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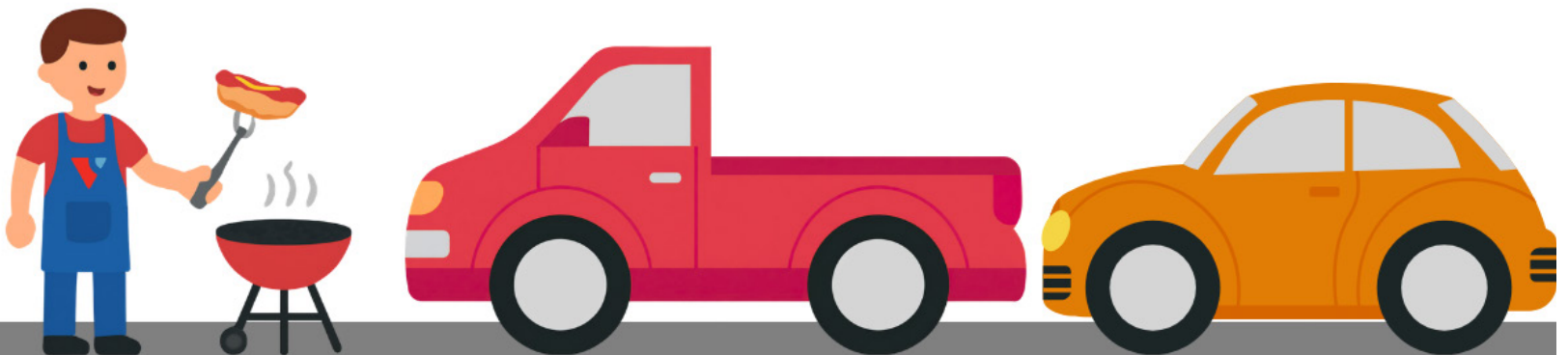
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Member Appreciation Drive Through

Thank you to everyone who came to our 2026 Member Appreciation Drive-Through! We had such a great time seeing our members, handing out goodies, and celebrating the people who make VernonCom what it is. We appreciate you being part of our cooperative!



Welcome Students



Summer has come to an end, and school is back in session. VernonCom wishes all students, teachers, bus drivers, and support staff a safe and productive school year!

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Think Before You Post

Most of us use social media, like Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn. But every post, photograph, and check-in leaves behind a trail of personal data. Cybercriminals don't need to hack your account to learn about you, because they can just piece together what you've already shared.

Be Careful What You Post

Cybercriminals can use details from your social media posts against you. These details may seem harmless, but they can reveal a lot about your life. For example, if you post your pet's name, a cybercriminal could use it to guess the answer to one of your account security questions. That same detail could also help them write a spear-phishing email, a phishing attack aimed at one specific person, that feels personal enough to believe and trust. Vacation photographs might seem harmless, but they can show more than you think, like hinting that your home is empty while you're away. It's safer to wait until you're back home to post vacation photographs and to turn off live location sharing in your social media apps.

Keep Your Information Private

Cybercriminals may also contact you directly through private messages. Some may even use automated bot accounts to reply to your posts or message you, so a friendly reply might not always be from a real person. Most platforms let you make your account private and control who can contact you. Use those privacy settings, and think twice before accepting a follow or connection request from someone you don't know. Keeping your personal information private can help protect your identity online.

What Can I Do to Stay Safe?

- Think before you post. Details like your pet's name, your location, or even clues in photographs can be used against you.
- Make your social media accounts private and visible only to friends. Think twice before accepting a follow or connection request from someone you don't know.
- Keep your social media accounts safe by using multi-factor authentication (MFA) to verify your identity in multiple ways, and by using password managers to create and protect your passwords.



Our office will be closed on **Monday, September 7th**, for the holiday. We will return to normal business hours from 8 AM to 4:30 PM on the following Tuesday.

Events

VernonCom is proud to support local events that foster our community. September is packed with lots to do!

September 13 - Cashton Fall Festival

Parade begins @ 12:30 PM

September 16-20 - Vernon County Fair

Free internet for all attendees!

