



HELLO SPRING!



As I am writing this article, I am actually sitting in the passenger seat of our car as we just passed through the toll into Indiana. My husband and I decided to take our kids on vacation this year for Spring Break - something we don't normally do, as we tend to take our vacations during the summer. But we realized that besides some short overnight trips, we actually haven't taken a family vacation in a few years, which goes to show just how fast time flies. With school schedules, work

commitments, and my mom's health, life has kept us close to home. Don't get me wrong, we were all excited about this trip; but sadly, as it got closer, getting ready seemed like a chore, and I realized that I was almost hesitant about walking away from our routine and stepping outside of what has become my comfort zone. But, as expected, after we were all in the car and finally on the road, it was an amazing feeling. I almost forgot to mention the destination of the trip - Williamstown, Kentucky, to visit the Ark Encounter. We also have plans for the Creation Museum, Newport Aquarium, the Cincinnati Zoo to visit Fiona the Hippo, and whatever else the week brings.

By the time you read this, we will be home, Spring Break will be over, and we will be back in the hustle and bustle of life. But I have no doubt that memories will have been made and we will be talking about this trip for years to come. So, besides enjoying sharing my family with you, my point of this story is to relate to many of you that feel the same craziness as I do when it comes to life. But I promise you that it is worth it to slow down and do those things that may even take you out of your comfort zone. Maybe that means planning a vacation of your own, or maybe your comfort zone is something completely different, such as buying your first house or a new car. Life is short and while balance is important, we will never get to relive today or the past. Remember that MCECU is here for you, and if we can help you get out of your own comfort zone, don't hesitate to give us a call. We still have great rates on loans for financing those vacations, home loans, or even the new puppy you have been thinking of bringing home. Don't forget that we love to hear your stories too! That is one of the parts of my job that I love the most - being able to relate to all of you and hear about your own adventures in life. I know every one of us here at MCECU feels the same! 01041977

Jami Olcott, President



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BIRTHDAY ALERT - IS IT YOURS?

There are ten member birth dates hidden in this newsletter. If your birth date is one of them, call (715) 261-7680 to claim your \$10 prize. Good luck!





WHAT'S UP WITH PETE?

Hello All,

It's officially spring! I'm sure by now most of you have heard some fishing stories from me, and it would be out of character to share about much else. Well, I'm still obsessed with fishing, I go fishing a lot, and it makes me happy. As you know, since COVID started, the shelves have become scarce for everything – including fishing tackle. That said, my newest hobby is making custom fishing lures. The

possibilities are endless. Down the rabbit hole I went, folks. It starts by making a few simple things at the end of the workbench in the garage, and before you know it, you have a small manufacturing operation in your basement. The best part, catching fish – lots of fish – on stuff I've made. I've found making fishing lures to be just as fun and rewarding as fishing itself.

I hope you all have found activities or things that bring you happiness. I realize in some cases that may come at a cost. Some may have minimal costs, or maybe it comes with a higher price tag. In either case, if you need to borrow a little or a lot, MCECU can help you with a loan if needed. Everyone is entitled to happiness and peace of mind!

Pete Wolf, Loan Officer



ANNUAL MEETING

We are currently planning on holding our Annual Meeting in May of this year; however, a date and location are still being finalized. Please watch for further communication in the next month. If you would like us to call you when the meeting has been finalized, please call the credit union at (715) 261-7680 and we will add you to the list!



FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING IN APRIL

As a reminder, MCECU offers free, confidential document shredding twice per year for our members through IROW. We will once again be offering this during the month of April, so bring in your documents and place them safely in the locked bin in our lobby.

Please keep the following tips in mind:

- All types of paper and envelopes (including clear window envelopes) are accepted
- Staples and paper clips DO NOT need to be removed 09301987
- Binder clips, rubber bands, and plastic DO need to be removed



Unfortunately, the number and type of scams continue to increase. Please be aware of suspicious requests to supply gift cards or provide financial information. Many times these scams may sound legitimate, but are likely too good to be true. If you ever have questions or feel you may have fallen victim to a scam, please call the credit union at (715) 261-7680.

BALLOON GLOW SPONSOR

MCECU is once again sponsoring the 'Shooting The Breeze' hot air balloon for the Taste 'N Glow Balloon Fest! This event will be held July 7, 8, and 9 in Marathon City! Our pilot is John Ross from Appleton. He is retired from the Navy and enjoys scuba diving. If you can make the event, be sure to find our balloon and talk to John. 04161972

Maybe we will see you there!

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WHAT'S UP WITH BOB BRUSS?

Spring has finally arrived! As I write this, the ground is still covered in snow. Still, the signs of new beginnings are all around us. As a college student studying natural resources, I became familiar with the writings of Aldo Leopold, who authored "A Sand County Almanac," expressing the practice of phenology, the observation, and recording of the subtle seasonal changes in the natural world. I'll put in a plug for the organization that carries on his legacy, AldoLeopold.org. 06141980 My

work with horses takes me outdoors every day, and I try to look and listen for the sounds of the seasons. Robins and Red-winged Blackbirds have started singing, and just today I heard my first Killdeer of the year. Within a few minutes, five Trumpeter Swans flew over. Crocuses, tulips, and daffodils are emerging along a south-facing wall, where they get a head start from the increasing warmth of the March sun.

If the winter blahs left you feeling ready to get outside, it's a great time to take in the wonders of springtime in Wisconsin. This is where I would be tempted to suggest leaving your phone behind, but I recommend a free birding app developed by Cornell University, "Merlin Bird ID", a great learning tool. It helps identify birds when you record their songs or calls and will identify birds from your photos, too.

As much as I love the changes that come with the seasons, I also love when certain things remain the same, like the great service from the staff here at the Credit Union. I've been a member here since taking out an auto loan to buy a brand-new 1980 Toyota! I've always enjoyed the personal service here. The longer you are part of our credit union family, the more you will appreciate it too! I enjoy serving in my role as a board member.

Happy spring everyone!

Bob Bruss, Board Chair



SHARE-A-BEAR

Once again, we want to thank all of you who generously donated to our February Share-A-Bear campaign! This event wouldn't be successful without your thoughtful donations. Thanks to you, we can help put smiles on the faces of children undergoing various medical procedures. And congratulations to the winners of the "bears!" 01091947



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REMOTE DEPOSIT CAPTURE

Do you have checks to deposit? Would it be convenient if you could deposit them without having to make a trip to the credit union? Although we would love to see you, we completely understand that this isn't always feasible to stop and see us. So, to make your lives easier, don't forget we offer **Remote Deposit Capture (RDC)** so you can deposit checks from anywhere! Interested in setting this up? See the instructions below. If you have questions or issues with the process, don't hesitate to give us a call!

- Register through the "Remote Deposit" tab in your mobile app today
- Once registered, you will get an approval email
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- Click Next
- In most cases, check will be deposited into your account on the same business day

(submission deadline 4 p.m. during normal business hours)

DID YOU KNOW?

Being a member of MCECU is like being part of an exclusive club. Not everyone is eligible, but did you know that your family members automatically qualify for membership? Help us spread the word! Unsure if someone you know qualifies? Call us to find out! (715) 261-7680

We are proud to serve you, and the best compliment you can give us is the referral of family and friends. If you refer a new member to us and a new account is opened with the referral, both of you earn \$10 through our referral program! ***And don't forget; once a member, always a member!***

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Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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