

## Vernon Electric Cooperative

*"Information for our member-owners."*

# Bernadine Hornby Honored by Western Technical College

Western Technical College's Alumni Association awarded this year's Distinguished Alumni Award to Bernadine Hornby, board president of Vernon Electric Cooperative. Bernadine represents Vernon Electric Co-op members in the Towns of Jefferson, Sterling, and Franklin. She has been on Vernon Electric's board since 2001, and in 2012 became the first woman in Wisconsin to serve as a board president of a rural electric cooperative, which have been around since the 1930's.

Bernadine is a 1980 graduate of Western's Interior Design program. Until 1986, she held interior design positions at A&C Johnson Co. and the Viroqua Home Center. From 1988-2001, she formed her own business, Wedding Day Bridal Services, which designed and coordinated rental products for wedding ceremonies.

In addition to her interior design career, Bernadine also

served as Treasurer for the Town of Franklin in Vernon County from 1992-2012, in her local church, and Viroqua FFA alumni groups.

"Through her work within her community and her career, Bernadine represents the values of Western," said Sally Emerson, alumni manager at Western. "She serves as an excellent role model for all students and alumni."



Hornby was the keynote speaker at Western's commencement ceremony on April 21, and a special reception was held in her honor prior to the ceremony.

Western's Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes dedicated service to the community or nation, leadership, personal growth and achievement, professional achievement, and contributions to the Western district.

## VEC Contractors May Be in Your Area

Personal security is always an issue. Therefore, Vernon Electric would like to keep you informed of official contractors who do work for us and may, at times, need to access your property to do work on Vernon Electric's equipment in the right-of-way. Here is a list of current contractors we use:



This Chapman Metering employee, standing with his van, is contracted by Vernon Electric Co-op to replace and test electric meters.

- Chapman Metering – meter testing and replacement. They may be knocking on your door to let you know they will be replacing your meter
  - Asplundh Tree Expert Co. – tree and right-of-way maintenance
  - Zielies Tree Service – tree and right-of-way maintenance
  - Karcz Utility Services – pole testing and line inspection
  - Push, Inc. – underground and overhead line construction
  - Vanguard Utility Services – underground wire locating
- You may see any one of these contractors working in your area. You may have one of these contractors knock on your door, letting you know they are working on your property as a Vernon Electric contractor. Please feel free to contact Vernon Electric if you ever have any questions or concerns.

## Rate Change Takes Effect June 1

Members will see a small rate increase this month. As explained at our Annual Meeting, our goal is to provide reliable, safe electricity at fair prices. Based on input from our members, we strive to provide rate stability by doing small, gradual rate increases when needed. We have not had a rate increase in two years, despite increasing construction, maintenance, fixed and power supply costs.

After completing a rate study, it was determined that a 2% rate increase is needed. The good news is that our kilowatt-hour and yard lighting rates are not changing. However, we are under-collecting our fixed costs in our monthly Facility Charge. The increase to our Facility Charge will be about 10¢ a day, or \$3 a month. Secondary meter Facility Charges, if you have one, will increase by 50¢ per month. The increase in our Facility Charge will result in an overall 2% increase in revenue and provide fairer allocation of our fixed costs.

You can help keep your electric bill down by implementing energy efficiency measures and taking

advantage of Vernon Electric's Do Watt\$ Right program. Click on the "Efficiency" tab on our website or give us a call for advice on energy efficiency. Click on "Rebates" to see the many incentives we have for improving energy efficiency in your home or business.

### Rate Comparison Chart Residential and Small Commercial Rates

	2017	2018
Facility Charge	\$ 32.00	\$ 35.00
Summer first 1,500 kWh rate	\$ 0.124	\$ 0.124
Summer over 1,500 kWh rate	\$ 0.119	\$ 0.119
Winter first 1,500 kWh rate	\$ 0.109	\$ 0.109
Winter over 1,500 kWh rate	\$ 0.104	\$ 0.104
<b>Dual Fuel Heating</b>		
Facility Charge	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.50
Oct.- May rate	\$ 0.066	\$ 0.066
Jun.-Sep. rate	\$ 0.103	\$ 0.103

See full rate schedule showing all rate classes at [www.vernonelectric.org/content/rates](http://www.vernonelectric.org/content/rates)

# VEC's Most Wanted List

The following individuals are owners of outstanding capital credit checks that have not been cashed. Please call our office at 608-634-3121 or 1-800-447-5051 with your current address so we can update our records and see that you receive your checks.



