



Watt's New

January 2026



Vernon Electric Cooperative

"Information for our members."

Monthly Co-op Trivia

DECEMBER TRIVIA:

What popular holiday drink was the first to be advertised using electric lights?

Answer: Coca-Cola

JANUARY TRIVIA:

True or False - In wire gauge sizing, a smaller gauge number means a thicker wire capable of carrying more current?

(See next month's newsletter for answer.)

Spreading Holiday Cheer Through Giving

This holiday season, Vernon Electric Cooperative was proud to support a local family in need through a special giving effort led by our employees. VEC employees came together to purchase essential items and gifts, helping to make the holidays a little brighter for a family facing difficult circumstances.

This act of generosity reflects the cooperative spirit that guides Vernon Electric Cooperative year-round. By working together, our employees demonstrated that caring for our community goes beyond our daily work; it's about lending a helping hand when it matters most.

We are grateful to our employees for their compassion and willingness to give, and we remain committed to strengthening our community through kindness, support, and service.



Supporting Our Community When It Matters Most

During a time when many families are feeling the strain of a challenging economy, Vernon Electric Cooperative remains committed to supporting the communities we serve. Recently, the cooperative donated a total of \$9,000 from unclaimed capital credits to local food pantries across our service territory to help address food insecurity and support neighbors in need.

These donations are part of our ongoing commitment to community—one of the core principles of the cooperative model. As rising costs continue to impact households, local food pantries play a vital role in ensuring families have access to essential resources. We are proud to stand alongside these organizations and support the important work they do.



At Vernon Electric Cooperative, caring for our members goes beyond providing reliable electricity. It means showing up for our communities, especially during difficult times, and continuing to invest in the well-being of the people who make our cooperative strong.



Scholarship Deadline Reminder

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

*Scholarship applications can be found at
vernonelectric.org/scholarships*

Interested in Community Solar?

Throughout the years, solar energy has become increasingly popular as more people install solar at their homes or utilities invest in large-scale solar farms. Our members often express interest in participating in solar, but the up-front cost is more than they are willing to invest.

The Bluff Prairie Community Solar array is a 1.5 MW array located near Red Mound. It contains 3,276 panels and produces about 3 million kilowatt hours (kWh) per year. To maximize energy production, bifacial solar panels were installed on single-axis trackers that follow the sun from east to west throughout the day.

Output from approximately 2,000 panels is available for members to subscribe to as part of our community solar program. Members can

purchase an annual subscription for \$50 per panel and receive the output as a credit on their bill each month. During the summer months (June, July, August) subscribers will receive a rate of 7 cents per kWh for the output of their subscriptions. All other months, they will receive a rate of 5.2 cents per kWh.

Each panel subscription is projected to produce 960 kWh per year, with an estimated annual credit of \$53.00. The number of subscriptions a member can purchase is determined by their kilowatt consumption from the previous year. For example, if a member consumed 10,000 kWh last year, they are eligible to purchase 10 subscriptions.

If you are interested in participating in community solar, please contact our office.



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