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Our office will be closed Monday, May 25, 2026 in observance of Memorial Day.



Annual Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2026
6:30 p.m. on Facebook

2026 Annual Meeting

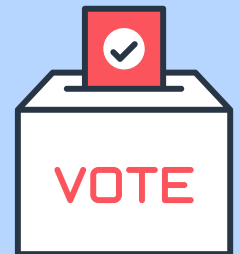
The 69th Annual Meeting of Members will be held live on Facebook on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Member voting will open online beginning Friday, May 15, 2026. Annual Meeting booklets will be mailed in late May, and your member number will be printed on the address label for your reference. Please review the booklet and submit your vote by Monday, June 15, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.

As a thank you for voting, members will receive a \$10 bill credit in July and will be entered into a drawing to win \$1,000, \$500, or one of ten \$100 cash prizes.

Voting Options:

- Cast your vote using the secure link sent to your email from noreply@directvote.net.
- Visit www.nemr.net and click the Member Vote link. Enter your member number, complete your ballot, and click submit.
- Need assistance? Contact our office during business hours at 660-874-4111.



Nominating Committee

The Director nominating committee had a conference call at 6:00 pm on April 9, 2026, with Larry Stephenson, Zone 1; Shayla Vestal, Zone 1; Carla Norris, Zone 1; and General Manager Michele Gillespie present.

Shayla Vestal made a motion for Carla Norris to act as Chairman of the committee and General Manager Michele Gillespie to act as recording secretary for the minutes. Larry Stephenson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

General Manager Michele Gillespie informed the Committee of the incumbent Board Member who is seeking reelection and an individual who has been nominated by petition. The incumbent is Shane Bradshaw, Zone 1. Nominee by petition is Mary (Frank) Horvath, Zone 1. After discussion of the applicants for Board Member of Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company, the following was selected:

Carla Norris nominated Shane Bradshaw for Zone 1

Carla Norris made a motion which was seconded by Shayla Vestal that the nominee, Shane Bradshaw, be accepted as the candidate for election to the Board of Directors of Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Stephenson made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Shayla Vestal seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Chairman Carla Norris declared the meeting adjourned.

Michele Gillespie- Recording Secretary

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New Faces & Voices at NEMR! Meet our newest CST's Chad & Kaylynn!



**Kaylynn
Head**

Kaylynn Head, previously of Unionville and now residing in Milan, has joined the NEMR team! She is a graduate of Putnam County High School and previously worked in the banking industry for four years. In her free time, Kaylynn enjoys spending time with her fiancé, Tyler, and her family, as well as reading and baking.



**Chad
Farris**

Chad Farris, formerly of Bible Grove and now residing in Queen City, has recently begun his career with NEMR. He lives there with his wife, Amy, and their children, Ryan and Hannah. Chad is a graduate of Scotland County High School and has years of customer service experience. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family and riding horses.

 Sadly, we are not able to carry the St. Louis Cardinals games this season.

Sunday, May 10th



Feeling Lucky Giveaway Winner!

Congrats to Jeff Jachura of Kirksville for winning our Feeling Lucky Giveaway! Jeff upgraded his HSI speed and was drawn as our winner, scoring faster internet AND a \$100 NEMR bill credit. Congratulations, Jeff!



 *Happy Mother's Day* 

New Directory Listings:

Maddox, Jamie- 660-947-3960
 Street, Marilyn- 660-488-5102
 Zimmerman, Glenn- 660-945-3889



Michele Gillespie, CEO
 Board of Directors

Rick Kent
 Jim Kigar
 Mark Grgurich
 Dennis Fechtling

Shane Bradshaw
 Kenneth Hauk, Jr.
 Junior Bertram



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