

Watt's New May 2026



Vernon Electric Cooperative

"Information for our members."

Monthly Co-op Trivia

APRIL TRIVIA:

What is the primary purpose of a "load management" or demand response program in electric cooperatives?

Answer: B) Shift or reduce electricity use during peak demand times

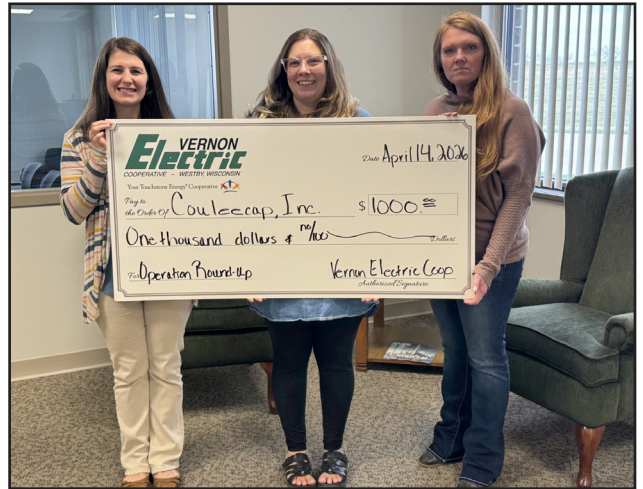
MAY TRIVIA:

Always keep at least ___ feet away from overhead power lines when using ladders or equipment.

(See next month's newsletter for answer.)



Operation Round Up Helps Fund Local Organizations



Vernon Electric Cooperative is proud to continue supporting our local communities through the Operation Round Up program. Most recently, donations were made to CouleeCap, Inc. for its Supportive Housing Program, which provides essential services to individuals and families in need of stable housing, as well as "Come For Supper," a weekly community meal hosted at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. This program offers a free meal every Tuesday evening, providing not only nourishment but also a welcoming space for community connection.

These contributions are made possible by the generosity of members who participate in

Operation Round Up by voluntarily rounding up their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar. While each individual contribution may seem small, together they create a meaningful impact.

We are sincerely grateful to all who take part in this program. Your continued support helps strengthen our communities and provide assistance where it is needed most—one penny at a time.

To learn more about Operation Round Up or to enroll, please visit vernonelectric.org/operation-round-up.



Cooperative Principle #6: Cooperation Among Cooperatives

We're firing up the grills and teaming up with VernonCom once again for another **Joint Summer Picnic!**



Date
Time
Where

Wednesday, June 10
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Genoa Pavillion

Attention High School Students!

We are excited to sponsor local high school students for the **Youth Leadership Conference (YLC)** – a unique opportunity held each summer and sponsored by Wisconsin's Electric Cooperatives.

YLC isn't your typical summer event—it's a chance to get out of your routine and be part of something bigger. You'll meet students from all over the state, jump into team challenges, and hear from dynamic speakers who make you think about what's possible after high school.

It's not just about sitting and listening either—you'll be competing, collaborating, and learning how to make a real impact in your school and community. Plus, you'll get a glimpse of college life, build connections, and maybe even discover leadership skills you didn't know you had.

If you're a high school student – or know one – who's ready to build leadership skills, make new friends, and explore opportunities, we encourage you to apply!



When	July 14-16
Where	UW-Stout
Who's eligible	High school students
Cost	FREE sponsored by Vernon Electric Cooperative

To apply or learn more, please contact our office or visit: vernonelectric.org/ylc

Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience!

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MEAT GIVEAWAY

Kicking off the 5th Annual Meat Giveaway

Vernon Electric Cooperative is excited to launch our 5th Annual Meat Giveaway beginning May 1! This community-driven fundraiser continues to support much-needed improvements to the livestock buildings at the Vernon County Fairgrounds.

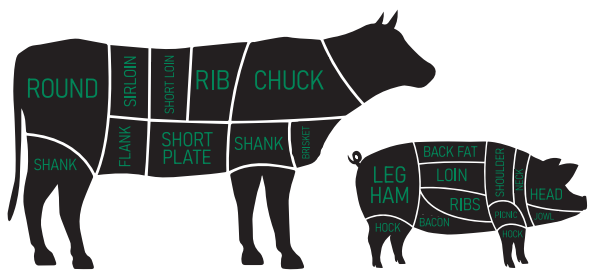
Thanks to the generosity of our members, this program has already raised over \$2,800, helping to enhance the fair experience for local youth, families, and agricultural programs.

How to participate:

Stop by our office starting May 1 to grab your tickets!

\$1.00 donation = 1 ticket

\$5.00 donation = 6 tickets



Every dollar raised goes directly to fairground improvements. After the Vernon County Fair, four lucky winners will each receive a \$100 gift certificate to a local meat locker!

Join us in supporting our community and celebrating the agricultural roots that make Vernon County so special.

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The information in this newsletter has been prepared for you by Trevor B. Clark, Director of Member Services. Comments or questions regarding information contained here should be directed to:

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