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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors Nominating Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, at 6:00 pm via conference call for the upcoming Election of Directors. Directors will be elected during the Annual Meeting of Members, Thursday, June 19, 2024, "LIVE" on NEMR's Facebook page. Directors seeking nominations for the 2024 Election are:

- Zone 1-Mark Grgurich**
- Zone 2-Junior Bertram**
- Zone 2-Jim Kigar**

The Nominating Committee Members are Andy Hargrove, Chuck Yancy, Jamie Triplett, and Chuck Daniels. NEMR will send an email in May with instructions on how to vote. We urge every member to vote online and receive a \$10 bill credit. Plus, your name will be entered in a drawing for cash prizes. The annual meeting booklet will be mailed to all members in early June. This will be the 67th Annual Meeting of Members.

GUNDY'S NEW GIG



Cody Gundy has accepted a Network Technician position. Cody began his career with NEMR nearly 15 years ago. His new gig keeps him in Memphis, but he'll be working more on the networking side of the communication business. Congratulations to Cody Gundy!



KLINGINSMITH & RILEY PROMOTED

Tristan Klinginsmith has a new position in Unionville as a Combinationman. Tristan has been an Installer/Repairman for nearly four years and with NEMR five years. Congratulations, Tristan!



Justin Riley has accepted the position of Installer/Repairman. Justin began his career at NEMR on the construction crew and most recently as a roving Installer. Congratulations, Justin!

STEVE HARLAN RETIRES

Steve Harlan, Combinationman, retires after serving Unionville and the surrounding area for 24 years. Harlan's family, as well as current and past NEMR employees, celebrated his retirement with a luncheon on Friday, March 8, 2024.

"Steve has served his community and this company well," said Michele Gillespie, General Manager. "We will miss him." Congratulations to Steve Harlan! Happy retirement!



\$250 TO TIGER PACKS

NEMR contributes \$250 to the Scotland County R-1 School Tigerpack fund. Pictured left to right:

Back row: Josh Black, Ministerial Alliance, and Eric Long, NEMR. Front Row: Ryker Tinkle, Kruz Jetchum, Emma Johnson, and Oliver Grubb.

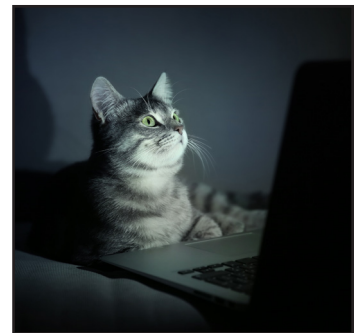


TRY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

In the March issue of The Buzz, we introduced you to AI. Below are some sites you can tryout for free. Since April is National Poetry Month, we asked ChatGPT to write a short poem about cats. The AI-generated poem below was written in less than three seconds!

*"In moonlit beams, they softly tread,
Graceful paws and whiskers spread,
With eyes that gleam in shadows deep,
Cats roam the night, while all world sleeps."*

- <https://gemini.google.com>
- <https://runwayml.com>
- <https://chat.openai.com/auth/login>
- <https://www.jasper.ai/>



DAVID RIDDLE RETIRES

David Riddle, Plant Manager, has retired. David began his NEMR career 47 years ago. "His experience, hard work and dedication to our customers and the company will be greatly missed," said General Manager, Michele Gillespie. The current and former employees, board of directors, and David's family celebrated his long career in January. David's last day was in March. From the NEMR Team, thank you David and congratulations on your retirement!



Pictures above include Michele Gillespie, David's family and Kyle Rogers who has accepted the position as Plant Manager. Kyle has been working as Assistant Plant Manager under the direction of Riddle for two years. He began with NEMR in 2014 as an Installer/Repairman. Congratulations to Kyle Rogers!

READ ACROSS AMERICA

The nation's largest celebration of reading, Read Across America, took place the first week of March. NEMR participated again this year. Employees read books to elementary children in Memphis, Green City, and Milan. Below is a list of the books NEMR chose to share.

- **The Little Cyber Engineer**
Amber Devilbiss
- **Leo Learns About AI Great New World of Artificial Intelligence**
Barack Anderson
- **Clicker the Cat**
Kyla Cullinane
- **Chicken Clicking**
Jeanne Willis
- **Teach Your Dragon Online Safety**
Steve Herman



Above: Gundy in Memphis.
Below: Chrisman in Green City



NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH

April is National Safe Digging Month, a great reminder to always contact 811 before you dig! No matter how small your next home digging project is, remember to keep yourself and your community safe by contacting 811 to have the approximate location of buried utilities marked with paint or flags before breaking ground. Learn more at:

811beforeyoudig.com.



NEW DIRECTORY LISTINGS

Home Style Restaurant	660-465-2021
Vincent, Kiley Chey	660-488-5133
Guardian Hills	
Veterans Healing Ctr	660-488-5272
Gordon, Gracey M	660-874-4027
Wildflower Grove LLC	660-874-4448
Bensinger, Kurt & Anne	660-945-3728
Aylward, Brock D	660-945-3767
Bunnell, Tim	660-947-2192
Goodwin, Cheryl Rae	660-947-4175
Bartlett, Jessica	660-947-3344



Michele Gillespie, CEO

Board of Directors

- Rick Kent
- Shane Bradshaw
- Jim Kigar
- Scott Aylward
- Mark Grgrurich
- Kenneth Hauk, Jr.
- Dennis Fechtling
- Junior Bertram



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