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$5,000 FRS Community Grant

Awarded to Emerson-Hubbard Robotics!

Big things are happening at Emerson Hubbard High School! NNTC and the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) have awarded a $5,000 community grant to the school's FRC Robotics Team 9570.

Science teacher Ed Griesel launched the robotics program in 2023 to build on students' interest in STEM. The team competed with 12 students last year at a school of 70 students. Griesel also developed a STEM/Robotics class during the school day, giving students hands-on experience designing and building a robot.



NNTC GM Pat McElroy (far left) presents the check to teacher Ed Griesel (2nd from left) and students of the Emerson-Hubbard FRC Robotics Team 9570!

For freshman Olivia Carranza, part of the appeal is building from scratch. "I like building stuff in general. I have a bunch of Legos at home," she said.

The grant will help cover competition expenses and purchase needed tools and storage. "Robotics is an expensive project in the schools, the community has been really helpful, but this grant is going to help a lot," Griesel said.

Beyond building robots, students develop problem-solving, teamwork, and communication skills while gaining confidence and preparing for future opportunities.



Teacher Ed Griesel (2nd from left) helps students prepare for the tasks their robots will need to perform at their first competition.

"I learn programming and working with other teams when you're at the competitions," said senior Cruz Rangl.

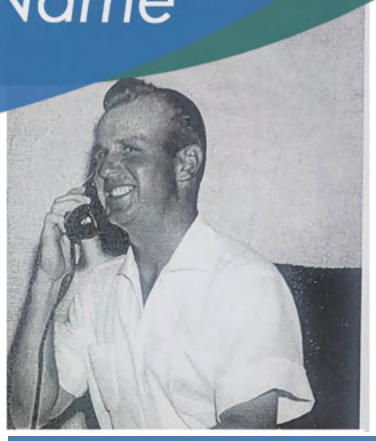
Team 9570 will head to their first competition of the school year on November 7th. Good luck!

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Looking Ahead: Evaluating Our Company Name

When Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company was founded in 1955, our name reflected exactly who we were and what we did. Telephone service was our **only** mission, and we're proud of the history and tradition built over the past 71 years.



Former GM, Howard Rassmussen, makes NNTC's first phone call in 1957.

But a lot has changed since then!

Today, NNTC is much more than a telephone company. Our 100% fiber-optic network delivers the high-speed connectivity that supports homes, farms, businesses, schools, healthcare facilities and public safety agencies throughout our growing service area.

In fact, approximately 30% of our customers live outside northeast Nebraska, reflecting just how far our reach has grown beyond the region in our name.

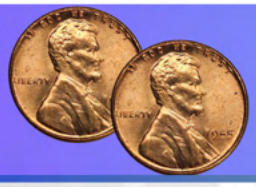
That's why we've begun evaluating whether *Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company* still accurately reflects who we are today and where we're headed tomorrow.

This process isn't about forgetting our roots or leaving our history behind. We're incredibly proud of the communities that built this company and the people who have trusted us for generations. It's about taking the same forward-thinking approach that guided our founders in 1955 and applying it to the decades ahead.

We find ourselves asking a simple question: If we were starting this company today, with the services we offer and the communities we serve, would we still choose the name *Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company*?

No decisions have been made. As we move forward with this evaluation, our goal is to ensure our company name reflects not only our history, but also the services we provide, the communities we serve and the future we're building. We look forward to sharing more as this process continues!

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