OF THE CORPORATION/GOVERNMENT OFFICE: Valley Telecommunications

TYPE OF DOCUMENT: Legal

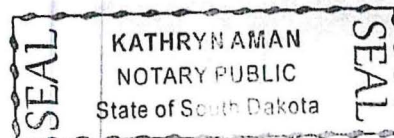
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: Kaitlin Huber

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON THE

28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June, 2023.

NOTARY SIGNATURE: Kathryn Aman

COMMISSION EXPIRES: 4-4-2024



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### 2023 Monthly Charges for Residential Services:

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Ipswich, SD 57451

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## Invoice

Date	Invoice #
12/20/2023	60116C

<b>Bill To</b>
Valley Cable & Satellite PO Box 7 Herreid, SD 57632

P.O. No.	Terms	Project

Description	Column Inch	Amount
Tribune ad - Universal Service Charge	6	24.00
Tribune ad - Lifeline Notice	10	40.00
V-348 1.6728		

<b>Subtotal</b>		\$64.00
<b>Sales Tax (6.2%)</b>		\$0.00
<b>Total</b>		\$64.00
<b>Payments/Credits</b>		\$0.00
<b>Balance Due</b>		\$64.00



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State of South Dakota )
) SS
County of Edmunds )

D.E. Gibson of said county, being, first duly sworn on oath says: That he is the publisher or an employee of the publisher of the Edmunds Co. Tribune, a weekly newspaper, published in the City of Ipswich, in said County of Edmunds, and State of South Dakota; that he has full and personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper as defined in SDCL 17-2-2.1 through 17-2-2.4 inclusive; that said newspaper has been published within the said County of Edmunds and State of South Dakota, for at least one year next prior to the first publication of the attached public notice, and that the advertisement headed

FEDERAL LIFELINE NOTICE

VALLEY

a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which the same was published, and which is hereto attached and made a part of this affidavit, was published in said newspaper for one successive issues.

The First publication being made on the 20 day of Dec., 2023

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

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

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

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

That the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of the attached public notice insures to the sole benefit of the publisher; that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof has been made with any other person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever; that the fees charged for the publication thereof are:

Forty Dollars and no cents (\$40.00)

Signed: [Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Dec., 2023



[Signature]

Notary Public - Edmunds County, South Dakota

My commission expires February 26, 2025

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## Federal Lifeline Notice

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

Single Party Residence Service \$23.00/month

Single Party Business Service \$23.00/month

Broadband Service is available, contact Valley for additional information.

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

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

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



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.....  
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE CHARGE  
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NOTICE  
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a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which the same was published, and which is hereto attached and made a part of this affidavit, was published in said newspaper for .....one..... successive issues.

The First publication being made on the .....20..... day of Dec....., 20.....<sup>23</sup>

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

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

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

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

That the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of the attached public notice insures to the sole benefit of the publisher; that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof has been made with any other person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever; that the fees charged for the publication thereof are:

.....Twenty-four.....Dollars and  
.....no.....cents (\$.....24.00.....)

Signed:.....  
*[Signature]*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this .....29..... day of Dec....., 20.....<sup>23</sup>



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*Tena M Gibson*  
.....  
Notary Public - Edmunds County, South Dakota  
My commission expires February 26, 2025

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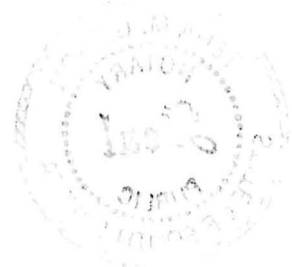


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6/28/2023	59086C

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P.O. No.	Terms	Project

Description	Column Inch	Amount
Tribune ad - Federal Charge	6	18.00
R-H Independent ad - Federal Charge	6	18.00

Subtotal	\$36.00
Sales Tax (6.5%)	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36.00</b>
Payments/Credits	\$0.00
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>\$36.00</b>



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NOTICE

a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which the same was published, and which is hereto attached and made a part of this affidavit, was published in said newspaper for one successive issues.

The First publication being made on the 28 day of June, 2023

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

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

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

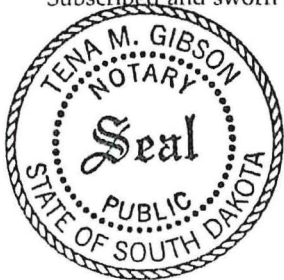
The Fifth publication being made on the day of , 20....

That the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of the attached public notice insures to the sole benefit of the publisher; that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof has been made with any other person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever; that the fees charged for the publication thereof are:

Eighteen Dollars and
no cents (\$18.00)

Signed: [Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of June, 2023



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

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )  
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County of McPherson )

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

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

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

Federal Lifeline Notice

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

Dec. 28, 2023

the second on \_\_\_\_\_

the third on \_\_\_\_\_

the fourth on \_\_\_\_\_

the fifth on \_\_\_\_\_

the sixth on \_\_\_\_\_

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

to-wit: the sum of \$ 35.00 inures soley to the benefit of the publisher of the McPherson County Herald. That no agreement or understanding of any division thereof has been made with any person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person ~~whomsoever~~.

