

# Watt's New

MAY 2025



## Vernon Electric Cooperative

*"Information for our member-owners."*

## Monthly Co-op



### April Trivia:

Which organization, founded in 1942, serves as the national service organization for more than 900 electric cooperatives in the United States?

**Answer:** National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

### May Trivia:

Digger's Hotline provides a free service to help homeowners and contractors locate underground utilities. For safety purposes, what number should you call before you dig?

*(See next month's newsletter for answer.)*

## Operation Round Up Helps Fund Supportive Housing

Vernon Electric Cooperative is proud to continue supporting the local community through our Operation Round Up program. Most recently, a donation was made to Couleecap, Inc. to assist their Supportive Housing Program, which provides critical services to individuals and families in need of stable housing.

This contribution is made possible by the generosity of our 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, collectively, they make a significant impact.

We are deeply grateful to all who take part in this program. Your support is helping to create a stronger, more supportive community—one penny at a time.

To learn more about Operation Round Up or to sign up, please visit: [vernonelectric.org/operation-round](http://vernonelectric.org/operation-round)



L to R: Emily Schendel (Couleecap, Inc), Bernadine Hornby and Dave Maxwell (Vernon Electric Cooperative)

**SAVE  
THE DATE**

### Cooperative Principle #6: Cooperation Among Cooperatives

We're firing up the grill and teaming up with our friends at VernonCom for a **Joint Summer Picnic**—and you're invited!



**Date**  
**Time**  
**Where**

**Wednesday, June 11**  
**11:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Readstown Tourist Park**

# 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.

The YLC brings together hundreds of students from across the state for a fun, engaging, and educational experience focused on leadership development, cooperative education, and civic engagement. Attendees will participate in team-building activities, hear from inspiring speakers, and learn how they can make a difference in their schools and communities.

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



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| <b>When</b>           | July 15-17   |
| <b>Where</b>          | UW-Stout   |
| <b>Who’s eligible</b> | High school students (grades 10–12)                  |
| <b>Cost</b>           | <b>FREE</b> sponsored by Vernon Electric Cooperative |

To apply or learn more, please contact our office or visit: [vernonelectric.org/ylc](http://vernonelectric.org/ylc)

**Don’t miss out on this unforgettable experience!**



## Watch Your Mailbox!



A small group of members will soon receive a survey in the mail about home energy use. If you’re selected, we’d greatly appreciate you taking a few minutes to fill it out. Your feedback helps us better understand how members use energy—and how we can serve you even better in the future. Thank you in advance for your time!

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# MEAT GIVEAWAY

## Kicking off the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meat Giveaway

Vernon Electric Cooperative is excited to launch our 4th 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.

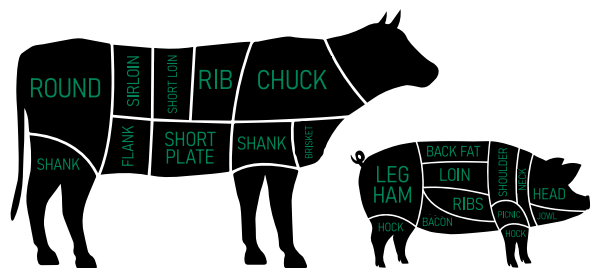
Thanks to the generosity of our members, this program has already raised over \$2,000, helping to enhance the fair experience for local youth, families, and agricultural programs.

### How to participate:

Stop by our office starting May 1 to enter the giveaway!

**\$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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