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# The BUZZ



Three random winners will be chosen before Christmas. Below are the prizes:



Xbox Series S Gaming



iRobot Roomba Vacuum



Blink Video Doorbell

## HOLIDAY GIVEAWAY

1. NEMR customers: Send an email to [contest@nemr.net](mailto:contest@nemr.net) between November 1 and December 15, 2023.
2. Answer the question: How has NEMR fiber internet benefited you, your family, or your business? Share how you use your internet. Do you work from home, have online classes, use the internet for farming, staying connected, gaming, shopping, or other?
3. Don't forget to include your contact information. "Like" our Facebook page and watch to see whose names are drawn!

## Holiday Office Hours:

Closed

December 22-25th, 2023 & January 1, 2024

*We wish you Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Board of Directors and your NEMR Team.*



## MEMBER WINNERS

NEMR had a random member drawing to celebrate National Cooperative Month in October. Each member is receiving a \$20 bill credit this month.

- James & Joanie Baker-Memphis
- Peggy & Bruce Woolsey-Novinger
- Matt Foster-Unionville
- Rachel Duzan-Memphis
- Guy King-Green Castle

## DIRECTORY LISTINGS

Schumacher, Scott Allen 660-328-6320  
 McKim, Mary E & Ricky 660-488-5422  
 Northeast Missouri  
 Caring Communities 660-465-2335  
 Gregory, Shane Richard 660-866-2290  
 White, Billie 660-874-5995  
 Hoover, Richard 660-945-3108

## ESPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS ON THE RISE

Though many parents may be skeptical about their teens' passion for video gaming, they might be surprised—and even impressed—by the economic opportunities brought about by gaming, especially in competitive esports. And the most eye-popping impressive statistic parents, and their college-bound kids, should be aware of is the tremendous amount of esports scholarships available for college: \$16 million according to the most recent data! Below are some tips for gamers who want to take their hobby to the next level and help them pay for their college education through esports.

1. **Start or join an esports team or gaming club.** NEMR has partnered with Fiber Gaming Network. You can create a free account at [fibergamingnetwork.com](http://fibergamingnetwork.com) and compete against players from all over the world, improving your skills.
2. **Record your gaming sessions and create a highlight reel of your best games and skills.** You will have something ready to show a recruiter.
3. **Reach out to college esports coaches during your college search.** Get them on your radar. Make sure your application includes your gaming talent and skills.
4. **Think beyond the game.** Most colleges are not looking to train professional gamers. Many award esports scholarships to gamers with interests like video productions, coding, programming, graphic design, and marketing.

When combined with their own skills and many hours of playing on NEMR's advanced fiber network—the fastest, most reliable internet a gamer can utilize—these tips may help students outperform the competition and get a well-merited scholarship for their future.

## WIN AN ALL-EXPENSE PAID TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Foundation for Rural Services and NEMR will send two students on an all-expense paid trip to our nation's capital, June 3-7, 2024. If you are a student between the ages of 15 and 17 during the tour, apply online at [www.nemr.net](http://www.nemr.net). Click on the FRS dropdown button and select "DC Youth Tour." Applicant's parents or guardians must have active service with NEMR. For more information, call 660-874-4111 and ask for Justin Simmons. Deadline to apply is January 19, 2024.

**SEND US YOUR BEST SHOT!**

NEMR is creating a calendar for 2025 and we need YOUR help!

Email your photos to [contest@nemr.net](mailto:contest@nemr.net)



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## \$2500 Scholarships Available

H.S. Seniors  
Apply

[www.frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships](http://www.frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships)

## FRAUD ALERT

Holiday fraud is shifting into high gear. We want our customers to be aware! Scammers know it can be tough to find hot or sold-out items at affordable prices. They will advertise these popular goods and try to get you to bite. However, you won't receive what you pay for, or you'll end up with a poor knock-off. If an item is sold-out, ask yourself how this advertiser got it. Do not fall for the "too good to be true" scams. Check the seller's account history to see if they are trustworthy. Only buy with a credit card, so you can dispute charges if the seller is a scammer. Report online fraud at: <https://fraud.org/>.

## YOUR COOPERATIVE IN ACTION



NEMR receives award for "Large Business of the Year" from the Milan Area Chamber of Commerce. The announcement came during the annual banquet in October. Kyle Rogers, Asst. Plant Mgr. and Jason Hill, Network Mgr., accepted the award. "It was a surprise and a great honor to be serving the community of Milan," said Rogers.



A free tech workshop took place at the Sullivan County Multi-Purpose Senior Center in Milan. Seniors learned about internet safety, including how to detect fraud emails and harmful pop-ups. They also participated in a question-and-answer session. NEMR Marketing Assistant, Gracey Gordon, was the workshop leader. If you would like a workshop in your community, call Gracey at 660-874-4111.



Students and job seekers from N.E. Missouri got the chance to visit NEMR representatives during the Kirksville Job Fair. Jennifer Chrisman, Marketing & Sales Manager, and Justin Simmons, IT & Office Manager, introduced participants to career opportunities available with rural telecommunication companies. The event was at Moberly Community College.



October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In honor of our own, and others fighting breast cancer, the NEMR ladies dressed in pink.



The NEMR truck was spotted in another parade in October. This time, Jason Hill participated in the Truman Homecoming Parade in Kirksville. For Halloween, Jared Shelley handed out candy during Memphis's Safe Stop, and NEMR donated over three hundred trick or treat bags to Milan Elementary School students for their Halloween parties. Meanwhile, back in the office, the minions took over as our customer service representatives. Pictured are Mendy Haines, Gracey Gordon, and Misty Seidel.



Travis Swarts, NEMR Lineman, continues leading the Kirksville fiber expansion project. Construction will begin to slow down with the onset of winter, but promises to be a busy spring with three huge fiber projects in rural Milan, Downing, and continuing in Kirksville.

Michele Gillespie, CEO

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