September 26 - Viola Horse and Colt

Parade begins @ 1:00 PM

National Night Out



National Night Out was a great success for our local first responders at the Vernon County Fairgrounds in Viroqua on August 4th. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth at National Night Out! We had a blast playing bean bag toss, handing out prizes, and connecting with our community. It was such a fun evening!

Sweet Rides & Sweet Pies



VernonCom sponsored Sweet Rides and Sweet Pies on Saturday July 25th. What an event it was with a showcase of more than 300 cars and 130 pies!! Westby was filled with excitement and people from all over came to see this display of cars. To see more of this event, go to Sweet Rides & Sweet Pies Facebook page.

VernonCom's 75th Celebration



We're turning 75, and we want to celebrate with our members! Join us on Friday, October 9th from 3–8 PM at the VernonCom office for an afternoon and evening filled with fun, food, music, and memories.

This FREE event is open to all VernonCom members and their families. Come celebrate 75 years of VernonCom and everything that makes our cooperative community so special!

What's in Store:

- Food trucks
- Live music
- Bouncy house
- Face painting
- Fun drinks
- Amazing prizes

And lots more to come!

Whether you've been a VernonCom member for decades or recently joined us, we'd love to have you there. Mark your calendar and come celebrate 75 years with us!



Business Spotlight



Neri Games and Toys is a fun new spot in downtown Viroqua, WI that opened on July 4, 2026. Matt Tubbin and his wife always loved family game nights, and they wanted to create a place where families can hang out and enjoy themselves without screens. As a family of three, they understand the need for a space where families can bond, whether they're building with LEGOs or battling it out in board games. The store has a fantastic selection of new and used LEGOs, mini-figures, puzzles, and a whole range of board and card games for everyone—from casual players to serious game strategists. But it's not just about shopping; Neri Games and Toys is all about community. They host game nights, birthday parties, and book club meetings, giving families a chance to explore their extensive game library together.

Matt runs the shop with his wife, and their kids often help out, making it a truly family-friendly place. It's the perfect size for small parties and encourages kids to get creative while they explore different games and build cool LEGO creations. They really care about what their customers think and strive to offer games that everyone will love. There are plenty of exciting activities lined up, with the vision of turning the store into a fun hangout spot where people can come together and share good times. To keep things running smoothly, they use VernonComs internet service for their point of sale system, along with providing internet service to their customers. They love that they have an internet provider that they trust can keep their business running. Neri Games and Toys is a welcoming place for everyone, making it more than just a kids' store. It's a great destination for

game lovers of all ages to connect and create unforgettable memories.

Check out our website or social media for a chance to win a \$35.00 gift card to Neri Games and Toys for the month of September: <https://vernoncom.coop/businessspotlight-contest/>

Go Pack, Go!

We are often asked what network the Packers are on. If you're a Packer fan, here is the schedule and the network you can view them on for the 2026/27 football season.

at Vikings	Sept. 13	3:25 pm	CBS
at Jets	Sept. 20	12 pm	FOX
vs. Falcons (TNF)	Sept 24	7:15 pm	Prime
at Buccaneers	Oct. 4	12 pm	FOX
vs. Bears	Oct. 11	3:25 pm	FOX
vs. Cowboys	Oct. 18	7:20 pm	NBC
at Lions	Oct. 25	3:25 pm	FOX
vs. Panthers (TNF)	Oct. 29	7:15 pm	Prime
at Patriots	Nov. 8	3:25 pm	FOX
vs. Vikings	Nov. 15	12 pm	FOX
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at Rams (Wed.)	Nov. 25	7:00 pm	Netflix
at Saints	Dec. 6	12 pm	FOX
vs. Bills	Dec. 13	7:20 pm	NBC
vs. Dolphins	Dec. 20	12 pm	FOX
at Bears (Fri.)	Dec. 25	12 pm	Netflix
vs. Texans (MNF)	Jan. 4	7:15 pm	ESPN
vs. Lions	TBD	TBD	TBD



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