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Scholarship & Youth Opportunities From Polar

FRS Youth Tour -
High School Seniors

The Foundation for Rural Service was established in 1994 and, through its partnership with the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), promotes, educates and advocates to the public, rural telecommunications issues in order to sustain and enhance the rural way of life throughout America. In keeping with its mission, furthering education is one of FRS' primary focuses. Polar is proud to be a member of NTCA and to support FRS in this worthy endeavor.

As your local telecommunications service provider, it is our pleasure to offer this scholarship program to the students in your school. Should a student from our service area be selected to receive one of the twenty-five national scholarships (\$2,000 each), we will contribute an additional \$500 to the scholarship, bringing the total one-time scholarship award to \$2,500. It should be noted that preference will be given to individuals expressing an interest to return to a rural area to work following graduation.

Interested students can obtain an application from their High School Guidance Counselor. The application deadline is March 1, 2007.



Polar Annual Christmas Open House

December 18th-22nd, 2006

Park River Office

110 4th Street East
9:00AM-3:00PM

Mayville Office

112 Main Street West
10:00AM-2:00PM

**Come enjoy cookies,
cider and coffee!**

Holiday Hours:

December 15th

Closing at 4:30 PM for
Annual Polar
Christmas Dinner

December 25th

Offices Closed
for Christmas

January 1st

Offices Closed for
New Year's

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Retiree Scholarship –
Post-Secondary Students

Polar Communications, in cooperation with its retired employees and directors, recently established the Polar Retiree Scholarship Program to recognize and reward students, who upon graduation, intend to work in the telecommunications industry within the state of North Dakota.

These scholarships in the amount of \$1000 (minimum) or \$1500 (maximum) will be awarded to students entering their junior or senior year at an accredited four-year college or students entering their final year at an accredited technical school or two-year college and be enrolled in a curriculum studying the telecommunications field. The awards may be used for tuition, books, fees, supplies and equipment for instruction at accredited institutions of higher learning.

Applications can be obtained through college financial aid offices or from Polar. The application deadline is February 16, 2007.



Kimberly Hoper Begins Employment

Kimberly Hoper began her employment with Polar on October 16, 2006 as the newest Customer Service Representative. Kim's duties include providing outstanding customer service, both in person and over the phone, answering customer inquiries and assisting customers with services such as telephone, cable TV, Internet and cellular. Kim, along with her 7 year old son and 3 year old daughter, reside in Park River with her fiancé Bob Lundquist III. Welcome Kim!



Kimberly Hoper

Federal Excise Tax Refund

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

The IRS has developed standard amounts that customers can use to figure their telephone tax refund or you can summarize the Federal Excise taxes paid on your telephone bills for the 41 months from March 1, 2003 up to August 1, 2006. These standard amounts are:

- \$30 Filing with one exemption
- \$40 Filing with two exemptions
- \$50 Filing with three exemptions
- \$60 Filing with four or more exemptions

You will only need to fill out one additional line on your regular 2006 return. For those who no longer need to file income tax returns, you should

use Form 1040EZ-T to receive your refund. Please contact your tax preparer with any questions.

BUSINESS CUSTOMERS

The IRS has also developed a formula for businesses (including sole proprietors, corporations and partnerships) and tax-exempt organizations; or you may use the actual Federal Excise taxes paid for the 41 months. *Please contact your tax preparer or the IRS website for more information.*



Be Prepared For An Emergency

The National Emergency Number Association (NENA) is urging Americans to keep landline service and a corded telephone with traditional landline telephone service in case of an emergency at home.

Calling 911 from a corded landline telephone allows the emergency life-saving service to receive the display of the address and the number of the telephone being used. NENA reminds everyone that cordless telephones rely on electricity to operate; therefore, power outages may delay emergency response time.

It is also important to note 911 operators do not always receive lo-

cation information when callers dial from a cell phone. Location information is received from cell phone callers only when the cell phone being

used is equipped with GPS transmitting technology. When cell phone callers lacking that technology call to report an emergency, they must verbally communicate the location information.

This can slow emergency response time.

