



Choice News

FIRST CHOICE CREDIT UNION'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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FIRST QUARTER 2025 NEWS AND NOTES.

First Choice Credit Union held the 58th Annual Meeting at the Marshfield Eagles Club on Saturday, February 15th, 2025 at 12:30 PM. There were 107 members in attendance, which is more than the required number of people for a quorum. The FCCU Nominating Committee nominated Dan Ross and Barb Hagberg to run for re-election for their two spots on the board. To fill the spot on the board that was open, due to the passing of Dennis Kmiec, Jeff Zondlo was nominated. There were no other nominations from the floor, and all those that had been nominated, were elected by a unanimous ballot. It was announced that Steve Schmidt will be retiring after 6 years as Loan Officer. Steve was recognized and thanked for his years of service. Connie Langfoss was introduced as the person to fill Steve's role. Congratulation to Connie. Thank you to those who attended.

As mentioned above, Steve Schmidt retired from the Credit Union, on March 28, 2025. Steve joined the staff in January of 2019 and did a great job serving the loan needs of our members. Steve was respected by both the members and coworkers at First Choice. He was always willing to help out with any project at the CU. We thank Steve for his commitment and dedication to First Choice Credit Union.

In retirement, Steve plans to enjoy time golfing, traveling, and doing things on his farm. He also plans on attending more of his grandchildren's events.



Steve Schmidt

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 25, 2025. 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.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

First Choice Credit Union is happy to announce that Jeff Zondlo was elected to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. Jeff will fill the remaining 2 years of the term previously held by Dennis Kmiec. Jeff has been a member of our Audit Committee since 2017. We welcome Jeff to the Board and appreciate his time commitment to First Choice Credit Union.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

First Choice Credit Union will be closed in observance of:

Good Friday - Friday, April 18, 2025

Lobby Closed Noon - 2:30pm

Memorial Day - Monday, May 26, 2025

Independence Day - Friday-Saturday, July 4 & 5, 2025

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, June 14th, 2025. The Brewers play the rival St. Louis Cardinal 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 also want to let everyone know that we will closed on Friday, July 4th, 2025 AND Saturday, July 5th, 2025.**

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 167 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 for helping to create the "Baseball Stadium".

Saving the best for last...(drum roll, please) I just found out that First Choice Credit Union was chosen as the winning display in the United We Can food drive display contest!! Woohoo!! Thank you to our staff and members for their generous donations. The Board of Directors approved an additional donation of \$200 in canned food items to be donated to Soup Or Socks. Thanks again.

Rob Schulz



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