

THE FIBER FOCUS



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Connecting Missouri: NEMR at the Capitol!



It was another successful Great Northwest Day at the Capitol, February 4-5 in Jefferson City. NEMR's CEO, Michele Gillespie, and Marketing/Sales Mgr., Jennifer Chrisman, attended the event with the Sullivan County delegation and were able to visit with Governor Mike Kehoe, Lt Governor David Wasinger, Representatives Rusty Black, Danny Busick, Greg Sharp, and other legislators from all over Missouri. "It was a great evening meeting face-to-face with our legislators and elected officials," said Gillespie. NEMR displayed a map highlighting its fiber network, ongoing expansion projects, and areas in need of grant funding to build infrastructure and deliver high-speed internet to underserved communities in the northern part of the state. Earlier in the day, a priorities panel spoke on key issues: lack of childcare, housing, workforce, and the need for community revitalization. Attendees were encouraged to engage with lawmakers and advocate for investment in the 19-county region of the Great Northwest. Learn more about Great Northwest Day at www.greatnorthwestday.com.

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NEMR donated to the Green City Athletic Booster Club. Pictured is Jennifer Chrisman and Kellen Hatcher.



Nemr's Paula Linhart and Kirk Lorence volunteered at the Milan Food Pantry. Below they are pictured with fellow community volunteer John Lee.



OMG!



NEMR sponsors a 2025 Summer team for Little Sluggers League in Kirksville. Pictured is Jennifer Chrisman and Luke Callaghan.

COOL!

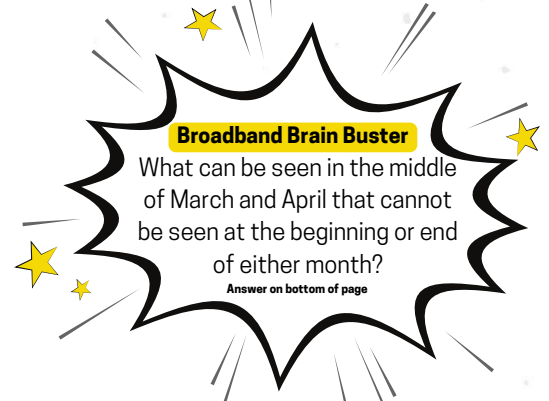
TEAM UP!



Stay Cyber-Safe This Tax Season!



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Freddy's Friendly Reminder

Spring Into AI Safety and Stay Lucky Online!

As spring blooms and St. Patrick's Day approaches, it's a great time to refresh your online security, especially with AI in the mix:

- Stay cautious with AI: Be mindful of the data you share with AI apps and tools.
- Spring clean your apps: Review permissions and remove unused apps.
- Watch out for AI scams: Double-check email sources and offers that seem too good to be true.



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