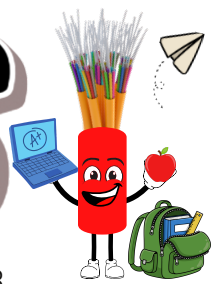


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Celebrating Years of Service



Dwayne Andrews



Jason Hill



Rick Kent



Garrett Roof

NEMR is proud to recognize several outstanding employees and a dedicated board member for their years of service and commitment to our cooperative. This year's honorees include Dwayne Andrews, Splicer, for 35 years of service; Jason Hill, Network/IT Manager, for 25 years; Rick Kent for 25 years of service as a Board Member; and Garrett Roof, Network Technician, for 20 years of service.

We thank each of them for their dedication, hard work, and the positive impact they have made on NEMR and the communities we serve. Congratulations on these well-deserved milestones!



Welcome to the Team, Auburn Cole!

NEMR is excited to welcome Auburn Cole as our newest Customer Service Technician!

Auburn first joined NEMR as an intern in 2024 and has now returned as a full-time member of our team. She is a Milan C-2 graduate and resides in Pollock. Auburn earned her Associate of Applied Science in Agricultural Business from North Central Missouri College and is currently pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Business through Northwest Missouri State University's online program. Outside of work, Auburn enjoys spending time with her family on the farm, being outdoors, going on walks, and going to the races.

"I am excited to be back at NEMR," Auburn said. "I learned so much as an intern and can't wait to grow my knowledge in the telecommunications industry."

Please join us in welcoming Auburn back to NEMR. We're excited to have her on our team and look forward to the excellent service she'll provide to our members and customers.



Annual Meeting Drawing Winners

Congratulations to our 2026 Annual Meeting drawing winners! Mikel Becraft of Memphis was the winner of the \$1,000 cash prize, presented by NEMR's Justin Williams. Sherri Holt of Memphis received the \$500 cash prize with a special check delivery from NEMR's Jared Shelley and his awesome helpers, Wade and Kaedee.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote in this year's Annual Meeting. We appreciate your participation and continued support of NEMR!



Making a Splash This Summer!



Unionville



Memphis



Kahoka



Kirksville

What a great way to kick off summer! NEMR's Free Swim Days were a huge success in Unionville, Memphis, and Kahoka, with families enjoying a day of fun in the sun. We also had a fantastic turnout for our BOGO Swim Day at Kirksville!

BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY!

NEMR is kicking off the new school year by celebrating the incredible teachers who make a difference in our communities every day!

Beginning August 3, visit NEMR's Facebook page and tag a deserving teacher in the giveaway post. Be sure to include your favorite thing about them! Parents, former students, community members, fellow teachers, and school staff are all encouraged to nominate outstanding educators. Please submit one teacher tag per comment so each nomination is counted individually.

Every teacher who is nominated will be entered into a random drawing for a chance to win one of three great prizes: an Amazon Echo Show, a Toshiba 43" Fire TV, or a Shark Robot Vacuum.

Don't have Facebook? No problem! Call the NEMR office and one of our Customer Service Technicians will be happy to submit your teacher nomination over the phone.

The contest runs through August 24, and winners will be announced at a later date.

Help us start the school year by recognizing the teachers who inspire, encourage, and make a lasting impact on the lives of their students. We wish everyone a safe, happy, and successful school year!



Summer on the Square

NEMR was proud to sponsor the Summer on the Square concert series in Kirksville. We love supporting community events that bring people together for an evening of free live music, fun, and entertainment throughout the summer.

Fair Queen Sponsorship

NEMR was proud to sponsor the Sullivan County Fair Queen and Junior Miss Contest. Congratulations to all of the contestants for representing Sullivan County with confidence, leadership and community spirit!



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Ruschmeier, Paul or Terri- 660-874-5855



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Before making a purchase online, take a few seconds to check that the website is secure. Look for "https://" and the padlock icon in your browser's address bar. Stick to trusted retailers, avoid deals that seem too good to be true, and use a credit card or secure payment service for added fraud protection. A few extra clicks can help keep your personal and financial information safe.



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