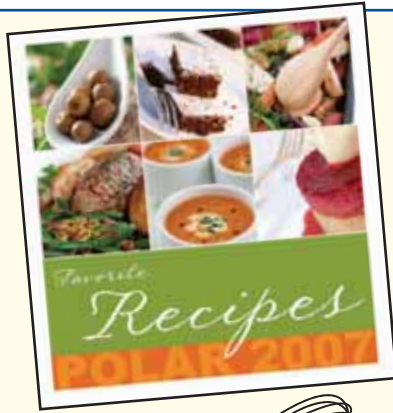
If you are faced with an emergency, be prepared. NENA and Polar recommends everyone keep at least one traditional landline corded telephone at your location.



Now We're Cookin'!

The all-new Polar Cookbook will be available December 15th! Get your very own copy for just \$10.

Cookbooks make great Christmas Gifts!



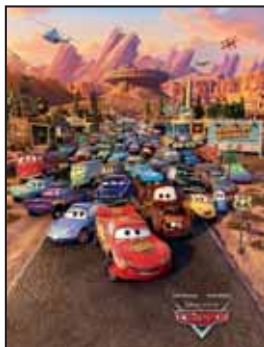
\$500 Reward Offered

On October 5th, 2006 at 1:50 pm, Polar Communications Fiber Optic Cable Pedestal located at the intersection of 70th Avenue North and North Columbia Road, 3 miles North of Grand Forks, ND was damaged by gun shots which resulted in damage to the fiber optic cables which were housed inside of the enclosure. These cables carry much of the long distance, data for schools libraries & hospitals, & E911 traffic for northeastern North Dakota. Polar Communications is offering a \$500 reward to any information leading to the arrest of the person who committed this crime. If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact the Grand Forks Sheriff's Department at 701-780-8280.

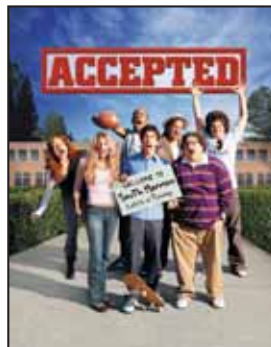
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Premieres
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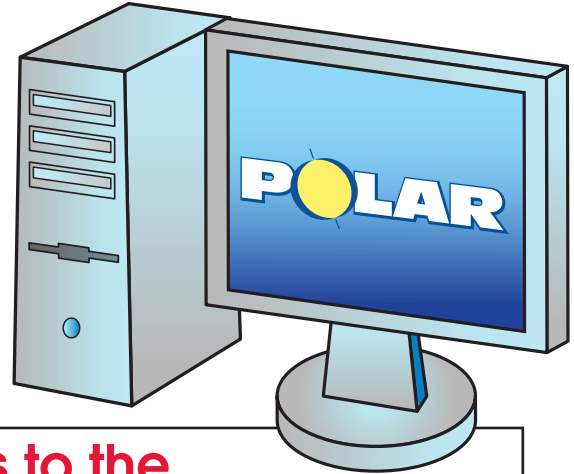
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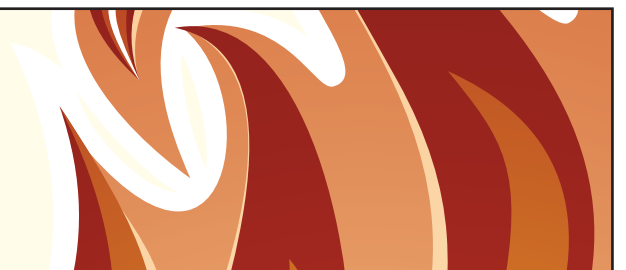
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Automated installation of critical Microsoft patch updates	YES	Not available
Automated disc maintenance and optimization	YES	Not available
PC cleanup	YES	Not available
Firewall	YES	Yes, but does not include free remote support.
Monthly e-mail reporting	YES	Not available
24/7 technical support	FREE	Not free - \$29.95 per incident.

Burning Notice

Please use extreme caution while burning ditches and debris around communications pedestals.

Thank you for your cooperation!





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A national Do-Not-Call Registry has been established to address unwelcome telemarketing calls. The registry applies to all telemarketers, with the exception of businesses with whom you have an existing relationship and certain non-profit and political organizations. Commercial telemarketers are not allowed to call you if your number is listed on the registry.

Consumers may register their residential telephone number, including wireless numbers, on the national Do-Not-Call Registry at no cost, either by telephone or via the Internet. To register by telephone call **1.888.382.1222**. For TTY, call **1.866.290.4236**.

You must call from the telephone number you wish to register.

The Federal Communications Commission requires that this notice be provided to our customers on an annual basis. See www.donotcall.gov for more information.