

EXHIBIT E

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2026

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 1st 30 days of service.* (See attached letter.)



Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information in directory.



Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information available on Company website. <https://www.valleytel.net/forms-and-policies/>



Company's information posted on USAC website.



Other (describe):

*Required

Newspaper Outreach

Federal Lifeline Notice

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YEARS AGO: Local History

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Kongsle. Sheila Weisbeck will provide organ music throughout the program. Pictures of the Snow Queen candidates are on page 2 in this paper.

LuCinda Knoepfle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Knoepfle, Herreid, has been named historian of the Theta Tau Sigma Sorority at Jamestown College in Jamestown, North Dakota. She was the only freshman to be chosen as a pledge to Theta Tau Sigma.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hasper will be honored on their silver anniversary at an open house at the Hull Christian Reformed Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Deibert celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Assembly of God Church.

The weather has been on the wintry side, following a week of sunshine and warmer temperatures. A heavy fog covered Herreid on Monday evening making travel hazardous. Whether an indicator of some kind or not, a robin was sighted the first official day of winter near the courthouse in Mound City. The red-breast was seen partaking of a free meal from the bird feeder located in the trees just north of the courthouse.

Kevin Weisbeck was named "Player of the Week" by the Herreid Jaycees.

**Pollock Pioneer
Dec. 25, 1975**

It was cloudy nearly all day Saturday,

but the sun broke through just in time to welcome Santa Claus on his annual visit to Pollock. A big crowd was on hand to watch the old gentleman hand out gifts to the kids, with varying responses from the younger ones who were seeing him for the first time.

Rites were held Wednesday for Ronald Meihak, former Pollock resident. Services were held in the Pollock Memorial Presbyterian Church. Rev. Henry VanderBilt officiated.

Things were going fine for Pollock at Java Friday night, with the score tied 28-28 at halftime. But in the third quarter the overhead structure collapsed for the Bulldogs. They scored only four points while the Panthers poured in 16, and it ended up with Pollock on the low end of a 50-44 score. Pollock won the B game at Java, 50-31, led by Tom Ryclaman with 20 points.

This issue of Dec. 25, 1975, marks the end of 20 years of service to the Pollock community. Next week the Pioneer begins its 21st year. Twenty years ago this week, the Pioneer was feverishly preparing for its very first issue. It was then, and for six months thereafter, the only business in town — the new town.

It was only with the support of the people here, and the many people from other parts of the country who still look on Pollock as "home," that the paper was

able to keep going through the many adversities and discouragements that afflict a new business in a small community. A special commendation is due, also, to those businesses whose advertisements you have seen in these pages week after week and year after year. It is the regular and faithful advertisers who, basically, keep the press rolling. We hope that with your continued support, we will be able to continue extending greetings every Christmas.

The Christmas concert at Pollock School was excellent. Mrs. Jerry Reier-son was the director. Judy Vander Vorste, Lori Hanson and Joan Nieuwsma were the accompanists for the concert. Several pictures are featured in this paper.

Bradley Meyer celebrated his first birthday Dec. 17.

**25 Years Ago
Prairie Pioneer
Dec. 21, 2000**

Arloene (Huizenga) and her husband Dr. Edward J. Laskowski of Bismarck were pictured on the U.S. Capitol steps in Washington, D.C. They traveled to Washington, where Edward received the North Dakota Outstand Older Worker Award. Laskowski retired from neurosurgery in 1975. "That lasted about a day and a half," his wife Arloene quipped. He was soon working again. Also pic-

tured at the gathering in Washington, D.C., was Robbie Eisenberg, 102, America's oldest worker for 2000. Laskowski received the Prime Tome winner at the age of 84.

Dec. 28, 2000

The Arlyn Hasper family of rural Herreid could not have received a better, more welcome Christmas gift. They learned this week that their son, Jason, 23, who has been fighting for his life much of the time he has been hospitalized since a Nov. 19 pickup wreck, will be coming home as early as Friday. Jason received multiple injuries, some of them life-threatening, when his cousin's pickup collided head-on with another pickup north of Herreid.

Santa Claus stopped in Pollock Dec. 23 with treats and prizes for young and old alike. Santa Claus also arrived in Herreid Dec. 23. A long line of children was waiting for Santa when he finally got to Herreid through the cold weather that Saturday.

Lighting contest winners in Herreid had Mark and Lisa Weisbeck as the top prize winners. Robert and Terri Volk Jr. took second place honors, and David and Tina Kary's home was given third place.

Many photos were featured of the participants at the Herreid School Christmas Concert.

Jacob A. Heinrich American Legion Auxiliary Unit #170, District 40

Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025

The Jacob A. Heinrich Legion Auxiliary Unit #170 met on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the Herreid Legion Hall.

The meeting was called to order by President Cindy Hettinger and roll call done with 8 members in attendance. Present were Cindy Hettinger, Darlene Bates, Deb Schuetzle, Sandy Brandner and Julie Brandner. Ellen Weisbeck joined the meeting via phone call.

