



# Choice News

FIRST CHOICE CREDIT UNION'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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## END OF THE 1ST QUARTER 2021...NEWS AND NOTES!

We sincerely hope that all of you are off to a great start in 2021. First Choice Credit Union held our 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting by a WebEx conference on Saturday, February 20, 2021. We had more than the required number of people to have a quorum. Dennis Kmiec, Jean Lampi, and Gary Grieser were re-elected as Board Members. Thank you to those who "attended", and to Ken Forrest, EVP, for his efforts in setting up the conference. We hope this is the only time that we need to hold the meeting in this manner.

We have also decided to postpone the Brewers Bus trip this year. With all of the uncertainty about the number of people that will be allowed inside American Family Field, and the travel concerns, we felt it was the right thing to do. We certainly hope that we can go to a game in 2022.

Finally, we wish Shae Wiesman well, as she has accepted an office position with a manufacturing company in Marshfield. Shae has been employed with First Choice for 21 years and we appreciate her dedication and service to our members. We also want to congratulate Cathy Leonard, who has accepted the promotion to fill the important bookkeeper position.

### Lorraine B. Ross Scholarship

First Choice Credit Union is now accepting applications for a \$600.00 scholarship. To be eligible, applicants must:

- Graduate from an area high school this spring.
- Have post secondary plans to attend a 2 or 4 year school.
- Have (maintain) at least a 2.5 GPA.
- Either the student or the parent must be a member at the credit union.

The scholarship is paid in two installments of \$300 (\$150.00 for part time students), the first is paid this year and the second will be paid next year.

### James J. Zahradka Scholarship

FCCU wishes to announce that we are facilitating a \$500.00 James J. Zahradka scholarship on behalf of Arlene Zahradka. To be eligible, applicants must:

- Graduate from an area high school this spring.
- Have post secondary plans to attend a 2 or 4 year school.
- Have (maintain) at least a 2.5 GPA.
- Either the student or the parent must be a member at the credit union.

The scholarship is paid in two installments of \$250 (\$125.00 for part time students), the first is paid this year and the second will be paid next year.

Scholarships are due by April 30, 2021. Call, stop by or email us at [service@firstchoicecreditunion.com](mailto:service@firstchoicecreditunion.com) for an application.

## SHAZAM DEBIT CARD HOLDERS

SHAZAM will contact you if they feel there is suspicious activity happening with your debit card. It is very important for you to answer their phone call or respond to their message.

Please add this phone number to your contacts so you recognize the phone number when it appears on your phone. **(855-219-5399)** Acknowledging this phone call or message may prevent further fraud on your account and/or having your card blocked from further use.

We also strongly recommend downloading the **BRELLA** app. This is an app that helps you monitor your debit card. This alert allows you to turn your debit card off/on, check your balance, and set alerts for your debit card.

### ANNUAL PRIVACY NOTICE:

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### Holiday Closings



**First Choice Credit Union will be closed in observance of:**

Memorial Day - Monday May 24, 2021  
Fourth of July - Monday July 5, 2021

Please plan your financial needs in advance to avoid any inconvenience. And remember, you can access your accounts anytime online at [www.firstchoicecreditunion.com](http://www.firstchoicecreditunion.com) or with the FCCU phone app.

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Keep posted with updates and changes at the Credit Union.*

### A Note from the President’s Desk

My, how time flies. It seems like I had just prepared my message for the end of year newsletter, and now it’s time to send out a new update. I am happy to announce, that barring any unforeseen changes, we will be reopening the lobby to First Choice Credit Union on Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. This is NOT an April Fools joke.

We are excited to see you again, and appreciate your patience over the past year. For the time being, we will be requiring our members to wear facemasks, per CDC guidelines, when you come into the lobby. Please use the hand sanitizer that is available as you enter, or at each teller window. We would appreciate you calling ahead for loan appointments, or you can apply online. We also prefer that you call ahead if you want to open a new account. This will allow us to get your papers ready ahead of time, which will shorten face to face exposure. This decreases the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus, as well as providing you with faster service. Please continue using our drive up facility, as well. Our restrooms will remain closed, for the protection and safety of our employees. If you have any questions, please call (715)-387-8405. Thank you.

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