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## MEMBER VOTING BEGINS

The 66th Annual Meeting of Members will take place "live" on Facebook, Thursday, June 15th. Members can begin voting online beginning Monday, May 15, 2023. In late May or early June, all members will receive the Annual Meeting booklet in the mail with their member number on the address label. Please read the booklet and cast your vote by Tuesday, June 13, 2023. **In appreciation for participating in the online voting, all members who vote will receive a \$10 bill credit in July and be entered in a drawing to win a cash prize of \$1,000, \$500, or be one of 10 names drawn to win \$100!** Below are options to cast a member vote:



1. Watch for a NEMR email with a vote link coming from [noreply@directvote.net](mailto:noreply@directvote.net).
2. Visit [www.nemr.net](http://www.nemr.net) and click the **Member Vote** link. Enter your member number, vote, and submit.
3. If you need assistance, please call our office during business hours, 660-874-4111.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Director Nominating Committee had a conference call at 6:00 pm on April 12, 2023, with Shayla Vestal, Zone 1; Brenda Warrick, Zone 1; Steve Morris, Zone 2; and General Manager Michele Gillespie present. Shayla Vestal made a motion for Brenda Warrick to act as Chairman of the committee and General Manager Michele Gillespie to act as Recording Secretary for the minutes. Steve Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. General Manager Michele Gillespie informed the Committee of the incumbent Board Members who are seeking reelection. Incumbents are Zone 1, Shane Bradshaw and Zone 2, Scott Aylward. After discussion of the applicants for Board Member nominees of Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company, the following were selected:

Shayla Vestal nominated **Shane Bradshaw for Zone 1.**

Steve Morris nominated **Scott Aylward for Zone 2.**

Brenda Warrick made a motion, which was seconded by Shayla Vestal, that nominations cease, and that these nominees be accepted as candidates for election to the Board of Directors of Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company. Motion carried unanimously. Steve Morris made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Shayla Vestal seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Chairman Brenda Warrick declared the meeting adjourned.

-Michele Gillespie, Recording Secretary



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# MOM'S FOOTSTEPS

THINK HIGH HEELS AND HIGH SPEEDS

Happy Mother's Day! Mothers often demonstrate how small steps lead to big accomplishments and inspire us to move forward with confidence and courage.

Are you thinking about going back to school, changing jobs, or exploring a new hobby? As you make your way, remember the example set by your mother and the technology available from us. Our high-speed internet can help you make the most of today's opportunities.



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## NEMR NEEDS YOUR GOOGLE REVIEW



If you are happy with NEMR as your service provider, go to our Google business page and tell the world! To thank you for rating our services and giving NEMR a review, two lucky reviewers will win an Amazon Fire TV Stick and a glow-in-the-dark remote control cover.



Simply visit [www.nemr.net](http://www.nemr.net) and click "Google Review." The link will take you to NEMR's review page. All current customers who review the NEMR page will be eligible for the random drawing! Your Google Review must be entered by May 31, 2023. Thank you!

### \$50 VISA GIFT CARD WINNER

Congratulations to D&J's Screen Printing and Embroidery Studio of Kirksville. They won a \$50 Visa Gift Card! NEMR customers who enrolled in Automatic Bill Pay, during NEMR's "Try Your Luck" promotion in March, were entered in the random drawing.

*Pictured: Gretchen Tilman, Owner & Jennifer Chrisman, NEMR*



### NEW DIRECTORY LISTINGS

Zeiset, Jesse	660-328-6330
Shocklee, Dean	
& Rachel	660-488-5131
Mountain Jr, Robert	660-488-5142
Schubert, Kyle	
& Andrea	660-866-2302
Classic Auto	
& Trailers	660-947-2441

### DO-NOT-CALL REGISTRY

You may register your residential telephone number, including any wireless numbers, on the national Do-Not-Call Registry at no cost, either by telephone or via the internet. To register by telephone, call 1-888-382-1222. For TTY, call 1-866-290-4236. You must call from the number you wish to register. You may register, or obtain additional information, via the internet at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov). Three months after your registration, your number will be registered and will remain on the Do-Not-Call Registry for five years.



### SMALL BUSINESSES OWNED AND OPERATED BY NEMR EMPLOYEES

National Small Business Week is celebrated April 30 to May 6, 2023. We thought this would be a wonderful time to share about our employees who own and operate businesses outside of their full-time careers with NEMR.

**The Store Building LLC** in Unionville is owned by Jason Hill and TJ Payne. The business took off two years ago as "Your one stop grill shop." Customers can purchase grills, seasonings, utensils, wood pellets, and more. The shop is just part of the story. Today, Jason and his friends are busy catering events too. Jason has worked at NEMR for 22 years!

**Linhart Pest Control** in Milan is owned and operated by Anthony and Paula Linhart. They opened for business in 1994, after moving back to rural Sullivan County where they grew up. Paula has worked at NEMR 14 years while helping Anthony with the business. The Linharts have a second small business operating their cattle farm in rural Sullivan County.

**Rose Hardware Inc.** in Memphis was purchased by Eric Long and his wife Nikki six months ago. Eric has worked at NEMR for 13 years. The hardware store supplies paint, tools, plumbing and electrical supplies, as well as lawn and garden supplies, plus more. It keeps Nikki busy during the day, but the work does not stop there, the Longs are also long-time cattle farmers in rural Scotland County.

**Rouse Heating and Cooling LLC** of Unionville is owned and operated by Jason and Sarah Rouse. Sarah has been with NEMR for 12 years. They opened the business almost eight years ago offering heating, cooling, plumbing, and electrical, as well as trencher and backhoe work. When Jason needs help, the children pitch in. It is a family business.

Next month, we will introduce you to more of our employees who own and operate local small businesses.

Michele Gillespie, CEO

#### Board of Directors

- Rick Kent
- Shane Bradshaw
- Jim Kigar
- Scott Aylward
- Mark Grgurich
- Kenneth Hauk, Jr.
- Dennis Fechtling
- Junior Bertram



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