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Summer 2024

Welcome to Snell



Emilee Neuman

If you recently visited the Snell branch, you were probably greeted by a friendly hello from the office on your right as you entered the lobby. Many members have noted, "You're not Nick!" As the newest addition, Emilee Neuman, Mortgage Loan Officer, doesn't mind the comments as they provide the perfect opportunity to introduce themselves and let them know that Nick Vogel continues to assist members at the Witzel branch.

Emilee not only brings years of financial experience, but also has prior knowledge of the credit union way. She sees her role as an opportunity to make a positive impact on people's lives every day. "Finance can be a source of worry for many, and I take pride in contributing to the education and understanding of finance to help ease any stress it might cause while helping people achieve their financial dreams. Your financial success is my top priority." Emilee is eager to become a trusted resource for all your financial needs. Her expertise spans mortgages, consumer loans, opening

new accounts, and answering questions.

While many already know Emilee for her enthusiasm and dedication, there are some fun facts and hobbies they may not be aware of, such as her passion for gardening, yard work, and anything to do with plants. In addition, she's a huge *Lord of the Rings* fan. She has even had the opportunity to visit Hobbiton and some of the movie filming locations in New Zealand. Emilee also enjoys reading, party planning, cake decorating, and sewing - a hobby she has been passionate about since high school. Lastly, she loves to travel and has a particular fondness for the ocean, often spending her vacations at beach destinations.

Emilee's commitment to a positive and inclusive work environment is unwavering. She believes in meeting people where they are and fostering a workplace that is welcoming and understanding. "We take the time to listen and find solutions, approaching each situation from multiple angles to provide the best possible outcomes for our members." If you are seeking financial assistance, whether a mortgage or auto loan, to rolling over a CD, Emilee is looking forward to helping. We encourage you to stop by, find her online at wincu.org/home-loans/meet-our-lenders, or call her at **920.651.3086** to get started.

Protect Your Identity With Free Credit Monitoring

Get Alerts. Review Report.
Monitor Credit.



Why is monitoring your credit so important? Broadly put, monitoring your credit can help protect you from identity theft and stay on top of suspicious or fraudulent transactions that take place

A recent report shows that one out of three credit reports have errors. Whether these errors are fraudulent or not, routinely checking your credit report can increase your awareness in changes to your credit file. This increased awareness can play a pivotal role in maintaining your identity and checking for errors on your report.

With our FREE credit score solution in online and mobile banking, you can receive real time credit monitoring alerts, get access to your full credit report, and stay on top of changes to your credit file.

Ensure your identity is safe and your credit report is free of errors, enroll today by logging into online or mobile banking and click on Credit Score.

Summer Fun: Activities for Sunny Days



Get ready to splash down! Pollock Community Water Park opens on June 5th. With exciting events like Military Mondays with free admission with a valid military ID, Wild Wild West on June 13th, Dino Days on June 27th, Christmas in July on July 11th, Annual Duck Days on July 25th, Carnival Day on August 8th and Season Pass Appreciation Night on August 17th. Your kids might also enjoy the weeklong Kid's Camps with activity themes of Under the Sea or Fun in the Sun this summer. On June 12, July 3, and August 7 sign-up for some poolside yoga by StudiOM. For more information visit facebook.com/PCWPOshkosh.



Neenah Pool, 600 S. Park Ave., officially opens on June 1st. You'll find details at facebook.com/NeenahParksRec. We were proud to be a community sponsor for the "Touch a Truck" event in Neenah on May 8th.



WinCU is the proud sponsor of two unique kid's events this summer. First, don't miss this exciting "edZoocational" program for kids in the library's Children's Department. There will be a variety of animal ambassadors available to meet and greet on Thursday, June 13 at 2:00 pm. Next, the kids won't want to miss CLIMB Theatre's *Country*

Mouse, City Mouse: Adventures in the Suburbs on Tuesday, July 2 at 2:00 pm. Since the mouse cousins had such a "gouda" time when they last met, they decided to take their next adventure to more neutral grounds: The Suburbs. Country Mouse wants to explore while City Mouse wants to read. Will they learn to compro-mice? Kids will learn to use their empathy skills to advocate for themselves. The play will be in the lower-level meeting room. Stay afterward for additional activities! Visit Oshkoshpubliclibrary.org for more information.