JODI L. KALLAS  
Notary Public  
SEAL  
South Dakota

[Signature] Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of

December, 2023

Jodi L. Kallas  
Notary Public

My commission expires 8.25, 2026



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Service Charge Notice

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

Dec. 28, 2023

the second on \_\_\_\_\_

the third on \_\_\_\_\_

the fourth on \_\_\_\_\_

the fifth on \_\_\_\_\_

the sixth on \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

JODI L. KALLAS  
Notary Public  
REAL  
South Dakota

[Signature] Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of

December, 2023

Jodi L. Kallas  
Notary Public  
My commission expires P. 25, 2026

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# McPherson County Herald

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P.O. Box 170  
 Leola, SD 57456

Phone: 605-439-3131  
 Fax: 605-439-5315  
 Email: herald@valleytel.net

Bill to:

Valley Communications  
 PO Box 7  
 Herreid, SD 57632

Date	Size	Description	Unit Price	Total
11-24/12-22*29-22	Sponsor Pages	Thanksgiving, X-mas, New Years	30.00	30.00
12-22-22	2x5	Federal Lifeline Notice	35.00	65.00
12-22-22	2x3	Universal Service Charge Notice	21.00	86.00
1-27-23		payment	86.00	_____
5-18-23	Sponsor Page	LHS Graduation	10.00	10.00
7-3-23		Payment	10.00	_____
6-15-23	2x7	Universal Telephone Service	49.00	49.00
6-29-23	2x3	Universal Service Charge Notice	21.00	70.00
		V-329		
		1.6613, (162)		
			Balance Due	\$70.00

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Universal Telephone Service

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June 15, 2023

the second on \_\_\_\_\_

the third on \_\_\_\_\_

the fourth on \_\_\_\_\_

the fifth on \_\_\_\_\_

the sixth on \_\_\_\_\_

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

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JODI L. KALLAS  
Notary Public  
South Dakota

Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of

June, 20 23

Jodi L. Kallas  
Notary Public

My commission expires 8.25, 20 26

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Federal Universal Service Charge

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June 29, 2023

the second on \_\_\_\_\_  
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the fourth on \_\_\_\_\_  
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June, 2023

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## Companies near 57632

The order of these companies are random and may be different the next time you search. An asterisk (\*) after the company name means that this company offers both ACP and Lifeline.

Showing 1 of 1 companies

Download List: 

Company Name	Phone	Type of Service
Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association*	605-437-2615	Home Service

If you want to see more companies, see the list of companies in SD.

#### More About the Data

- Search results are based on program enrollment and information provided by the companies.
- Information on the availability of devices and plans free with the ACP benefit are self-reported by providers and subject to change.
- The search results may include a company listed in your area that may not provide service to your address.
- Also, the search results might not show every company that is near you. A company may still offer Lifeline and/or ACP service even if it is not on the list. Please contact the company to confirm if they offer Lifeline or the ACP service for your address.

#### Tell Us What You Think

We will continue to update this tool, so please check back often. If you have any comments or see something wrong - or if you are a company that needs to add or update your Lifeline or ACP information, email us at [LifelineProgram@usac.org](mailto:LifelineProgram@usac.org) or [ACProgram@usac.org](mailto:ACProgram@usac.org).

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Letter send to new subscribers



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**Valley Telecommunications  
Cooperative**

**PO Box 7 – 102 Main St S**

**Herreid, SD 57632-0007**

**Ph: 605.437.2615 – Fax: 605.437.2220**

**[www.valleytel.net](http://www.valleytel.net)**

Dear Customer:

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

- Medicaid
  - SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps)
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - Federal Public Housing Assistance
  - Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension
- Or
- Individuals whose household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are also eligible for Lifeline assistance.

If you are eligible for Lifeline assistance under any of the programs listed above, please visit <https://www.usac.org/lifeline/rules-and-requirements/forms/> and complete the application form and return to: **USAC, Lifeline Support Center, PO Box 9100, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18773**. This address is also located at the bottom of Page 1 of the online application form.

*If the Lifeline Program Administrator is not able to validate that you or someone in your household qualify using this form and electronic databases, you may need to provide an official document from one of the government qualifying programs or documentation that proves your annual income. You can submit copies of your official documents with this application or wait until the Lifeline Program Administrator asks you for them. To add them now, include the documents in option 1 or option 2 below: 1. If you qualify through a government program, provide a copy of a document such as an approval letter or benefit letter with the name of the person in your household who qualifies, name of the program, and issue date within the past 12 months or future expiration date. 2. If you qualify through your income, provide a copy of the prior year's state, federal, or Tribal tax return or a current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub for 3 consecutive months (or other accepted documents). Visit [lifelinesupport.org](http://lifelinesupport.org) to see all acceptable document guidelines.*

If you require assistance completing the form, please feel free to stop by our Headquarters Office at 102 Main St in Herreid, or our Customer Service Center at 419 S 5<sup>th</sup> St, Ste 4 in Ipswich. You may also contact our business office at 605-437-2615 and we will be happy to assist you.

