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Polar Promotes Two, Hires Two Employees

PARK RIVER – September 1, 2016 - **Tim Olson** has been hired as the new Chief Operations Officer at Polar. He will oversee the operations of the plant department, including outside plant operations, Internet/network services, central office and the digital TV services division.

Tim began his employment with Polar in 1998 working on the construction crew. He moved to the special services department as an Equipment Technician in 1999 and then to Network Specialist in 2000. He has most recently held the position of Field Operations Supervisor since 2007.

Tim and his wife Lisa reside outside of Park River with their son, Jake.

Jim Praska has been selected as Polar's new Field Operations Supervisor. His duties will include directing the day-to-day activities of the area service and special services departments.

Jim began his career at Polar in May 2003 as a Data Technician in the Internet department. His most recent position was as Network Technician II working in the network operations department.

Jim and his wife Misty live in Park River with their daughter Caprice and a baby on the way!

Tom Hennes began his employment with Polar Communications on July 25, 2016, as a Network Technician I in the special services department. His duties include the installation, maintenance, testing and troubleshooting of all field services equipment and infrastructure.

Tom comes to Polar after working for the last six years as the I.T. specialist for Pembina County Memorial Hospital. He lives in Cavalier with his wife Alison and daughter Caitlin. Tom enjoys all sorts of nerdy hobbies, but his favorite way to spend time is with his family.

Riley Roberts began his employment with Polar on August 1, 2016, as a Combination Technician in the special services department. Riley's duties include installing and maintaining

telephone, digital TV and broadband Internet services. He had previously been working for TAK Communications in Fargo before coming to Polar.

Riley is originally from Langdon and is currently residing in Adams. He enjoys spending time outdoors, hunting and fishing.



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