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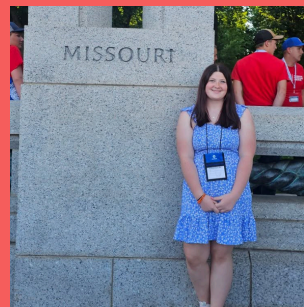
## Happy Independence Day!



Our office will be closed Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance.

We will return to the office with normal business hours on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

## 2026 FRS Youth Tour in Washington D.C!



Brynlee Wesley, daughter of Maria and Joshua Wesley of Queen City, and Charlotte Tallman, daughter of Trenton and Erin Tallman of Downing, attended the 2026 FRS Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., June 1–6.

During the trip, the students toured the Capitol Building, visited several of Washington D.C.'s monuments and memorials, explored the Smithsonian museums, toured the FCC building, visited Mount Vernon, and met with their congressman. The week was filled with educational experiences, leadership opportunities, and unforgettable memories.

NEMR's Gracey Gordon attended the trip as a chaperone. A total of 100 students from rural communities across the United States participated in the 2026 FRS Youth Tour.

Know a student who may be interested in attending next year? Contact the NEMR office and ask for Gracey for more information about this exciting opportunity!

## 69th Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors held the 69th Annual Meeting of the Membership on Facebook Live, June 17, 2026. The incumbent Shane Bradshaw was 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 16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to our winners! The grand prize of \$1,000 goes to Mikel Becraft of Memphis. The \$500 prize winner is Sherri Holt of Memphis.

Below are the names of the \$100 winners:

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| 1. Steve or Mandelin Rowland in Unionville | 6. Larry Sanders of Unionville                  |
| 2. Joyce Ayers of Green Castle             | 7. Gregg or Tammy Perkins of Unionville         |
| 3. Richard Osterholt of Green Castle       | 8. Phillip or Cynthia Blankenship of Unionville |
| 4. Roy or Donna Hyde of Memphis            | 9. Justin or Tisa McGuire of Unionville         |
| 5. Robert or Michelle Deskin of Unionville | 10. Drew Fountain of Kirksville                 |



A big thank you to everyone who participated by voting in the meeting. A \$10 bill credit will be applied to your bill!



NEMR is proud to support our local communities and youth programs! This summer, we donated \$1,000 each to the Green City, Unionville, and Novinger Summer Leagues to help support another great season of baseball and softball. We love seeing our local kids learn teamwork, build friendships, and have fun on the field. Thank you to all the players, coaches, volunteers, and families who made this season a success, we hope everyone had a wonderful season!

## Building the Future with Our Summer Interns



Meet our Summer Construction Interns, Hayden Courtney and Easton McDonald! Hayden is a recent Milan High School graduate and the son of Jeff and Megan Courtney of Milan. He will attend the University of Central Missouri this fall. Easton, son of Aaron and Andrea McDonald of Green City, is returning for a second summer with NEMR after interning with us last year. He is a graduate of Green City High School and currently attends State Tech. Both enjoy hunting, fishing, and golfing and are excited to learn more about the fiber optic industry this summer.



## New Directory Listings

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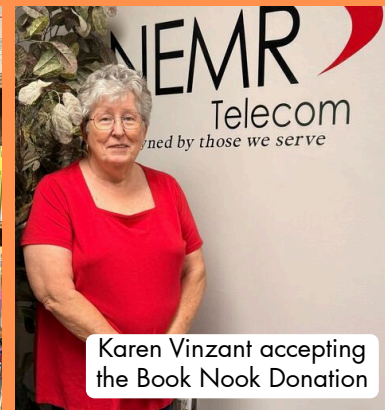
Channel #76 FanDuel has been discontinued effective June 30, 2026

## Turning Pages, Building Communities

NEMR is proud to support local literacy efforts in our communities. We donated prizes to the Putnam County Public Library Summer Reading Program to help encourage youth reading and learning throughout the summer.

We also donated items to support the Book Nook and Library in Green City, which serves Green City and surrounding communities. The library is funded entirely by donations and is open Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

We're grateful to support programs that promote reading, education, and lifelong learning in our area.



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