Adamiec, Frank  
Anderson, Jo Anne G  
Asp, Arnold A  
Baglo, John D  
Barner, Amber C  
Barnes, Terry A  
Bashaw, Anita M  
Benish, Cindy L  
Betts, Gordon L  
Bindl, Tim  
Bonniwell, Nancy  
Borntreger, Emanuel  
Brinkman, Beulah A  
Broderick, Robert T  
Brueggen, Scott C  
Burke, Shawn K  
Byler, Delbert S  
Byler, Enos  
Caldwell, Adrienne L  
Carpenter, Jean B  
Christensen, Dawn S  
Christoffer, Ann  
Connelly, Timothy D  
Conrad, Erin L  
Daniels, Tammy K  
Deadwood Saloon/Eric Gunderson  
Dearborn, Sharon L  
Delton Investments  
De Witt, Kelsey M  
Dillmann, Josef A  
Ducharme-Gelhaus, Amy L

Earley, Malon P  
Eickstaedt, Fred O  
Eisenhut, Ted J  
Erickson, Andrew D  
Ewing, Sarah A  
Fitzmaurice, Larry D  
Flury, Cody L  
Folson Comm Club  
Ford, Erin R  
Kenneth, Frederick  
Fredrickson, Cheryl A  
Fredrickson, Nicole E  
Fry, Douglas K  
Fry-Kunkel, Zachary A  
Funk, Frederick O  
Genardo, Joseph F  
Green, Roy A  
Gust, Robert G  
Hall, Arlene M  
Hanly, Mark  
Haralson, Jeffery D  
Hoff, Teresa M  
Hojnacki, Shirley R  
Holte, Kathy M  
Hubbard, Ronnie J  
Hysel, Ginger A  
Jaekel, Lea Anne  
Jensen, Susan L  
Jones, Gladys L  
Kansier, Colleen A  
Keeling, Wilbur L

Keewaydin Organic/Rufus  
Haucke  
Keil, Ruth  
Kingsbury, Paul G  
Knickmeier, Jeffrey  
Kolpack, Naomi N  
Kronschnabel, Tammy  
Kuball, Daniel A  
Kunert, Myra J  
Kvamme, Ronald L  
Lappi, Nathan L  
Larson, Adriane M  
Larson, Beryl L  
Lee, Ryan M  
Leis, Pamela A  
Leonard, Michael J  
Lindsey, Carl L  
Lunde, Randy J  
Lutz, T Jay  
Magruder, Bill  
Mashak, Travis R  
Mayenschein, H  
Mc Connell, Joyce A  
Mc Kee, Lydia A  
Mc Lees, Gary K  
Meier, Joseph A SR  
Meinzer, Richard C  
Mellem, Judy  
Miller, Albert M  
Miller, Colleen J  
Miller, Glen M

Mills, Judy A  
Mitchell, Holly  
Mindar, Louis  
Mlsna, Monica M  
Moldenhauer, Thomas K  
Moore, Kurt J  
Moore, Scott D  
Morgan, Daniel C  
Mountford, Douglas S  
Nelson, Audrey  
Nelson, Michael A  
Norgaard, June  
Oelke, Rosa L  
Oler, Gerald W  
Olson, Harvey O  
Olson, Laura L  
Olson, Michael T  
Oliver, Michael L  
Oliver, Vernon A  
Oneal, Lonnie R  
Onshus, Cynthia J  
Peterman, Logan  
Petitgout, Dale R  
Primmer, Allen R  
Quinn, Edward A  
Reczek, David J  
Reimer, Steven M  
Reser, Curtis E  
Richardson, Glen P  
Riddle, Bobby E  
Riley, Rod F

Rohn, Evan L  
Rose, Teresa L  
Salis, Dennis D  
Sarauer, Kenneth P  
Sawle, Sherry L  
Schaefer, Sam J  
Schmidt, Karl E  
Schuetz, Jon  
Seymour, Douglas  
Sherry, Susan R  
Sniff, Glenn D  
Sorenson, Clarence R  
Stenslien, Russell H  
Stephen, Frederick W  
Stoikes, Myron L  
Storm Inc/Bill Lesnjak  
Sullivan, Tom  
Sutton, Harry  
Swenson, Brian L  
Swenson, Victor J  
Temp, Michael P  
Tollackson, Stefanie J  
Van Hees, James K  
Walbrun, Adam J  
Waldvogel, Rich W  
Weisenbeck, Jude D  
Wrieden, Bill  
Yoder, Jacob A  
Young, Harry R  
Ziegler, Rick L  
Zitzner, Fae L

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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

## Practical Tips for Lowering Your Summer Electric Bill

- Keep your air-conditioner thermostat set as high as comfortably possible. Your thermostat should be no lower than 78 degrees when away
- Close curtains or shades on windows the sun comes in during the day
- Open windows at night to let fresh, cool air in and warm air out
- If running a dehumidifier in the basement, keep basement doors and windows closed to prevent more humid air from getting in
- If you must have an extra freezer, chest freezers are more efficient than stand-up freezers
- Locate freezers in cool locations, such as a basement. Avoid garages and front porches that can get hot in the summer. Make sure seals are tight. Throw a blanket over the freezer for extra insulation
- Avoid having more than one freezer by combining frozen items into one unit
- Avoid having an extra refrigerator in a garage or shop. Especially if it's an older model and only has a few items in it
- Hang clothes outside to dry instead of using a clothes dryer
- Air-dry dishes in your dishwasher instead of using the heated drying cycle
- Use cold water instead of warm or hot when doing laundry
- Switch out old, incandescent lights with LED's and turn them off when you're not using them

Set your thermostat to 78 degrees between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.



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