



BPS Telephone Company Sponsors Trip to Nation's Capitol for Area Youth



Bernie High School junior Grant Cagle (seated) has been selected to represent BPS Telephone Company at the National Youth Tour in Washington D.C. in June. Pictured with Grant are BPS Manager Lisa Winberry, mother Kathy Cagle, and Principal Scott Mercer.

BPS Telephone Company is sponsoring an educational tour of the Nation's capital for an area student, June 2-6, 2007. This is the tenth year BPS Telephone Company has sponsored a student to Washington. BPS Telephone Company rotates between its schools in making a selection. This is the fourth time a student from Bernie has been chosen. For year 2007, **Grant Cagle** has been selected to represent BPS Telephone Company at the National Youth Tour. While in Washington Grant will get a first hand look at the telecommunications industry, learn about the legislative and governmental processes, visit famous historical sites and meet other high school juniors from rural communities across the country.

The Youth Tour, which will bring 100 high school juniors from across rural America to Washington D. C. Students will be educated on the legislative and governmental processes and will get to visit famous historical sites including the Smithsonian Institution, the U. S. Capitol, Mount Vernon and Arlington National Cemetery.

Today's youth are the future of telecommunications in rural America and we hope that by educating them about the industry, we will not only broaden their horizons, but strengthen our communities," said Lisa Winberry, Manager of BPS Telephone Co. We are proud to have a role in educating our local youth and contributing to the future economic health of our communities."

The trip is hosted by the Foundation for Rural Service of which BPS Telephone Company's Manager; Lisa Winberry serves as board President.

The Foundation for Rural Service, through its partnership with National Telecommunications Cooperative Association and its members, 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.

The Foundation for Rural Service's annual Youth Tour is one of the most visible examples of FRS's involvement and commitment to our community's rural youth.