# Membership Matters Quarterly Publication from Western Cooperative Credit Union

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#### Report of the Board of Directors and President/CEO

WCCU had a strong financial year in 2022. We are safe and sound. We experienced strong loan growth, we saw our yields on investments increase, our reserves remained strong, and we did not experience many loan losses.

Your credit union remains financially strong in all key areas. Assets ended the year at \$445 million, savings at \$412 million, and loans at \$202 million. Total membership is now 19,340 - we have 9 branch offices, and 93 employees. The key ratios required by regulators are strong. Capital to Assets was 11.53%, delinquency was controlled at 0.62% and net income ended at 0.86% of total assets.

The impacts of the COVID pandemic seem to have passed. WCCU weathered the economic impact of the pandemic quite well. The strong reserve (equity) position situated us well in meeting the challenges resulting from 2020.

Loan rates and investment yields began to increase in 2022 due to the Federal Reserve raising rates. Although we did increase loan rates, we did not increase nearly as quickly as other financial institutions. Our rates are still below the average rates in the market. The higher yields on loans and investments did result in a stronger bottom line. That net income is needed when the credit union is growing. Our member savings grew 9.30%. WCCU again maintained good control of operating expenses.

The credit union's current and future financial condition is always in mind when setting strategic direction. The best overall interest of the credit union is considered when making decisions regarding products, services, pricing, rates, and fees. WCCU strives to deliver products and services in a convenient and timely manner at a reasonable cost.

Our service offerings continue to expand with the technology that is available (and demanded) by our members. We are committed to ensuring we remain a strong financial institution and are able to meet the future demands of the membership. We are a community credit union in western North Dakota and feel it is important to be involved in the communities where we conduct business. It is with great pride that we give back to our communities through financial donations and spending time in volunteer activities.

The Board of Directors, Supervisory Committee, Managers and Employees will stay focused on the safety and soundness of your credit union. WCCU has a strong team of committed individuals and loyal members. Thank you for your membership and support of Western Cooperative Credit Union and for choosing us as your financial institution. We look forward to building on our foundation, continued financial strength, and serving you in future years.

#### **WCCU Board of Directors:**

Larry Novak Larry Schilke Gina Karsky Lee Murphy Heather Feiring

#### WCCU Supervisory Committee

Jim Ryen Alden Hagen Duane Binde

#### Murphy re-elected to **WCCU Board of Directors**



Lee has been on the WCCU Board of Directors since December 2020.

#### Binde re-elected to WCCU **Supervisory Committee**



Duane ioined the Supervisory Committee in 2021.

The Supervisory Committee exists to ensure your credit union is operating in a safe and prudent manner with the best interests of members in mind.

Members: If you would like a 2022 Annual Report, please contact your nearest WCCU branch, and we will have one mailed to you. Thank you!

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

As of August 25, 2023, our WCCU branch in Glen Ullin will permanently close.

We invite you to utilize our Hebron Branch located at 701 Main St. 701-878-4063 **Hours of our Hebron Branch:** M-F 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM As a reminder you may also use our website

wccu.org or any of our mobile apps.

#### **NOTICE of CHANGE in TERMS:**

Effective June 1, 2023, Western Cooperative Credit Union amended its Membership & Account Agreements as described below:

#### Section 14: Overdrafts:

b. How Transactions are posted to your Account Signature-based Debit Card Purchase Transactions. Changes made regarding practices associated with card transactions containing authorization holds & involving intervening transactions. To obtain a new Membership & Account Agreement, visit our offices or call us at (701) 572-4000 or (800) 584-9220.

# Visit our website

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for new Savings Account and Certificate of Deposit Rates



Sophia Hauser Hebron High School



KateLynn Skor Ray Public School



Braden Kessel Belfield High School







Gabrielle Mehrer South Heart Public School



**Cutter Jones** Williston High School



Trey Knight Wibaux County High School



# 2023 Scholarship Winners Announced!

The WCCU Scholarship Committee and the WCCU Board of Directors chose their winners at the March 2023 Board Meeting.

Congratulations to:

Williston, Ray, & Tioga areas:

KateLynn Skor: Ray Public School Kadin Finders: Williston High School Cutter Jones: Williston High School

Dickinson, Hebron, Glen Ullin, and Beach areas:

Trey Knight: Wibaux County High School Gabrielle Mehrer: South Heart Public School

Braden Kessel: Belfield High School Sophia Hauser: Hebron High School.

# STAR STUDENT WINNERS FOR lay 2023



Sadie Ullmer

Sadie is a senior at Bainville High School. She has been on the honor roll and a high roller in math. She's been awarded the President's Award for Educational Excellence, and placed highly in the history fair and science fair. Sadie has outstanding achievement in biology and has been in the BPA for 3 years.



Rachel is a senior and is the class valedictorian at Hope Christian Academy. She has a 4.0 GPA. Rachel is involved in student council, plays the piano, and is a volunteer for Sunday School and the nursery. She is an AWANA Leader and is a member of her Rachel Dazell church youth group.

# **Upcoming Community Events:**

## WCCU Project Hope Fundraiser

July 19- Dickinson North Branch

Don't miss a delicious lunch AND a chance to give back! WCCU Dickinson North Branch team is offering Taco in a Bag and a drink for just \$8.00 on July 19 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM! All proceeds benefit the Bismarck Cancer Center. Delivery service is even available with 5 or more orders! Please call the branch at 701-227-0188 to place your order!

## **Spirit of the West**

August 4-6- Beach, ND

Don't miss the community fun in Beach! The concerts, the rodeo, the parade, and more, plus stay cool in the pool with the free pool day! Find out more at spiritofthewestfest.com