



Choice News

FIRST CHOICE CREDIT UNION'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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FIRST QUARTER 2024 NEWS AND NOTES.

First Choice Credit Union held our 57th Annual Meeting at the Marshfield Eagles Club on Saturday, February 17th, 2024 at 1 PM. We had 107 members in attendance, which is more than the required number of people to have a quorum. The FCCU Nominating Committee nominated Dennis Kmiec and Jean Lampi to run for their two spots on the board. To fill the spot on the board that was open, due to the passing of Gary Grieser, Myron Westphal was nominated. There were no other nominations from the floor, and all those that had been nominated, were elected by a unanimous ballot. Steve Schmidt was recognized for his 5 Year Anniversary at First Choice Credit Union, and Amanda Koopman was also recognized for 5 years with the credit union. Thank you to those who attended.

Myron Westphal has been a volunteer for First Choice Credit Union for 32 years on our Audit Committee. He has served as the leader of this committee for most of that time. Myron was recognized at the annual meeting for his commitment and dedication to First Choice Credit Union. Since he was nominated, and elected to the Board of Directors, his role on the Audit Committee was vacated. We will be naming a new member to this committee in the near future. Thank you to Myron for his decades of volunteerism.



Myron Westphal

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.

Scholarship applications are due by April 26, 2024. Call, stop by or email us at service@firstchoicecreditunion.com for an application.

FIRST CHOICE CU DEBIT CARD HOLDERS

SHAZAM will contact you if they feel there is suspicious activity happening with your debit card. It is very important that you acknowledge and respond to these inquiries.

SHAZAM will try to contact you with a text message to the phone numbers listed on your SHAZAM file. If your phone does not accept texts, an automated voice message will be left on your phone. It is very important for you to respond to these messages in order to prevent further fraud on your account, and/or having your card blocked from further use. These actions are in place to protect you from potential fraud.

If SHAZAM contacts you and the transaction is fraud, please contact the credit union so a new card can be ordered for you, if you want one. SHAZAM will not reorder the card. Only the credit union will do that.

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

ANNUAL PRIVACY NOTICE

Privacy Notice Federal Law requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. The First Choice Credit Union Privacy Policy is available to you. You may review our policy and practices, with respect to your personal information, at firstchoicecreditunion.com, or we will mail you a free copy upon request, if you call us at (715)-387-8405.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

First Choice Credit Union will be closed in observance of:

Memorial Day - Monday, May 27, 2024

Independence Day - Thursday, July 4, 2024

Please plan your financial needs in advance to avoid any inconvenience. And remember, you can access your accounts anytime online at firstchoicecreditunion.com or with the FCCU phone app.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We have scheduled a bus trip to a Milwaukee Brewers game on Saturday, July 13th, 2024. The Brewers play the Nationals at 3:10 PM. The bus will be leaving at **8 AM sharp** from the FCCU parking lot and returning later that evening. The tickets are **\$80** per ticket and this includes the motorcoach ride, game ticket, tailgate party, trivia, and a fun day for all. Payment must be received at the credit union to reserve your seats and tickets. Tickets will go quickly, so please call today. Each member can invite up to 5 guests, so more members have a chance to attend the game. Please call (715)-387-8405 if you have any questions and to reserve your seat.

I want to thank our members, staff, and board of directors for their generous donations of non-perishable food items as we participated in the United Way "United We Can" event. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we collected 223 items that were donated to the Soup or Socks food pantry. A special "Thank You" to Amanda Koopman, FCCU Member Service Rep, for chairing this event, and to Amanda and Connie for the creation of the "Easter Basket".

In addition to the food collected, First Choice Credit Union made a \$225 contribution to the project, as we matched \$1 for each item donated. With these funds, we were able to purchase an additional 144 cans, for a total contribution of 367 items.

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