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### **FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER NAMED Local Youth Honored**

**Tribune, KS (June 17, 2008)** – FairPoint Communications, Tribune, Kansas, today announced that one of its nominees has been chosen to receive a 2008-2009 FRED (Foundation for Rural Education and Development) scholarship from the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telephone Companies (OPASTCO). Graduating Weskan High School senior Emma Cress of Sharon Springs will be awarded \$1,500 to be paid to Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, which she will attend in the fall.

Emma's academic achievement and leadership have earned her this special honor, along with the respect and friendship of her peers and community.

The mission of the Foundation for Rural Education and Development is to promote activities that improve rural educational, social and economic conditions. Each year FRED awards scholarships to rural America's best and brightest students. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$2,500 and are funded by the FRED Scholarship Endowment and donations to the FRED Annual Giving Campaign.

As an OPASTCO member, FairPoint Communications was able to nominate up to four exemplary students who live within its service area. FairPoint Communications is a FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint") company.

#### **About FairPoint**

FairPoint Communications, Inc. is an industry leading provider of communications services to communities across the country. Today, FairPoint owns and operates 32 local exchange companies in 18 states offering advanced communications with a personal touch including local and long distance voice, data, Internet, video and broadband services. FairPoint is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol FRP. Learn more at [www.FairPoint.com](http://www.FairPoint.com).

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