

# MEMBER *insight*

SEPTEMBER 2024

## 76 YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY

Why do hundreds of millions of people worldwide choose credit unions? Because credit unions have a “people-first” philosophy that impels them to constantly improve their communities and the lives of their members. That local service feeds a worldwide network that reaches more than 403 million members across the globe. On Thursday, October 17, 2024, join credit union and financial cooperative members around the globe in celebrating 76 years of International Credit Union Day®.



## SECURITY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS - VISA CREDIT CARDS



## OPEN A CHRISTMAS CLUB ACCOUNT TODAY

### 2025 Christmas Club Accounts Now Open!

A Christmas Club Account lets you save for your holiday spending throughout the year by making a direct deposit each month. Earn interest throughout the year instead of paying interest on your credit card balance for a year.

To begin, all you need is a \$25 deposit. Contact TACU at 608.372.4736 to open one today.



## 2025 TACU SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The 2025 scholarship applications are now available! TACU awards up to \$2,000 in scholarship money each year. The money can be given to an individual recipient or be divided among multiple recipients at the discretion of our scholarship committee.

### Eligibility Requirements

The applicant must be a member or a child of a primary member of TACU. Additionally, the applicant must be enrolled or plan to enroll in a school of higher education on a full-time basis for the 2025-2026 school year.

### Application Process

The applicant must complete the TACU scholarship application, which can be printed from TACU's website at [www.tacuonline.com/scholarship](http://www.tacuonline.com/scholarship). Once complete, the application with one letter of reference and a resume should be submitted to TACU on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The award(s) will be presented in May either at the Tomah High School Awards Banquet, if the recipient is attending, or the recipient will be notified in writing. The winner(s) will receive a check made payable to them and the school of their choice.

**If there are any questions regarding the TACU Scholarship, please call 608.372.4736.**



# KEEP YOUR PHONE, TABLET AND LAPTOP SECURE

Some days, it feels like everything we could ever need is online. While that's convenient, it also presents a few new things to remember about keeping your confidential information safe and secure.

Viruses and spyware can take over your system, slow it down, and put your data, privacy, and internet accounts at risk. Check out these tips for protecting your personal and financial information from threats anytime you're online:

- Update your security software and run a complete system scan on all your computers.
- Download the latest version of your web browser to help you safely surf the web.
- Update your operating system to ensure you have the latest security updates.
- Back up your data regularly using a removable storage device or cloud.
- Make wireless network security a priority at home and on the road.
- Don't click on any ads, pop-up windows, or banners that look suspicious.
- Avoid suspicious and non-trustworthy sites. They may house malicious software that has the potential to infect your computer.
- Never click on links in suspicious emails or send personal information over non-secure email(s). Never reply to or click links that ask for your personal information.
- Log off the internet and lock your computer when it is not in use.

You may not think about it, but protecting your smartphone is just as important as protecting your computer and other devices from cybersecurity threats. Here are a few tips to help you reduce the risk of exposure to mobile security threats:

- Avoid sharing your phone or tablet with others, especially strangers.
- Be sure no one is looking over your shoulder in crowded public areas and reading information from your device's screen.
- Consider installing anti-virus software on your phone.
- Update your operating system to ensure you have the latest security updates.



# COATS FOR KIDS COLLECTION SITE

Winter will be here before you know it. It's time to dust off your winter gear and make sure it still fits! If it doesn't, drop them in our **Coats for Kids donation bin located in our lobby** now until Monday, October 14th. New or gently used winter coats, snow pants, hats, mittens, snow boots, and scarves are all welcome donations.

Distribution of items will be on a first come basis at Lighthouse Assembly of God: Friday, October 18th from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM and Saturday, October 19th from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**International Credit Union Day** - October 17th  
**Veteran's Day** - Closed November 11<sup>th</sup>

### TACU CREDIT UNION

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

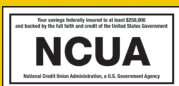
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Treasurer — Linda Johnson  
Secretary — Martha Klatt  
Director — Al Laylan  
Director — Joseph Bubnich  
Director — Jeff Cram

### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Friday**  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
**Saturday**  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

### DRIVE-UP HOURS

**Monday - Thursday**  
7:30 am to 5:30 pm  
**Friday**  
7:30 am to 6:00 pm  
**Saturday**  
8:30 am to 12:30 pm



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