"Winne" owls painted courtesy of the kindergarteners at Valley Christian School.

Downtown Neenah is a sight to see during Future Neenah's Spring Fling now through June 9th. If you haven't taken a stroll to see the decorated flower beds, you're missing out! Mark your calendar for the Neenah Farmers Market Kid's Days on June 22nd and July 20th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The kids can enjoy a bounce house sponsored by WinCU and fun at Shattuck Park. The full calendar of events can be found at Neenah.org.

Making connections through the communities we serve is another way we give back through our **Here to Help** initiative.

Timber Rattler Tickets Now on Sale

Discount tickets are only \$7 each (regularly \$24) and include a picnic dinner and the game.

Tuesday, July 30, 2024:

- Tailgate & Dinner: 5:00 - 6:40 pm
- Game Time: 6:40 pm

Party Menu

You'll enjoy a picnic-style dinner with your choice of hamburger, brat, or hot dog. Each meal also comes with potato chips, baked beans, pasta salad, cookie, and two beverages (soda, water or beer).



Reserve your spot today!

Tickets are limited! (Limit four tickets per family)

**Bonus, it's a "Bang For Your Buck" night!
Cher-Make hot dogs, 16 oz. soda and
16 oz. domestic beer for \$2.**

WinCU Annual Meeting

Our 70th Annual Meeting was held on March 7th at the LaSure's Banquet Hall. Chairperson Tom Geske reported loans grew by \$5.2 million to \$128 million, and assets decreased slightly to \$148.4 million. Credit union membership is now over 8,500. Carrie Walter, Julie Grandt, and Patty Felker were acknowledged for their years of dedication and service, as they retired earlier this year. Members elected incumbent board members Tom Geske and Valinda Applebee to a three-year volunteer term.



Mark your calendars for the 71st Annual Meeting, which will be held at LaSure's Banquet Hall, Oshkosh, on Thursday, March 6th, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Scholarship Winner



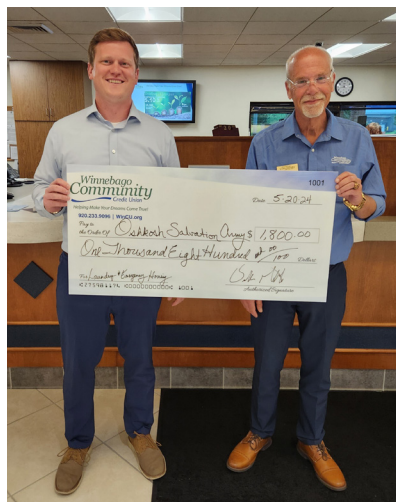
We would like to extend our warmest congratulations to Madelynn Myrick, the 2024 Jean Kolodzik Memorial Scholarship recipient. A recent Oshkosh West High School graduate and WinCU member, Maddie was awarded the \$1,500 scholarship for her outstanding achievements. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison this fall, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors!

Play Ball!

This summer, WinCU is excited to support Extreme Softball, Oshkosh YMCA, and Neenah youth baseball teams. These organizations provide wonderful opportunities for young boys and girls to participate in softball and baseball. Our sponsorship helps cover important costs like uniforms, equipment, and umpire fees, ensuring that these programs can continue to offer valuable experiences for the kids involved.



