

RC COMMUNICATOR

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Christmas Day Storm Affects Service

Christmas Day 2016 will remain memorable for many in Northeast South Dakota for a long time to come. RC staff members were immediately reminded of the great November 2006 ice storm, hoping to avoid a repeat. However, the trouble began when numerous remote cabinets - the facilities that provide services to rural areas - lost electricity. With the power companies experiencing mass outages throughout the Northeast corner, each of RC's exchanges was affected in certain rural areas.

RC's technicians were kept busy shuffling generators between remote cabinets to keep customers voice service up and running. During power outages like this, RC encourages you to use the telephone only when absolutely necessary. This allows the cabinets' batteries to function longer, providing dial-tone to more customers. Unfortunately, RC is unable to provide a discount for your temporary loss of service due to this natural disaster and we apologize for any inconvenience the storm may have caused.

RC Technologies Distributes 2017 Directory

Directories will be mailed to telephone customers in February

The RC Technologies 2017 Telephone Directory will be mailed to telephone subscribers in mid February. If you do not receive a copy of the directory, please call the RC Technologies office.

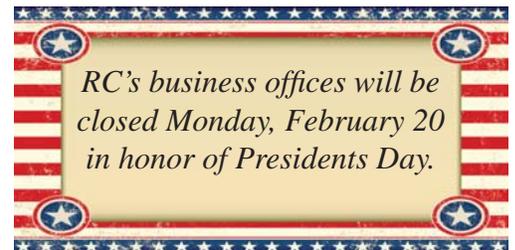
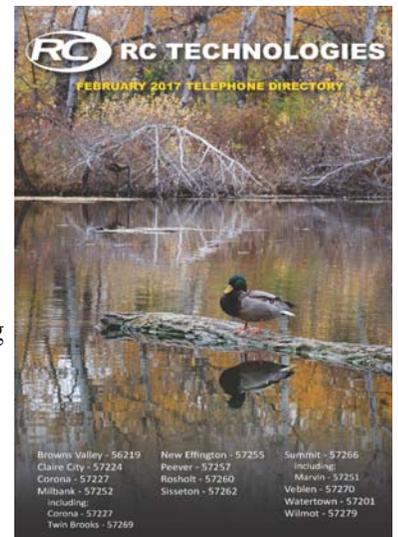
Many things may affect your listing, such as moving, billing changes, disconnects at the time of publishing, and the transfer of information from RC to the printing company. While every effort is made to insure accuracy in the compiling and printing of the directory to prevent errors and omissions, they may still occur despite all precautions. Please contact RC immediately if there are any corrections needing to be made for next year's directory.



Join RC for a Claire City Coffee Chat!

Let us know how we can better serve your communication needs.

No sales pitches, just coffee, rolls and conversation. Farmers Cafe, Claire City
February 15, 2017 at 9:00 am



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RC Sponsors FRS Youth Tour

Literary contest will determine winner

More than one hundred students, from rural communities in the United States, will meet in Washington D.C. for the 20th annual Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour June 3 - June 7, 2017.

RC Technologies is sponsoring one student from their service area to attend. The tour 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. Participants will also be given the rare opportunity to spend four days in the nation's capital visiting some of the nation's most historic sites, including the Vietnam, Korean and World War II memorials, the Supreme Court, the Smithsonian Museums, Arlington National Cemetery as well as the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials.

The participating student must be a high school student, age 16 or 17 years old at the time of the youth tour and be within the RC Technologies service areas, which include Claire City, New Effington, Peever, Summit, Veblen, and Wilmot. The student chosen to represent RC Technologies will be picked through an essay contest. Students who are interested must submit a maximum of two typewritten pages based on the following topic: How life without the internet would affect your daily life.

A cover page should include the following information: Title of essay, name, address, and phone number. Students are asked to send the essay by noon, Friday, March 3, 2017 to: Sara Broz, Sales & Marketing, RC Technologies, P.O. Box 197, New Effington, SD 57255.

College Scholarship Applications Available

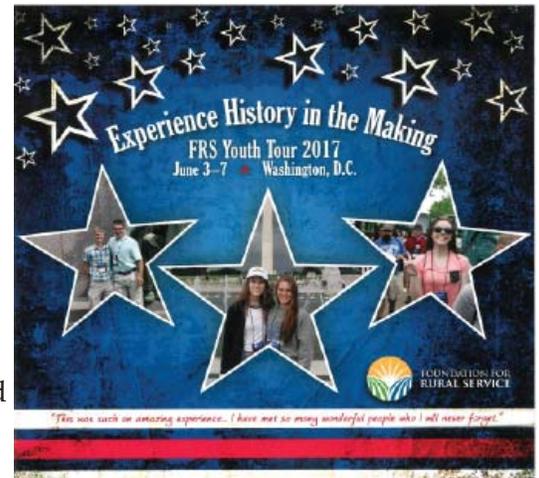
Foundation for Rural Service to award \$2,500

Applications are now available for a scholarship opportunity being offered from the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS).

