

# THE BUZZ

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## Holiday Office Hours

**Closed:**

Christmas Eve 12/24/24  
Christmas Day 12/25/24  
New Year's Day 1/1/25



## FRS YOUTH TOUR TO D.C.



Applications are now open to apply for the 2025 FRS Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Area high school students between the ages of 15 and 17 are urged to apply! NEMR will select two students to attend the all-expenses paid trip June 2-6th, 2025. To learn more or to apply, visit <https://nemr.net/youthtour>.

## HOLIDAY SCAMS

Always be on the lookout for scammers at all times but especially during the holidays. If a deal is too good to be true, it is probably a scam! Protect yourself by implementing these four things:

- 1-Add multi-factor authentication on your accounts: A password is not enough to keep you safe online.
- 2-Update your software: Turn on automatic updates on all your devices. Bad actors will exploit flaws in a system.
- 3-Think before you click: More than 90% of successful cyber-attacks start with a phishing email.
- 4-Use strong passwords: Add a password manager to generate and store unique passwords.

## RANDOM DRAWING! GET ENTERED!

**Holiday Giveaway**

**To Enter:**

- Email: [contest@nemr.net](mailto:contest@nemr.net)
- Tell us why you like NEMR
- Include your name & cell number

Deadline is Friday, December 13, 2024.

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



**Apply now for a \$500 scholarship from NEMR!**

In 2025, we will be awarding one \$500 scholarship to an eligible high school senior at each of our eight area schools. To learn more or to apply, visit <https://nemr.net/scholarship>.

**BRIGHTEN UP YOUR HOME WITH THE POWER OF FIBER INTERNET**

Do not let slow Wi-Fi spoil the fun when the guests arrive! Upgrade to Gig now and keep everyone happy and connected. Call 660-874-4111 today!



*The Board of Directors and employees would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



# YOUR COOPERATIVE IN ACTION



**Putnam County Booster Club receives a \$500 donation from NEMR.** Pictured are club members Beth Walter and Melinda Hunter. NEMR's Sarah Rouse presented the check.

Our construction crew and technicians recently participated in the **Putnam County R-1 School Careers on Wheels** event, giving students a hands-on look at the equipment we use to build fiber infrastructure and the steps involved in installing advanced technology. Pictured here is Dustin Roan, Lineman, and perhaps a future crew member in the making!



Gracey Gordon delivers a **\$250** check to Rebecca Bennett, Sullivan County Senior Center Administrator, to help with meals.



The ladies in the Green City office were treated to a fun activity at **Wild Flower Grove** in Green Castle. Pictured L to R: Paula Linhart, Lori Fleshman, Sarah Rouse, Marcia McKim, Gracey Gordon, Misty Seidel, and Mendy Haines.



Employees Jennifer Chrisman, Wesley Findling, and Jared Kray, participated in the **Truman Homecoming Parade** in Kirksville. Carly, Wes's dog, rode in the truck and received all the attention!

## October was Breast Cancer Awareness month.

The NEMR ladies wore pink in honor of survivors and those fighting cancer. L to R: Michele Gillespie, Kayla Blaser, Jennifer Chrisman, Lori Fleshman, Paula Linhart, Misty Seidel, Marcia McKim, Lexi Ruba, and Gracey Gordon.



## FRS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation for Rural Services (FRS) scholarships provide opportunities for students to attend college or vocational school. The foundation annually awards scholarships to an exceptional group of rural students for their first year of college or vocational school. All applicants require partnership with an NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association member company to be eligible. Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company, dba NEMR, is a member of NTCA. Now accepting applications online at <https://www.frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships>. Please share this information with a high school senior.



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**Our Customer Service Team** dressed up for Halloween! Check out Winnie the Pooh and friends. L to R: Mendy Haines (Pooh), Misty Seidel (Eeyore), Gracey Gordon (Tigger), and Lexi Ruba (Piglet).

## NEW DIRECTORY LISTINGS

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