

# THE FIBER FOCUS

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors Nominating Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, at 6:00 pm via conference call for the upcoming Election of Directors. Directors will be elected during the Annual Meeting of Members, Wednesday, June 18, 2025, "LIVE" on NEMR's Facebook page.

Directors seeking nominations for the 2025 Election are:

- **Zone 1- Rick Kent**
- **Zone 1- Dennis Fechtling**
- **Zone 2- Kenneth Hauk Jr.**

The Nominating Committee Members are Stan Varner, Rob Monroe, and Larry Stephenson. 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 68th Annual Meeting of Members.

**HAPPY EASTER!**  
*Sunday, April 20, 2025*

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We have an exciting  
announcement coming  
**May 1, 2025!**  
What will it be?



## 2025 FRS YOUTH TOUR SELECTIONS

The NEMR Education committee has selected three local high school students to attend the 2025 FRS Youth Tour in Washington D.C. The selected students are Katie Halley of Unionville, daughter of Todd and Jamie Halley; Morgan Jackson of Memphis, daughter of David and Jodie Jackson; and Keregan Middleton of Memphis, daughter of Andrew and Rane'e Middleton. These students will represent NEMR on the trip in June.



Morgan Jackson



Katie Halley



Keregan Middleton

### Beware of the "Grandma, I'm in Jail" Scam!

Scammers are targeting grandparents with urgent calls claiming to be a grandchild in trouble—needing bail money due to an accident or arrest. They may even pose as police or lawyers, pressuring you to send money fast via gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency.

#### How to Protect Yourself:

- **Pause & Verify** – Hang up and call your grandchild directly.
  - **Ask Questions** – Scammers rely on deception to hide their identity.
  - **Never Send Money Quickly** – Law enforcement never demands immediate payment.
- Talk to your family about this scam and stay alert! Report fraud at [reportfraud.ftc.gov](https://reportfraud.ftc.gov).





# YOUR COOPERATIVE IN ACTION!



Kyle Rogers attended the 2025 State Tech Career Expo in Linn, MO. It was a great opportunity to meet with students who were interested in careers in telecommunications.



NEMR's Splicing and Construction Crews taught hands-on fiber optic skills to KATC students. Destry Knupp, Dustin Roan, Kyle Rogers, and Dwayne Andrews showed students how to splice fiber, construct networks, and install services.



Gracey Gordon spoke in Lucerne for the Unionville Rotary's Senior Citizens- Be Informed project. She spoke about technology scams, Facebook scams, and email scams. The next lunch and learn seminar will be on April 8th at the Unionville First Christian Church!



**Spreading The Love Giveaway Winner:**  
Kylee Perkins of Memphis, MO



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## April is National Safe Digging Month

April is recognized by Congress and most Governors across the U.S. as National Safe Digging Month (NSDM). Because it's the time of year when temperatures increase in many parts of the country and spring digging projects begin, April is an important time to remember how important it is to contact 811 at least a few days before putting a shovel in the ground. Know what's below! Call 811 before you dig!

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### New Directory Listings

- Camp Arbela- 660-945-3852
- Cantril, Barbara- 660-465-7142
- Johnson, Bruce A- 660-766-2525
- Rollins, Eric- 660-344-2255



### Freddy's Friendly Reminder- Online Shopping Safety

Spring sales are everywhere, but shop safely! Stick to secure websites (HTTPS), avoid deals that seem too good to be true, and use a credit card for extra protection. Never save payment info on unfamiliar sites, and watch out for fake stores. Stay smart and shop with confidence!



**Michele Gillespie, CEO**  
**Board of Directors**

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| Jim Kigar        | Scott Aylward     |
| Mark Grgurich    | Kenneth Hauk, Jr. |
| Dennis Fechtling | Junior Bertram    |



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