



Choice News

FIRST CHOICE CREDIT UNION'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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FIRST QUARTER 2026 NEWS AND NOTES.

First Choice Credit Union held the 59th Annual Meeting at the Marshfield Eagles Club on Saturday, February 21st, 2026 at 12:45 PM. There were 115 members in attendance, which is more than the required number of people for a quorum. The FCCU Nominating Committee nominated Kim Fredrick and Debbie Stangl to run for re-election for their two spots on the board. There were no other nominations from the floor, and all those that had been nominated, were elected by a unanimous ballot. Julie Szczerbiak was recognized for 15 years of service to our members. Connie Langfoss was also recognized for her 5 year anniversary of working for First Choice. President, Rob Schulz, also mentioned that we have several Board Members who have been volunteering for the credit union for a long time. Those mentioned were Chairperson, Jean Lampi, with 32 years on the Board, Kim Fredrick, 30 years on the Board, plus 4 years on the Audit Committee. Dan Ross has now been on the Board for 10 years, and Ron Koepke has been an active member of the Audit Committee for 12 years. Thank you to these people for their willingness to take time out of their lives to help guide First Choice Credit Union into the future. Next years Annual Meeting is scheduled at the Eagles Club in Marshfield on February 20th, 2027.

I also hope that all of our members were safe during the historic snowstorm that we received starting on March 15th through 16th. First Choice Credit Union closed, as did most other credit unions in the area. The safety of our staff and members comes first. We tried delaying our opening to 10 AM, but once a few employees actually made it to work, the word came out that people should not be on the road, so we made the call. We appreciate your understanding.

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 17, 2026. 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.

INFORMATION ON FRAUD & SCAMS

We wanted to make our members aware of a very good online resource for information about scams and fraud. Go to MyCreditUnion.gov and near the top of the page, click on the "Protect Your Money" tab. A window opens up with options. On the left side, click on "Frauds & Scams". There are very good descriptions of common scams to be aware of. If you have any questions, or feel you may be getting scammed, please stop in or call First Choice Credit Union at (715)-387-8405. This site also has other good resources you may find helpful. We are here to help.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

First Choice Credit Union will be
closed in observance of:

Good Friday - Friday, April 2, 2026

Lobby Closed Noon - 2:30pm

Memorial Day - Monday, May 25, 2026

Independence Day - Saturday, July 4, 2026

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

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We have scheduled our **ANNUAL MILWAUKEE BREWERS BUS TRIP** to the game on Saturday, July 18th, 2026. The Brewers play the Miami Marlins 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 **\$95** 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 2 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 260 items that were donated to the Soup or Socks food pantry. That is almost 100 more items than we collected last year. A special "Thank You" goes to credit union employees Ashley Mancl and Connie Langfoss, for creating the March Madness inspired display from the donated food. I also want to say "Thanks" to Amanda Koopman for chairing this event again this year, and to Mandy Tomkowiak for the idea for this year's display.

Rob Schulz



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