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• Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
• Tribally Administered Head Start (for those meeting income-qualifying standards) and living on Tribal lands
• Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
• Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance and living on Tribal lands
• Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension Benefit
• Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
• Medicaid/Medical Assistance
• Food Support/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

If you do not participate in any of the programs listed, you may qualify if your income is at or below 135% of the 2017 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines. (The federal poverty guidelines are typically updated at the end of January.)

The telephone or broadband service must be in your name. You must show proof that you or a member of your household participates in at least one of the following programs or is income-eligible.

- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Food Support/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicaid/Medical Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension Benefit
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance and living on Tribal lands
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)
- Tribal Lands
- Tribal Administrated Head Start (for those meeting income-qualifying standards and living on Tribal lands)
- Tribal Administrated Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and living on Tribal lands

You may be eligible for assistance in paying your telephone bill if you receive benefits from certain low-income assistance programs. For more information, please contact Solix at 888-627-4255. They will do the verification process with you over the phone and can provide you with an application.

Minnesota’s Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) offers a monthly credit of $2.50 on your landline telephone service plan. You may receive the TAP credit on one line per household.

The federal Lifeline Program offers a monthly discount of $9.25 on your landline telephone service plans. Lifeline also offers discounts on some wireless telephone service plans and some broadband internet service plans. You may receive the Lifeline discount on one telephone service per household.

The federal Lifeline Program incorporates the broadband discount (not applicable to TAP).

If you live on Tribal lands, you may qualify for additional discounts. Tribal Lands Lifeline offers a monthly credit of up to $100 on installation or activation charges. Tribal Lands Link Up offers a one-time credit of up to $100 on installation or activation charges. Tribal Lands Link Up also offers discounts on some wireless telephone service plans and some broadband internet service plans. You may receive the Lifeline discount on one telephone service per household.

The federal Lifeline Program incorporates the broadband discount (not applicable to TAP).

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COMING MARCH 19 - APRIL 8

March means one thing to a college hoops fan... it’s tournament time! Watch live coverage from the First Four® to the Final Four®, which culminates with the NCAA® Division I Men’s Basketball Championship on CBS!

The NCAA® March Madness® Live app on PBTV Everywhere will provide an unlimited viewing experience throughout the entire tournament. Fans will have access to all games on PBTV Everywhere. PBTV Everywhere allows our TV customers to access various network shows, music, and even some live TV from their computer, tablet, or smart phone.

Don’t miss a single shot on TNT, CBS, TBS, and truTV on Paul Bunyan Television, in high definition with PBTV HD, or on the go with PBTV Everywhere. PBTV Everywhere allows our TV customers to access various network shows, music, and even some live TV from their computer, tablet, or smart phone.

Whether viewing on a big-screen TV or a computer, tablet, or smart phone, PBTV subscribers can enjoy the excitement of NCAA March Madness anywhere they are and however they choose. With Turner’s commitment to TV Everywhere (TVE), passionate fans can use the NCAA March Madness Live app as either a first- or second-screen interactive experience to enjoy all 67 tournament games.

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The CEO gave his monthly report. He reviewed meeting attendance and correspondence.

The strategic planning session which will be held January 17, 2019. Also present were CEO and General Manager Gary Johnson, CFO Dave Schultz and Administrative Assistant Kalsie Vanasse.

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2019 YO UTH TOUR JUNE 1-JUNE 5
Washington, D.C.

A diverse High School Students age 16 to 17 are encouraged to enter the Paul Bunyan Communications Essay Contest. The winner will have the opportunity to attend the 2019 Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. June 1-5 with all expenses paid by Paul Bunyan Communications.

Students interested in attending the Youth Tour need to submit a short essay, no more than 500 words in length, on why they would like to attend the Youth Tour. Students must be 16 or 17 years of age and in high school with their parents/guardian a member of Paul Bunyan Communications.

Entries can be dropped off at the Paul Bunyan Communications office in Bemidji or Grand Rapids, or they can be mailed to:

Paul Bunyan Communications

Essay Contest

Seminji, MN 56601

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS FRIDAY, MARCH 8

The trip features a comprehensive overview of the telecommunications industry, including careers in telecom, the critical role telecommunications plays in rural America, and how legislative and regulatory decisions affect the industry. The tour allows youth to meet with members of Congress who represent rural constituents. They also participate in educational sessions about the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Students visit Congress in the nation's capital, including the Supreme Court, Library of Congress, and the Capitol Building.

The hotel will be the DoubleTree by Hilton in Washington, D.C.

The trip is funded by the Paul Bunyan Communications Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Please be aware of the cooperative caucus voting rules of one vote per membership and how that applies to Paul Bunyan Communications. This includes understanding who is authorized on your account and therefore eligible to vote at the caucus. Oftentimes a husband or wife may sign or apply for service but not put the other spouse on the account and establish "joint membership." In that instance, the per cooperative's bylaws, the only individual who is on the account is authorized to vote. If you have any questions about your voting eligibility for these caucuses, please call our customer service department.

The Expectations of a Director for Paul Bunyan Communications can be found on our web site at www.paulbunyan.com/cooperative/articles.html or on page 42-48 of the information section in the 2019 Minnesota Gold Telephone Directory.

Please refer to these qualifications when you consider your nominations for a Director to represent your district or consider becoming a candidate yourself.

In addition to being an opportunity to nominate persons to represent your district, this caucus meeting is also an opportunity for you to ask questions concerning cooperative. The meeting will be attended by several key management staff.

Congratulations to Jake Weber and Zach Hallaway who are both recent Hockey Hot Shots winners! Jake and Zach both made winning shots from center ice at Grand Rapids Thunderhawks and BSU Beaver games. Check out these awesome shots on our Facebook page at Facebook.com/PaulBunyanCommunications.

2019 CAUCUS MEETING DATE SET

DISTRICT 5 - TUESDAY, APRIL 2
7:00 PM AT THE HELGA COMMUNITY CENTER (OLD NARY SCHOOL)

This caucus is only open to members of the coop from district 5