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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Directors Nominating Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00 pm at Thousand Hills Dining Lodge, Kirksville, for the upcoming Election of Directors which will be held during the Annual Meeting of Members, Thursday, June 18, 2020, at Adair County R-I School, Novinger, MO. Districts seeking nominations for the 2020 Election are:

***District 3/4-Ronald Morlan***

***District 1/8-Shane Bradshaw***

***District 9-Scott Aylward***

The Nominating Committee Members are Colin Sorhus, Shayla Vestal, Steve Morris, and Brenda Warrick.

Pursuant to a revision to Article Four of the Articles of Incorporation adopted by the membership at their September 13, 2014, Annual Meeting, and pursuant to Board Policy adopted at the February 17, 2014, Board of Directors meeting and the retirement announcement of the District 4 board member at the February 24, 2020 Board of Directors meeting, the Board size will drop to nine members.

With a unanimous vote on March 3, 2020 at a special meeting, the District 4 exchange of Winigan will be represented along with District 3 and the District 4 Novinger south of Highway O will be represented along with District 6.

The annual meeting booklet will be mailed to all members in early June. We urge every member to try to attend the Annual Meeting and participate in the happenings of the Cooperative. Thank you!

## APRIL IS NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH



1. Call 811 or go online to get a USA ticket three days before you plan to dig. All you have to do is give the address or general location of the project, when you plan to start, and how much digging you'll be doing.
2. Make sure you dig parallel with the utility line and use precautions when you are removing soil from near the utility line.
3. Use smaller hand tools while digging within 24 inches of the outer edge of underground utility lines.
4. Keep an eye out for signs of a natural gas leak. If you smell something similar to rotten eggs, or hear hissing, whistling, or roaring, it's likely a leak.



# THE BUZZZZ

## WHO IS HEADED TO WASHINGTON, D.C.?

NEMR Telecom hosted an interview dinner to choose two candidates to represent the company at the 26th annual Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour to Washington D.C. High school students within the company's internet service area are given the opportunity to apply for this trip by submitting a one-page essay and an application.



Anna Triplett & Jenna Blessing  
2020 FRS Youth Tour Winners

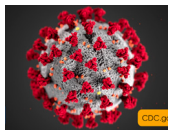
The candidates included the following, pictured from left to right: Anna Triplett, Scotland County R-1; Jenna Blessing, Scotland County R-1; Tanner Tipton, Green City R-1; Taryn Stewart, Adair County R-1; Skyler Parsons, Adair County R-1; and Corrie Magers, Adair County R-1.

On Wednesday, February 26th, the students and their family members joined with the Education Committee from NEMR Telecom's Board of Directors, Michele Gillespie, CEO; and Justin Simmons, FRS Youth Tour Coordinator; to meet for a dinner and be interviewed.

The students were each called upon to introduce themselves and give a brief family history and other relevant information. Students shared about their hobbies, interests, future plans and other reasons they believed they were good candidates for the FRS Youth Tour.

Following the dinner, the Education Committee formally selected two candidates to participate in the tour to D.C. June 6th-10th. They are Anna Triplett and Jenna Blessing, both from Scotland County R-1.

The Foundation for Rural Service's (FRS) annual Youth Tour is one of the most visible examples of the foundation's involvement with, and commitment to, rural youth. 2020 marks the 26th annual Youth Tour. Each year, in collaboration with NTCA member companies, FRS brings rural students from across the United States to Washington, D.C. for a four-day tour of some of the most historical sites in the nation.



## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

NEMR Telecom is taking measures to ensure we can continue to provide our members with the best quality service, while protecting the health of our employees and members.

As of March 18, 2020, the NEMR Telecom lobby will be closed to the public until further notice. Our friendly customer service technicians and help desk associates will be happy to assist you by phone. Our customer service technicians can answer questions and take service calls. If you want to make a payment, you can do so by phone, mail, via our eBill online payment system or the night deposit box at our Green City business office. You can reach us at 660-874-4111 or go to [www.nemr.net](http://www.nemr.net).

Also, before a Technician is dispatched to your location, please inform us if anyone at your home or business is sick with any illness that can be spread from person to person, such as the Coronavirus, Influenza, etc. If needed, there are many things we can do to repair service that does not involve entering the location. Our employees are taking precautions to clean their hands and equipment between service calls.

We remain fully committed to meeting your communications needs. We are asking you to work with us so that we can help deter the spread of infectious illnesses. Thank you for your support.

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