

THE FIBER FOCUS

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It's Cybersecurity Awareness Month!

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month! As we spend more time connected online, taking simple steps to protect your personal information is more important than ever. Use strong, unique passwords, turn on multi-factor authentication when available, and always think before clicking suspicious links or messages. A little extra caution can go a long way toward keeping you, your devices, and your information safe online.

5 Simple Cybersecurity Tips

1. Use Strong Passwords – Make them long, unique, and hard to guess.
2. Turn On Multi-Factor Authentication – Add an extra layer of security to your accounts.
3. Think Before You Click – Avoid suspicious links, emails, and attachments.
4. Keep Devices Updated – Install updates to get the latest security protections.
5. Use Secure Wi-Fi – Avoid accessing sensitive information on unsecured public networks.



Think You've Been Scammed?

Act fast! Change your passwords, contact your bank if needed, and report the scam at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. Keep an eye on your accounts for suspicious activity.

BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY WINNERS!

*Thank you to everyone who nominated a teacher to win!
We are lucky to have so many awesome educators in our communities!*



Amazon Fire TV- Samantha Hendershott
Putnam County



Amazon Echo Show- Waltedda Blessing
Scotland County



Shark Robot Vacuum- Amber Liebhart
Green City

2026 National Customer Service Week

October 5–9 is National Customer Service Week, and at NEMR, great customer service is at the heart of everything we do. Our Customer Service Team is dedicated to serving you, answering your questions, and making sure you get the friendly, local support you deserve. Take a look at the friendly faces behind the voices you hear when you call our office—we're proud to have a team that's always ready to help!



Gracey



Lexi



Olivia



Jocelyn



Kaylynn



Chad



Auburn

Fun Times At The PC Fair Booth!



NEMR had a great time spending the week at the Putnam County Fair!

We loved connecting with people throughout the week, visiting with familiar faces, and meeting new ones. From passing out super cool NEMR sunglasses and putting on temporary tattoos to handing out goodies and more, there was plenty of fun at the NEMR booth. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to see us and helped make fair week such a great one. We always enjoy being part of the communities we serve!

Below are the prize winners from each night!

Tuesday

Haley Helbing
Steven Prough
Athena Cossolotto
Aria O'Reilly

Wednesday

Lori Tucker
Toni Hamilton
Drew Dorsey
Lainee Gashwieler

Thursday

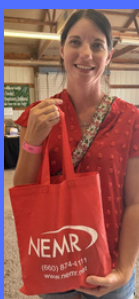
Cali Bachman
Elijah Jarman
Sage Triplett
Wade Vestal

Friday

Jill Blanchard
Lisa Young
Cameron Cullom
Braelynn Hoerrmann

Saturday

Terri Perkins
Jeff Thomas
Kolten Wyant
Jolee Vestal



PC Sports
Pass Winner



Tuesday night we gave away one Putnam County Sports Pass! The winner was Kelsey Lay! Congrats Kelsey! Enjoy watching Midget sports this season!

Happy Halloween!
October 31, 2026

New Directory Listings

Himes, Chris- 660-488-6702
Spencer, Margorie- 660-874-5040



Downing is a SRC!

NEMR is proud to recognize Downing as a Smart Rural Community! This honor celebrates the reliable fiber technology helping residents stay connected and creating new opportunities for the community. NEMR celebrated by presenting a Smart Rural Community sign to the City of Downing during Downing Appreciation Days.



Michele Gillespie, CEO
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Rick Kent
Jim Kigar
Mark Grgurich
Dennis Fechtling

Shane Bradshaw
Kenneth Hauk, Jr.
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