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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

From NEMR Board of Directors & Employees!

Our office will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day

NEMR's Fill the Cart Christmas Giveaway!

This Christmas, we're giving five NEMR customers a $100 grocery gift card! Five winners will be randomly selected and each winner gets to choose the grocery store where their gift card is purchased. That's five families and $500 in Christmas groceries from your local NEMR team!

To enter, email the following to contest@nemr.net

- Your name
- Service Address
- Phone Number

Enter by December 11, 2026. Winners will be announced December 14, 2026.

One entry per household. Must be a current NEMR customer. Gift card must be available for purchase from the selected grocery store. No cash substitutions.



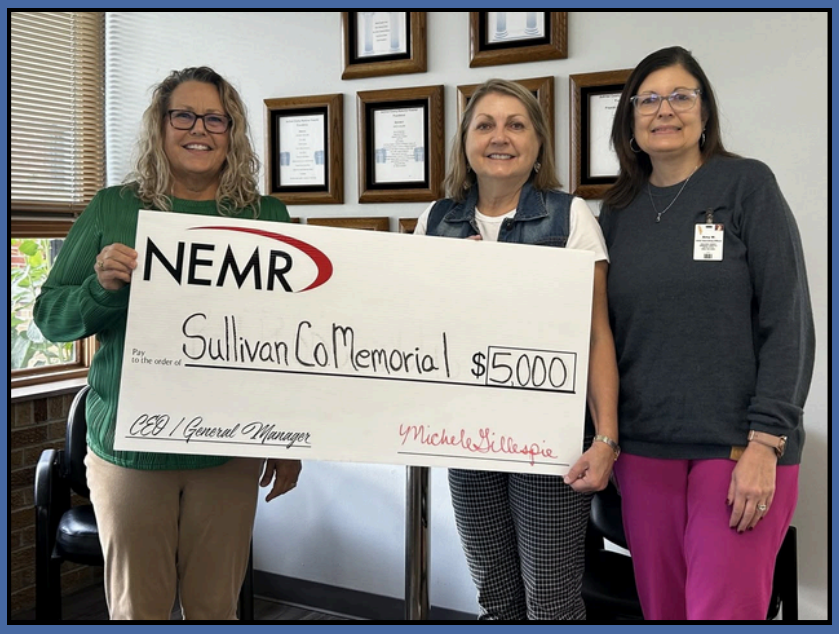
Staying Connected in a Digital World!

NEMR's Gracey Scobee recently led a technology workshop at NEMR Senior Citizens Services, covering three popular social media platforms: TikTok, Snapchat and Instagram. The class gave attendees an opportunity to learn more about each app, how they work and how to navigate today's ever-changing social media world.

It was a great class with a wonderful turnout! Thank you to everyone who attended and to NEMR Senior Citizens Services for the opportunity to share and learn together!



Helping Keep Our Communities Safe



Pictured L to R: NEMR's Jennifer Chrisman, SCMH's Martha Gragg & Amy Michael

NEMR is proud to support efforts that make our communities safer and stronger! The Sullivan County Memorial Hospital Foundation was recently awarded a $5,000 grant through the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) 2026 Community Grants Program, with support from NEMR.

The grant will fund the purchase of three automated external defibrillators (AEDs), which will be placed at Green City Clinic, Milan Family Practice, and Sullivan County Pharmacy.

Having access to an AED can make a life-saving difference during a cardiac emergency when every second counts. These devices will provide an important resource for local healthcare providers and the communities they serve.

NEMR was proud to contribute toward making this grant possible and is grateful for the Sullivan County Memorial Hospital Foundation's continued commitment to the health and well-being of our communities!



Explore, Learn & Lead: 2027 Youth Tour

Do you know a high school student who would love to visit Washington, D.C.? NEMR is offering students the opportunity to attend the 2027 Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour! Students will explore historic landmarks, visit museums, meet government leaders and connect with students from across the country.

Tour Dates: June 7–11, 2027
Application Deadline: February 1, 2027

Know someone who might be interested?
Encourage them to learn more and apply at nemr.net/youthtour!

Invest in Their Future! NEMR Scholarships

NEMR is offering scholarships to help graduating high school seniors take the next step toward their education. If you know a student who plans to attend college or a vocational-technical school, be sure to share this opportunity with them!

NEMR will award one scholarship winner from each of the eight schools in our service area: Green City, Milan, Kirksville, Putnam County, Schuyler County, Clark County, Scotland County and Novinger.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, have a minimum 2.0 GPA and be accepted to an accredited college, university or vocational-technical school. Students from NEMR employee and board member families are not eligible.

Application Deadline: March 27, 2027

Visit nemr.net/scholarship to learn more and complete the application.



New Directory Listings

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Shop Smart & Stay Safe This Holiday Season!

Holiday shopping is easier than ever online, but it's important to stay alert! Before making a purchase, shop with trusted retailers, double-check website addresses and be cautious of deals that seem too good to be true. Avoid clicking unfamiliar links in emails or text messages, and never enter payment information on websites you don't trust.

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