

Membership Matters

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Download the mobile apps and connect to your Online Account Access through your Google Play Store or Apple App Store on your Smart Phone!

WCCU ATM Locations:

Williston:

Main Branch, Downtown Branch, TrainND, Albertsons, Williston High School, & Law Enforcement Center entrance.

Dickinson:

North Branch Drive-Up, State Ave. Branch Drive-up, & Loaf N' Jug

Beach:

Drive-up

Ray:

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MELANIE STILLWELL ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT



Melanie Stillwell has served the Williston, North Dakota- based credit union for over 26 years, growing assets from \$76 million to its current assets of \$440 million. Stillwell's last day will be April 1, 2024, board of directors said in a statement.

"Melanie has been an extraordinary leader for Western Cooperative Credit Union. Her dedication and engagement with both our members and employees has been invaluable. Melanie's involvement in the community while maintaining her vision and focus on WCCU core values and accomplishments has been remarkable. We truly thank her for her hard work and wish her the best in her retirement." Larry Novak, Western Cooperative Credit Union Board Chairman stated.

Stillwell served as Vice President of WCCU for almost 4 years before being selected as President/CEO in 2002. Over the years, Western Cooperative Credit Union has grown not only in assets but also in branch locations and employees in the region. Operational, financial, and technological improvements were implemented under Stillwell's tenure, giving WCCU members the excellent service they deserve. The credit union industry has benefited from Stillwell's expertise throughout 38 years. Prior to her service at WCCU, she began her career as a NCUA examiner, later moving onto Rocky Mountain Federal Credit Union as a Senior Vice President. Wanting to move closer to family, Stillwell returned to Western North Dakota and joined Western Cooperative Credit Union. Stillwell has also extended her expertise to the CUNA Exam and Supervision Subcommittee, the North Dakota State Credit Union Board, DakCU Board of Directors, and was a founding member for Pactola. Locally, Melanie has served on the Williston State College Foundation board, Western Region Economic Development board, serving as treasurer, and served as Vice Chairman for CHI/St. Alexius Health Center Board of Directors (Formerly known as Mercy Medical Center.) Melanie was a member of the Williston Rotary for 17 years, serving as secretary and president. She also served on various Williston Area Chamber of Commerce committees. Melanie was named one of Prairie Business Magazine's Top 25 Women in Business and was inducted into the Credit Union House Hall of Leaders in 2023. In 2024, Melanie was selected for the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership award.

**WCCU ANNOUNCES PRESIDENT/CEO JUSTIN MADDISON
SEE JULY NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: WCCU ANNUAL MEETING

WCCU will be holding the
**86th Annual Meeting on
April 24, 2024**

at the **Williston Area Recreation
Center (ARC) at 6:00 PM (CT).**
Registration will begin at 5:30 PM (CT).

**This meeting is strictly a
Business Meeting.**

Coffee and Dessert will be served.
Elections will occur at the Annual Meeting
and there will be no nominations from the
floor.

*The Nominating Committee has filed its
nominations with the Secretary of the
Board of Directors.*



Western Cooperative
CREDIT UNION



Larry Novak Incumbent, Board of Directors

Larry Novak has served on the Western Cooperative Credit Union Board of Directors since 1988.

Larry farms and ranches near Alexander, North Dakota and is active in the Alexander community with the Lion's Club, Alexander Fire Department, Quick Response Team, and Tri-Township.



Heather Feiring Incumbent, Board of Directors

Heather was elected onto the Western Cooperative Credit Union Board of Directors in 2021.

She is a 22 year veteran of Mary Kay Cosmetics, servicing over 450 clients. Heather graduated from both WSC and NDSU. She and her husband live in rural Epping, ND with their two children.



Jim Ryan Incumbent, Supervisory Committee

Jim has served on the Supervisory Committee since 1996. He is a native of Williston, ND and is retired from his employment with Williams County. Jim is active in his community through Entertainment, Incl and Moose Lodge #239.



Phone Scams & Voicemails

Scammers can now use technology to mimic the voice of someone you know and create a phone call or voicemail recording, in an urgent situation. They provide you with convincing details and ask for money immediately via a digital wallet app such as Venmo or PayPal.

One Tip to Try:

- Resist the urge to act immediately. No matter how convincing the story is, hang up and call the number you have for that person and ask them what's going on.



STAR STUDENT WINNERS FOR February, March, and April 2024

If you know any potential Star Students, please visit your nearest WCCU Branch for a brochure, or check out our fillable form on our website: wccu.org!



February 2024
Kamea Kessel

Kamea is a senior at Dickinson High School. She has a 4.0 GPA and was a Questbridge Finalist. She holds the position of secretary for the National Honor Society, participates in Leadership Dickinson, serves on the Student Council, and is the president of the Recycling Club.



February 2024
Taeler Parpart

Taeler is a freshman at Williston High School. She was a busy volunteer, setting up for 8th grade recognition. She has a 4.0 GPA and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Taeler also plays volleyball for a traveling team and WHS. She helps with Christmas for Kids and the City Wide Rummage Sale.



March 2024
Miah Pippenger

Miah is a junior at Bainville Public School. She is involved in the National Honor Society and is the Junior Class secretary. Miah has been on the honor roll, and was a recipient of the President's Academic Excellence Award. She has gone through confirmation and also is a Pre-School Teachers Aide at Bainville Public School. She also plays basketball, volleyball, softball and runs track.



March 2024
Elijah Dobbs

Elijah is a sophomore at Beach High School. Elijah has done speech competitions and has been an attendee for Range Camp. He maintains good grades at Beach High School, and is active in FFA. He also works at home with his family on their ranch.



April 2024
Hope Richards

Hope is an eighth grader at Williston Trinity Christian School. Hope has a 4.0 GPA and has served on the WTCS Student Council. She was on the winning team of the "Battle of the Books" competition at the ASB Innovation Academy. As an 8th grader, Hope is taking 2 high school courses, Algebra 1 and High School Spanish. She attends Youth Group and stays busy with WTCS sports programs.



April 2024
Alexis Wilson

Alexis is a Junior at Hope Christian Academy. She is an honor roll student. Alexis is on the Yearbook committee, Student Council, and the Youth Worship Team. Alexis spends time doing community service and enjoys drawing.



MEMORIAL DAY

Remember and Honor

WCCU will be closed on May 27
for Memorial Day



Upcoming Community Events

Heroes Ball

April 6, 2024 - Dickinson, ND

The Dickinson Police and Fire Departments, in conjunction with the Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center (DVRCC) are hosting the annual Heroes Ball fundraiser on Saturday, April 6th starting at 5:00pm at the August House.

11th Annual Kids Health and Safety Fair

May 9, 2024, 3-6pm

West River Ice Center, Dickinson, ND

Join us at the West River Ice Center in Dickinson for an activity oriented health and safety fair! FREE for kids and their families to attend from 3:00PM-6:00PM and have FUN!

2024 Williston Band Day!

May 11, 2024 - Williston, ND

Don't miss the fun and the longtime tradition of Band Day in Williston! Williston will be hosting the Philadelphia Eagles Drumline and the 188th Army Band of the North Dakota Army National Guard.

11th Annual Gnarly Barley 5K

June 22, 2024 - Ray, ND

Run, walk, or crawl your way to the finish line! Proceeds from this run, starting at the Northside Tavern, benefit a project in Ray each year!

Rhubarb Fest

June 13, 2024 - Tioga, ND

Walk along Main Street and stop into all the participating businesses for treats, sales, and prizes!