President Cindy called the meeting to order and a moment of silence for the POW's and MIA's was observed and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Secretary's report from October meeting was read. Darlene made the motion to approve; Deb seconded the motion.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Sandy made a motion to approve and Julie seconded the motion.

President Cindy thanked the group for helping bring bars to the community center for the Veteran's Day program.

There was one Girls State applicant thus far with hopes of getting more.

A thank you was received from Marnie Goehring and her 3rd grade class for the dictionaries.

Goehring also expressed thanks to the group for the money donated to her by the auxiliary for her class.

A new shipment of poppies came in.

Santa Bags will be packed on Friday, Dec. 19 for Santa Day on Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. at the Her-

reid Community Center. It was mentioned that the junior members can help stuff the bags. Deb Schuetzle will contact these girls Rachel Rueb, Reagan Schuetzle, Leah Bohlander, Katie Allbee and Rylee Hanson and Deb will let Cindy know who would be going to help.

Carol, Ellen and Darlene will get the food and such ordered for the Bankers Banquet.

Cindy passed out an essay contest opportunity due April 15 with the subject matter, "Celebrating the 250th Birthday and the Veterans who fought for our Freedom." She will check with Shari about setting this up in February.

After the October meeting, Diana and Julie chatted outside and speculated that a memorial garden could be implemented beside the Legion building before the Quasquicentennial. The group visited about doing a joint project with the Legion Andrew visited with the Legion during their meeting and they are on board. Possible designs will be drawn up and submitted to the group soon. The city of Herreid has been notified and wishes to see potential designs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ellen Weisbeck mentioned that her brother, Sonny Pudwill, will be going to Hot Springs veteran facility soon and wondered if there was any talk about donating to this facility as the need is great. Discussion was held but matter tabled since our chapter is requested to donate to Fort Meade.

Next meeting is February 12, 2026.

Meeting adjourned.

Weather DEC. 8-14

Prepared by
Dale and Donna Meyer
Pollock Weather Observer

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



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I wish all my neighbors peace, joy and love this Christmas season and beyond. I'm blessed to be part of such a wonderful community.

*Like a good neighbor,
State Farm's there.*



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of South Dakota)
) SS
County of Edmunds)

D.E. Gibson of said county, being, first duly sworn on oath says: That he is the publisher or an employee of the publisher of the 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 17 day of Dec., 2025

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-two Dollars and fifty cents (\$42.50)

Signed: [Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of Jan., 2025



Tena M Gibson
Notary Public - Edmunds County, South Dakota
My commission expires May 31, 2031

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Affidavit of Publication
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

) SS
COUNTY OF WALWORTH)

I, Kevin Spideel, being first duly sworn under oath say: the Selby Record/continuing the Java Herald is a legal weekly newspaper of general circulation as required by South Dakota Codified Laws, and any acts amendatory thereto, published by KT Publishing dba Selby Record in said county and state, and has been such legal newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned; that during all of said time as an employee or officer of said newspaper, I have had personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed:

Federal lifeline notice

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:

Dec 18, 2025 _____ 2025
_____, 2025 _____ 2025
_____, 2025 _____ 2025
_____, 2025 _____ 2025

That the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same to wit: the sum of \$ 73.13

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.

Kevin Spideel
Miranda Sonstebly

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, 2026

My Commission expires

Miranda Sonstebly
My Commission Expires
September 3, 2031



Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
COUNTY OF CAMPBELL, ss.

I, James Brown, being first duly sworn, on oath says, that he 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

Federal Lifeline Notice

Valley Telecommunications

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 2 successive weeks, on the day of each week on which said newspaper was regularly published to-wit:

1- Prairie Pioneer: 12/18/2025

That the full amount of the fees for the publication of the annexed notice is \$100.00

James Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1/7/2026

Lori Cox

Lori Cox, Notary Public

State of South Dakota

My commission expires January 2, 2031

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

COUNTY OF WALWORTH

I, James Brown, having first duly sworn under oath say: The Monday Reminder is a weekly newspaper shopper of general circulation, and any acts amendatory thereto, printed and published by Mobridge Publishing, Inc., in Mobridge, in said county and state, and has been such newspaper shopper 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:

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Valley Telecommunications

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 22nd, 2025

that the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same to-wit: the sum of **\$90.00** 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.

James Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day
January 7th, 2026

Lori Cox

Lori Cox, Notary Public
State of South Dakota
My commission expires January 2nd, 2031

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

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

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

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

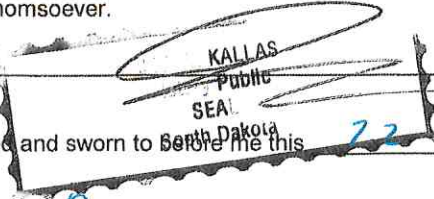
Federal Lifeline Notice

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Dec. 18, 2025

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

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



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of

December, 20 25

Jodi L. Kuehn Notary Public

My commission expires 8.25, 20 26

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

12/18/2025: Federal Lifeline Notice

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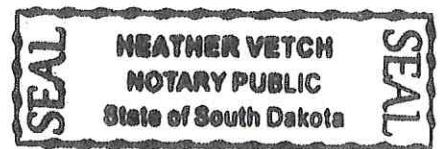
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: Kaitlin Huber

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON THE

23 DAY OF December, 2025.

NOTARY SIGNATURE: Heather Vetch

COMMISSION EXPIRES: 2-28-30



Valley Telecommunications Universal Telephone Service

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The Home Team Advantage.