To continue receiving the Lifeline discount, you may be required to recertify and will be contacted directly by USAC. Recertification is the one-time process to confirm that all existing Lifeline subscribers meet the National Verifier's eligibility standards. Subscribers will be recertified one year after the date that they are successfully reverified. This benefit can only be received on either wireless or landline telephone service or broadband service. Each customer can only receive one Lifeline subsidy.



# Local TV Channel

## The “Lifeline” Telephone Assistance Plan is Available to Valley Customers

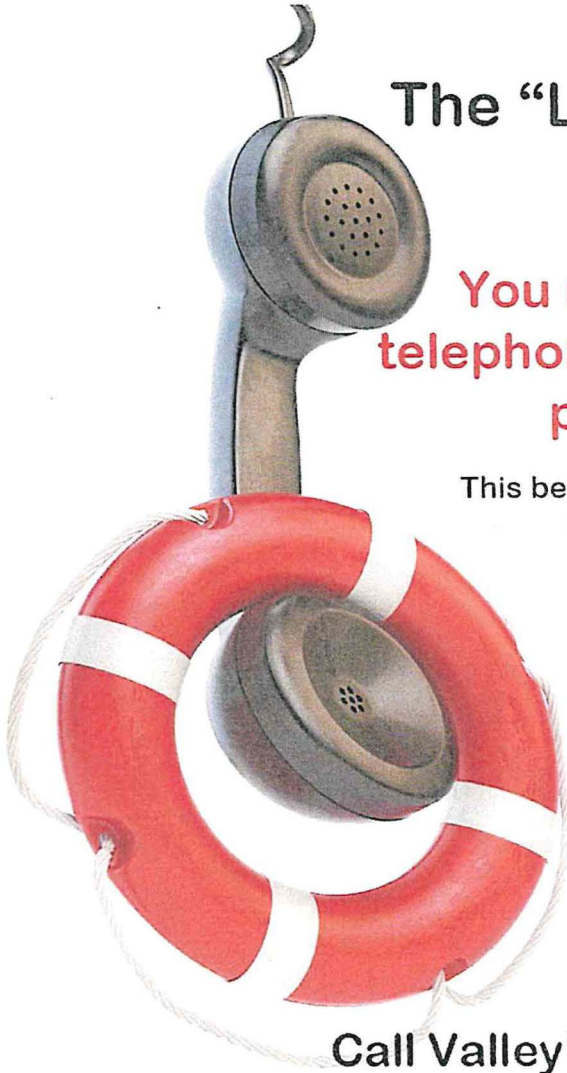
You may qualify for a discount of \$5.25 on your telephone bill if you participate in any of the following programs, or meet income guidelines...

This benefit can only be received on wireless or landline telephone service or broadband service. You may only receive one Lifeline Subsidy.

- \* Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)
  - \* Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8)
  - \* Medicaid (Title XIX/Medical)
  - \* Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - \* Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension
- OR

\* Individuals whose household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are also eligible for Lifeline Assistance

Call Valley’s Business Office at 605-437-2615 for Details





# Phone directory

## TELEPHONE/BROADBAND ASSISTANCE PLAN



### The Program

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

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

### Lifeline

The Lifeline program may provide a reduction in basic monthly telephone service or broadband service of: Phone without Internet; Phone & Internet, or just Internet. Please contact our business office for additional information regarding these discounts. The credit applies to the main account listed in the name of the subscriber. Lifeline subscribers may also receive blocking of long distance calls on their telephone line at no additional charge.

\* May be subject to change by the FCC.

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

### Who is Eligible?

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

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

### Other Ways to Qualify

A recent FCC ruling has added an additional eligibility criterion that is purely "income-based", and is not tied to subscriber participation in the previously mentioned government assistance programs. You are now eligible to participate in Lifeline if your income is at, or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Current guidelines may be obtained by contacting Valley Telecommunications Coop. Assn., Inc. or visit [www.universalservice.org](http://www.universalservice.org).

### Income Certification

If you qualify under the income-based eligibility criterion, and wish to apply for Lifeline Assistance, you must provide our office with supporting documentation of income.\* Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes the prior year's state, federal, or tribal tax return, a current income statement from an employer or a paycheck stub (at least 2 months), a Social Security statement of benefits, a Veterans Administration statement of benefits, a retirement/pension statement of benefits, an Unemployment/Worker's Compensation statement of benefits, federal notice of letter of participation in General Assistance, a divorce decree, child support, or other official documentation. (Subsection 54.410(1)).

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

### Could I become ineligible?

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

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

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

### How to Apply

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

