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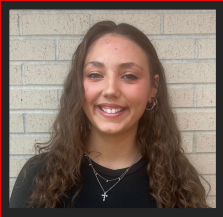
*Happy Independence Day!*

Our office will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2025



## Kicking Off Summer with Awesome Interns

Meet the 2025 NEMR Summer Interns! We are happy to have them!



Avery Sayre, daughter of Jarred and Missy Sayre of Milan, recently graduated from Milan High School. She's headed to the University of Missouri in the fall to major in Agricultural Education. In her spare time, Avery enjoys baking and spending time with family and friends. "I am excited to work for NEMR this summer, so I can learn new things and explore rural telecommunications," she shared.



Easton McDonald, son of Aaron and Andrea McDonald of Pennville, is a recent Green City High School graduate. He'll be attending Linn Tech this fall to study Utility Technology. Easton enjoys golfing and spending time with family and friends. "I'm excited to start at NEMR and take the first steps toward a successful future," Easton said.

## ***YOUR COOPERATIVE IN ACTION!***



No one loves our local summer baseball and softball teams more than NEMR does! NEMR donated \$1,000 to the Green City Baseball and Softball Association, Milan Summer REC League, and Novinger Summer Ball League. See next month's newsletter for the photos from our Unionville, Memphis, and Schuyler County summer league donations!

# 68TH ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Directors held the 68th Annual Meeting of the Membership on Facebook Live, June 18, 2025. The incumbents, Richard Kent, Dennis Fechtling, and Kenneth Hawk Jr., were all elected to serve another term on the board. A random drawing for cash prizes from the list of members who voted took place on Tuesday, June 17th. Congratulations to our winners! The grand prize of \$1,000 goes to Sharon Donaldson of Memphis. The \$500 prize winners are Carol & Jerry Kellum with services in Green Castle. Below are the names of the \$100 winners:

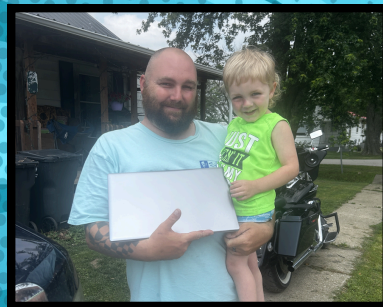
- Walt Marlow of Memphis
- Kevin Swearengen of Pollock
- Paul & Patty Phillips of Luray
- Dallas & Morgan Halley of Unionville
- Leah G Boley of Wyaconda
- Debra Cassady of Unionville
- Brandon Tipton of Green City
- Betty Smith of Queen City
- Glenna Daniels Young of Kirksville
- David & Lena Reardon of Novinger



**A big thank you to everyone who participated by voting in the meeting. A \$10 credit has been applied to your July bill!**



## GET THE IQS GIVEAWAY WINNER



**NEMR gave away a brand new laptop to celebrate the launch of Protect & Experience IQ! Everyone who signed up was entered to win—and the lucky winner was Cody Winn of Queen City! Pictured with him is his son, Craten. Congrats!**

# Welcome Back Brody



**NEMR is excited to welcome Brody Lunsford as a full-time Construction Lineman! Brody previously served as a summer intern with NEMR and recently graduated from State Technical College of Missouri. He lives in Green City and enjoys hunting, golfing, and spending time with his family. Brody shared, "I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve the people in my community, and I'm excited to join the NEMR team!" We're proud to have him back and look forward to the great work he'll do as part of our team.**



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Memphis Car Wash- 660-465-2211

Robinson, Thressa- 660-947-2140

Thullen, Isaac- 660-947-2278



## Youth Tour

**The 2025 FRS Youth Tour was a success! Keregan Middleton, Morgan Jackson, and Katie Halley represented NEMR on an unforgettable trip to Washington, D.C. They visited historic landmarks, met students from across rural America, and even heard from leaders at the FCC. It was an exciting week filled with learning, connection, and fun!**



**Michele Gilllespie, CEO  
Board of Directors**

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



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