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# THE BUZZ

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## New Directory Listings

Richmond, Jerry L	355-4522
Fischer, Richard W	465-2065
Romero, Brandon	465-2116
Briggs, Rose Mary	465-2176
Larsen, Wayne & Linda	465-2232
Gas & More of Memphis LLC	465-2633
Eiler, Dezeray L	488-5189
McFarland, Larry	488-5414
Sturm, Brenda	874-4080
Z & Z Propane	883-5800
Klingsmith, Benny	933-4600
Brummer, Gene & Lois	947-3106
Crawford, Sandee	947-3164
Staggs, John F	947-7599

Beginning April 24, 2021, you should begin dialing 10 digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. If you forget and dial just 7 digits, your call will still be completed until October 24, 2021.

**BUZZ  
TIP**

You can undo almost any action on your computer, from typing the wrong thing to accidentally deleting a file, with **Ctrl+Z**



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Directors Nominating Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7 at 6:00 pm via conference call, for the upcoming Election of Directors which will be held during the Annual Meeting of Members, Thursday, June 17, 2021, by "LIVE" feed on NEMR Telecom's Facebook page. Directors seeking nominations for the 2021 Election are:

**Zone 1, Novinger – Mark Grgurich**

**Zone 2, Luray – Junior Bertram**

**Zone 2, Tobin Creek – Jim Kigar**

The Nominating Committee Members are Chuck Daniels, Andy Hargrove, Jamie Triplett, and Chuck Yancy.

Pursuant to a revision of Article Four of the Articles of Incorporation adopted at the August 2020 Board of Directors' meeting, the Board determined that the size of the Board should be reduced to seven (7) members through regular resignation or retirement of Directors. Therefore, whenever a current Board member announces an intention to resign or retire, the Board may choose not to hold an election to replace that Director and, instead, reduce the size of the Board.

Presently, there are five (5) Directors from Zone 1 and four (4) Directors from Zone 2. Recognizing that the evolution to a seven-member Board of Directors through resignations and retirements will take time, the Board is authorized to move towards a seven-member Board at its own discretion and pace when determining whether or not to hold an election to replace a resigning or retiring Director.

Pursuant to a revision of Article Four of the Articles of Incorporation adopted at the January and February 2021 Board of Directors' meeting, the 11 districts have been changed to 2 zones with no more than 1 director from an exchange. Zone 1 includes the exchanges: Green City, Lemons, Martinstown, Novinger, Omaha, Pollock, Queen City, Unionville, and Winigan and Zone 2 includes the exchanges: Arbela, Brock, Luray, Memphis and Tobin Creek.

If we do not have your current email address, please call 660-874-4111 and update it. NEMR will send out an email in May with instructions to vote. We urge every member to vote online and receive a \$10 bill credit plus your name will be entered into a drawing for cash prizes. The annual meeting booklet will be mailed to all members in early June.

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**HIPPITY HOPPITY  
HAPPY EASTER**

**Hop to it and enjoy Easter activities with your family.** This time of year offers plenty of possibilities. Express your creative side by decorating Easter eggs and baskets in new ways. Get moving with an egg-and-spoon race in the backyard. Or watch the classic movie *Easter Parade* with Judy Garland and Fred Astaire.

However you decide to celebrate, don't forget to share your favorite moments through video calls and social media posts. Technology helps everybunny stay connected.

Get ready for  
**10-DIGIT  
DIALING**  
for local calls



In July 2020, the Federal Communications Commission adopted an order approving the designation of 988 as the 3-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. To facilitate implementation, area codes across the country where the 988 prefix is a working prefix and which now use 7-digit local dialing must transition to 10-digit local dialing. This includes the 660 area code in our service area.

**Starting October 24, 2021, you'll need to dial the 660 area code plus the 7-digit phone number to make local calls. In addition to changing your dialing routine, you'll also have to reprogram 7-digit local numbers to 10-digit numbers if you use speed dial or any other system that automatically makes calls for you.**

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS**



**NEMR Telecom** hosted an interview dinner where normally two candidates are chosen to represent the company at the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Unfortunately, due to the recent events and the closing of many places in Washington, D.C., the trip was cancelled for another year. The NEMR Education Committee decided to award scholarships in lieu of the cancellation of the FRS Trip. Abby Doster and Claire Tipton will each receive a \$1500 scholarship. Noah Newland and Gracyn Stewart will each receive a \$500 scholarship.



*Left to Right: Noah Newland (Schuyler County R-1), Abby Doster (Scotland County R-1), Gracyn Stewart (Adair County R-1), Claire Tipton (Putnam Co. R-1).*



**Michele Gillespie, CEO  
Board of Directors**

Rick Kent  
Ron Morlan  
Jim Kigar  
Mark Grgurich  
Dennis Fechtling

Shane Bradshaw  
Scott Aylward  
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