Stepping Up in Red



Throughout the month of April, the WinCU team donated money to wear the color red (in honor of the Salvation Army), jeans, and tennis shoes. Kurt Maehl, Neenah Branch Manager/Mortgage Lender, challenged staff by matching the funds. The money donated was designated for the Salvation Army of Oshkosh's laundry services and temporary housing. In 2022-23, the laundry fund helped 227

families (346 adults, 557 children). Of these 227 families, 65 were helped more than once, indicating a continued need for laundry assistance, whereas 162 families only needed assistance once. People miss out on work, and children don't go to school often because of laundry issues. In January 2024, \$225 was spent for 20 general households alone, and the funds are almost completely depleted. Temporary housing/emergency hotel vouchers provide women or families with children one or two nights while waiting for more permanent housing. The Salvation Army pays approximately \$70 a night. Due to a lack of donations and tight budgets, these programs were almost depleted of funds, and thanks to the efforts of the credit union employees, local families will continue to have clean clothes and a safe place to lay their heads at night.

Discounted Tickets

Stop by an Oshkosh or Neenah branch to purchase Milwaukee Public Zoo or Wisconsin Dells Noah's Ark tickets. Zoo tickets are \$13.75 each for ages 13 and up, \$10.75 for ages 3 to 12 and children 2 and under are free, please note parking is not included and tickets are good through December 24, 2024. Noah's Ark tickets are \$37.35 per person and are good through September 4, 2024.





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ATM Locations

Drive Up - Witzel

Drive Up - Snell

Drive Up - Neenah

Walk Up - Oshkosh Courthouse

Walk Up - Winnebago Cty. Admin. Bldg.



Statistics: 04.30.24

Members: 8,522 | Loans: \$127 Million | Assets: \$151 Million

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Elder Abuse Awareness Month: Protecting Seniors from Exploitation

Elder abuse, particularly in the form of financial exploitation, is a growing concern that poses a significant threat to the well-being of seniors.

As the elderly population continues to increase, it is essential to raise awareness about the risks of financial abuse and empower seniors with the knowledge and resources to protect themselves from exploitation.

Financial abuse of elders can take various forms, including scams, fraud, theft, and coercion. Perpetrators often target vulnerable seniors, taking advantage of their trust, cognitive impairments, or social isolation. Common tactics used in financial exploitation include deceptive telemarketing schemes, lottery/sweepstakes scams, charity scams, tax/debt collection scams, identity theft, misuse of a senior's assets by caregivers or family members, and fraudulent investment schemes. Often, older adults are reluctant to report the exploitation due to shame, embarrassment, fear of retaliation, denial, self-blame, or lack of awareness. Recognizing the signs of financial abuse is crucial in combating this issue and protecting seniors from harm.

If you are an older adult or know someone at risk, help educate them about common financial scams, the importance of safeguarding personal information, and how to make informed financial decisions.

In most instances of suspected elder abuse, including financial exploitation, you can visit www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/asp/index or call the Elder Abuse Hotline at **833.586.0107**. You can find information about reaching your local Adult Protective Services office at the Eldercare Locator at eldercare.acl.gov, a public service provided by the U.S. Administration for Community Living, or by calling **800.677.1116**. If the older person is in danger or you believe a crime has been committed, call 911 for an immediate response from the police. For identity theft cases, contact local police and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at **877.438.4338** or identitytheft.gov. If the loss involves funds held in a financial institution, such as a bank or credit union, report the problem to the financial institution immediately. If the loss involves credit products, such as a credit card or loan, contact the creditor immediately.



For more information go to consumerfinance.gov/askcfpb. Protecting the financial well-being of our seniors is not only a matter of ethical responsibility but also a fundamental step toward upholding their dignity and independence.

Important Dates & Reminders

Snowbirds, don't forget to update your address when venturing to and from Wisconsin.

- **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19** – Branches Closed for Juneteenth National Independence Day
- **THURSDAY, JULY 4** – Branches Closed for Independence Day
- **TUESDAY, JULY 30** – WinCU Timber Rattlers Baseball Game
- **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2** – Branches Closed for Labor Day
- **MONDAY, OCTOBER 14** – Branches Closed for Columbus Day All Staff Training