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative
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www.valleytel.net

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of South Dakota)
) SS
 County of Edmunds)

D.E. Gibson of said county, being, first duly sworn on oath says: That he is the publisher or an employee of the publisher of the **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

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 VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

 UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE SERVICE

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

The First publication being made on the²⁵..... day of June, 20²⁵.....

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.....

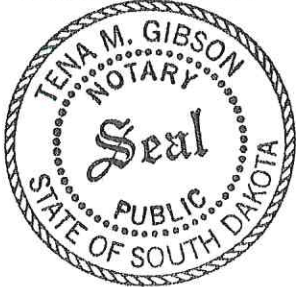
The Fifth publication being made on the day of, 20.....

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:

.....^{Sixty-three}.....Dollars and
^{seventy-five}.....cents (\$.....^{63.75}.....)

Signed:.....*DA*.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this²⁵..... day of June, 20²⁵.....



.....*Tena M Gibson*.....
 Notary Public - Edmunds County, South Dakota
 My commission expires May 30, 2031

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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

06/26/2025: Universal Telephone Service 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

26 DAY OF June, 20 25.

NOTARY SIGNATURE: Heather Veitch

COMMISSION EXPIRES: 2-28-30



Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
COUNTY OF CAMPBELL, ss.

I, Marjorie E. Schaffer, 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

Universal Telephone Service

Valley Telecommunications

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: 6/26/2025

That the full amount of the fees for the publication of the annexed notice is \$140.00

Marjorie E. Schaffer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6/24/2025

Lori Cox

Lori Cox, Notary Public
State of South Dakota
My commission expires January 2, 2031

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Affidavit of Publication

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

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

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

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

Universal Telephone Service

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

June 26, 2025

the second on _____

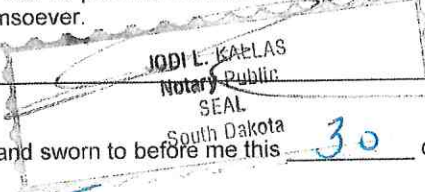
the third on _____

the fourth on _____

the fifth on _____

the sixth on _____

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



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of

June, 20 25

Jodi R. Kuehn Notary Public
My commission expires 8.25, 20 26

Letter – Lifeline Availability



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PO Box 7 – 102 Main St S
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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 to see all acceptable document guidelines.

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.

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 5th St, Ste 4 in Ipswich. You may also contact our business office at 605-437-2615 and we will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Valley Telecommunications

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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.

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

Visit <https://www.lifelinesupport.org>



Valley Website

FCC FORM 5629**Lifeline Program
Application Form**Universal Service
Administrative Co.

1. About Lifeline

Lifeline is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that provides a monthly phone or internet service discount for qualifying low-income consumers.

Rules

If you qualify, your household can receive a monthly Lifeline benefit of up to \$9.25 to lower the costs of phone or internet service and up to \$34.25 for qualifying households on Tribal lands.

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

Your household cannot get Lifeline from more than one phone or internet company. You are only allowed to get one Lifeline benefit per household, **not per person**.

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). Complete the Lifeline household worksheet to determine if more than one qualifying household is located at your address. If more than one person in your household participates in Lifeline, you are breaking the FCC's rules and will lose your benefit.

Do not give your benefit to another person

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

Be honest on this form

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

You may need to show other documents

If the Lifeline Program Administrator is not able to validate that you or someone in your household qualify by checking available electronic resources (including eligibility databases for the FCC's government agency partners), you may need to provide additional documents. For example, you may need to provide an official document that proves your participation in a qualifying government assistance program, your income, or your identity. Please include copies of your proof documentation when you submit your application to speed up processing time.

Apply

To apply for a Lifeline benefit, fill out the required sections of this form, initial every agreement statement, and sign on page 6. You can also apply online at [LifelineSupport.org](https://www.lifelinesupport.org) for fastest processing.

Mail the form to this address:

USAC
Lifeline Support Center
PO Box 1000
Horseheads, NY 14845

USAC Website



Companies Near Me

This tool can help you find companies in your area that offer [Lifeline](#), which can reduce the cost of your phone or internet service by providing a monthly discount.

Find a Company

Enter Your Zip Code

OR

Example: 12345

Enter Your City and State

Select a Program:

 Lifeline

Type of Service (Optional)

 Home Service Mobile Service

[Clear Results](#)

Companies near 57632

The order of these companies are random and may be different the next time you search.

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.
- 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 service even if it is not on the list. Please contact the company to confirm if they offer Lifeline 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 information, email us at LifelineProgram@usac.org.

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