FRS 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 quality of life within communities throughout rural America. In keeping with its mission, furthering the education of rural youth is one of the foundation's primary focuses. RC Technologies is a member of NTCA and are proud to support FRS in this worthy endeavor.

FRS is awarding 30 scholarships, \$2,000 each, to rural high school seniors. Should a student from the RC service area be selected to receive one of the national scholarships, RC will contribute an additional \$500 to the scholarship, bringing the total one-time scholarship award to \$2,500.

Interested high school seniors may pick up an application from their guidance counselor or download an application from the FRS website www.frs.org. Completed applications should be sent directly to FRS, post-marked no later than March 1, 2017. Please note that each application must bear the signature of Scott Bostrom, RC's General Manager, to be considered eligible.





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Channel of the Month



Great American Country (or GAC) features country music programming including music videos, music performance specials and live concerts, along with country lifestyle entertainment and original lifestyle programming.

In addition to music videos, you can catch episodes of Flea Market Flip, Extreme Homes, Salvage Dawgs, and Living Alaska just to name a few. By logging on to their website, greatamericancountry.com you can subscribe to their newsletter, enter sweepstakes, see their full program guide, get travel tips and watch videos. RC is proud to offer Great American Country in our basic package on channel 156.

February Highlights

Each year in February, major events in the entertainment industry are broadcast throughout the nation.

The true kickoff each year is the Super Bowl, and this year is no exception. Fox will air Super Bowl LI on Sunday February 5. Immediately following the game, Fox will reset the clock with the premier of 24: Legacy, the next evolution of the Emmy Award-winning "24." 24: LEGACY chronicles an adrenaline-fueled race against the clock to stop a devastating terrorist attack on United States soil – in the same real-time format that has propelled this genre-defining series.

Sunday February 12, CBS will present the 59th Grammy Awards live from the Staples Center in Los Angeles with James Corden as host. The ceremony will recognize the best recordings, compositions and artists in the recording industry.

ABC will air the 89th Academy Awards (also known as The Oscars) ceremony, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS). The honoring of the best films of 2016 will take place on February 26, 2017, at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles. During the ceremony, AMPAS will present Academy Awards (commonly referred to as Oscars) in 24 categories. Television host Jimmy Kimmel will host the ceremony.



Tired of flipping through channels and not finding anything you want to watch? Watch TV on your time!

The whole home DVR from RC allows you to record your favorite shows for playback when it fits into your schedule, on any television in your home! DVR service is available for only \$7.95 per month. To upgrade your service, call RC today and visit with one of our customer care consultants.

*Do you have questions about your television service?
Call RC to speak with one of our customer care consultants today.
605-637-5211*

Refer your Friends and receive \$50 Credit on Your Bill

Let your friends and family know about the new and improved RCTv.

When each of your friends activates a new RC service and mentions your name, RC will credit your account for \$50. There is no limit to the amount of friends you can refer.

Each referral during the month of January will be entered into a drawing for a RCTv prize pack, which is full of goodies from various networks.

Congratulations to Al Eggers who won the January prize pack!



Add High Definition Programming
for only \$9.95 per month.
Call RC to see if HD is available
at your location.



Watch TV Everywhere

Watch TV Everywhere (WTVE) is available to all RCTv customers! WTVE is a FREE service that allows you to view your favorite programs on devices other than a television - such as a tablet, laptop or your smart phone.

Each individual TV network makes the decision about content made available on WTVE. RC is currently working with many programmers, and will add new networks as they become available. Keep in mind that network availability is based on your package subscription. For example, you must have the expanded package in order to watch American Heroes' WTVE programs.

To register, go to www.watchtveverywhere.com. From the drop down, select RC Technologies as your provider. Click on register and complete the information requested, including your RC account number (found on your bill) and an email address. After registering, you will be emailed an activation link. Simply click on the link to complete the registration process. Sit back and enjoy your new way to watch TV! Must subscribe to the basic package. Please contact 637-5211 with any questions.

