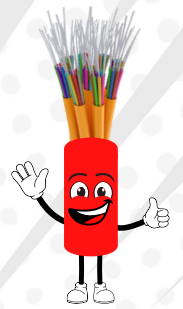


# THE FIBER FOCUS

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## Annual Meeting Voting Ends June 16, 2025

As a thank you for participating in our online voting, all members who cast their vote will receive a \$10 bill credit in July and be entered into a random drawing to win one of the following cash prizes: \$1,000, \$500, or one of ten \$100 prizes!

Cast your vote by going to [nemr.net](http://nemr.net), using the voting link sent to your email, or by calling 660-874-4111 during business hours!

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# FIBER

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 18, 2025  
6:30 P.M. on Facebook

## Fresh Faces at NEMR



NEMR is excited to welcome Jacob Skinner as an experienced Technician serving the Kirksville area. A Kirksville High School graduate, Jacob began his telecommunications career following in his father's footsteps. "I'm very excited to work for NEMR and to serve the Kirksville area and my friends," he said. In his free time, Jacob enjoys welding, running equipment, building things, riding ATVs, and spending time in his shop with friends.



NEMR is pleased to welcome Anthony Sims as our new IT Technician. Born and raised in Unionville, Anthony attended Grand River Technical School and has a background in both IT and industrial maintenance. In his spare time, he enjoys playing guitar, video games, hunting and fishing, and spending time with family and friends. "So far everything has been great. Everyone is kind, knowledgeable, and very willing to help me learn," said Anthony.



NEMR is happy to welcome CJ Burnsmore as our new Installer Repairman in the Kirksville area. CJ was born and raised in Kirksville, where he lives with his wife Lexi and their 10-year-old son, Liam. In his free time, CJ enjoys spending time with family, gaming with his son, shooting guns, and remodeling his house. "I am excited to start my next chapter in life at such a reputable business," CJ said.

## Capital Credit Allocation Notice

Your NEMR Capital Credit Allocation Notice is on your June bill. This shows your share of the Cooperative's profits for the previous year. If you had service with NEMR in 2024, you will have a notice on your June bill. The profits of the company are allocated to each member based on the individual member's patronage. Patronage is all member-billed telephone services, including long distance, HSI (High Speed Internet), and TV. The 2024 capital credits that have been allocated are not immediately available to you, but are retained by the cooperative until such time as the board of directors and RUS (Rural Utilities Service) decide the financial situation of the cooperative justifies retiring some of the accumulated capital credits. The retained capital credits are vital as a means of partially funding new plant construction and service enhancements. Accumulating capital credits and receiving capital credit distributions is another important reason to purchase your communication services from NEMR. Thank you for your membership.



# YOUR COOPERATIVE IN ACTION!



NEMR's Kyle Rogers and Michele Gillespie attended the Northeast Commissioners meeting in Kahoka! They hosted a booth, connected with county commissioners and clerks, and listened to different organizations speak.

NEMR proudly supports the Milan Old Timers! Pictured is NEMR's Mendy Haines and Terri Lynn Richardson.



Dana Dobrinske accepted NEMR's donation to the Green Castle Fire Department's ATV/UTV Fun Ride!

## Capital Connections



NEMR leadership traveled to Washington, D.C. to advocate for stronger broadband access in rural Missouri. CEO Michele Gillespie, Board Member Jim Kigar, and Plant Manager Kyle Rogers joined other telecom leaders to ensure rural communities stay connected and competitive.

## Freddy's Summer Tip

Keep devices out of direct sun—too much heat can cause them to overheat and slow down!



Follow NEMR on Facebook!

## Investing in the Future

NEMR is proud to invest in the future by supporting local students. This year, we awarded eight \$500 scholarships—one for each high school in our service area. Congratulations to our 2025 recipients!



Ryder Lyons - Kirksville



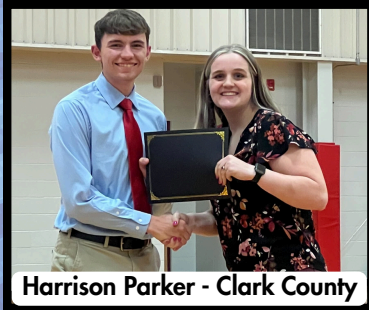
Gabriella Frost - Novinger



Brenna Whitlow - Schuyler County



Easton McDonald - Green City



Harrison Parker - Clark County



Maddison Beals - Putnam County



Keagan Eddy - Milan



Beau Triplett - Scotland County

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Camp Leeper- 660-866-2211

Horvath, Mary- 660-947-3739  
Kellogg, Veronique- 660-355-4492  
Parks, Rebekah- 660-866-2320



Happy Father's Day!  
June 15, 2025



Michele Gillespie, CEO  
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