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MEMBER CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



Banzai!

SCHOOL'S OUT, LEARNING'S ON!

Join the Banzai! Member Challenge

Just because school's out doesn't mean the learning has to stop! Keep young minds (and yours!) sharp this summer with the Banzai! Member Challenge. It's a fun and easy way for members of all ages to build real-world money skills.

Here's how it works:

- ✓ Between now and July 31, explore bite-sized courses and articles on borrowing, credit, budgeting, and saving.
- ✓ Complete the reward test to be entered to win one of two \$50 Amazon gift cards!

Each course takes just five minutes, perfect for road trips, rainy days, or quick screen time with a purpose. Create your **FREE** Banzai! account and [join the challenge](#) today!



Let's make
this summer
smart and
rewarding!

HOLIDAY HOURS

WESTconsin Credit Union offices
and Service Center will be **CLOSED** on:

Independence Day | Friday, July 4
Labor Day | Monday, September 1



Help Fight Hunger This Summer

School's out, but hunger doesn't take a break. To help fight hunger these summer months, we are hosting our annual Summer Food Drive from July 7–19. All offices will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations that will support local food pantries and help families in need.

Last year, thanks to your generosity, we collected nearly 400 non-perishable food items and raised over \$2,750, which was distributed to 15 local pantries! Let's make an even bigger impact this year. Drop off donations at any [WESTconsin office](#) or by calling the Service Center at [\(800\) 924-0022](tel:8009240022) and help us keep our communities strong, one meal at a time.

Facilities Update: River Falls and Prescott Projects

We're excited to share progress on two major office updates! The River Falls remodel is officially complete, and we celebrated the grand re-opening in June alongside the River Falls Chamber and community leaders. This remodel was a vital investment in enhancing our members' experience, creating a more welcoming, efficient, and modern space to better serve the growing needs of the community! We are thrilled to welcome our members in the upgraded space!

Meanwhile, construction on the new Prescott office is moving smoothly and remains on track for a fall 2025 opening. Our partners at Market & Johnson, including familiar faces from the Rice Lake build, are doing an outstanding job. The excitement is building in Prescott, and so are we!

Interested in Serving on Our Board of Directors?

Our volunteer Board of Directors play a vital role in guiding our mission and representing the best interests of our members. If you or someone you know is passionate about community involvement and credit union values, consider applying to be a candidate in our upcoming Board elections next spring. See all the details at westconsin.org.



Top 5

Staging Tips to WOW Home Buyers

Thinking of selling your home? First impressions matter and smart staging can help your home stand out and sell faster. Start by clearing out clutter and personal items so buyers can picture themselves living there. Let in natural light to make rooms feel bigger and more inviting, and add cozy touches like throw pillows or fresh flowers to create a warm, welcoming vibe. Don't forget curb appeal, your front yard sets the tone before buyers even step inside!

Want more expert tips to make your home market ready? The real estate professionals at WESTconsin Realty are here to help every step of the way, from staging suggestions to pricing strategy and beyond. Read all five tips and see how we can help you sell with confidence at westconsinrealty.com.

Supporting Student Success: 14 Scholarships Awarded!

We're proud to announce that 14 graduating seniors have each received a \$1,000 scholarship through the WESTconsin Scholarship Program! These students were selected based on academics, community involvement, and career goals.

Since the program began, we've awarded \$368,000 to support local students' higher education dreams. See all this year's winners at westconsincu.org.

ATTENTION High School Seniors Class of 2026

Want to apply next year? Be sure you're a primary WESTconsin member by **August 31, 2025** to be eligible! Not a member yet? Visit [your local office](#) or get started online.

Business Members



Your service is specialized. Shouldn't your payment solutions be too?

WESTconsin Credit Union has partnered with Elavon, a leading global payments provider, to offer you payment processing solutions. Elavon offers the latest in payment technology, so you can give your customers the choice to pay however they want. Whether you accept pay-ments online, in person, in-app or over the phone, Elavon and WESTconsin have you covered.

Kindness Counts at WESTconsin

This summer, Fin Lee Fox popped up in the community to show that Kindness Counts by surprising local shoppers and picking up the tab! Fin Lee made unannounced visits to area grocery stores and randomly passed out gift cards to pay for a portion of their groceries, spreading joy and lending a helping paw. In total, we helped 56 people with a portion of their grocery bills, turning everyday errands into unforgettable moments.

Shop with Fin Lee Fox was created to showcase our Kindness Counts initiative, a guiding principle that shapes how we interact with our members, communities, and each other. Whether it's a smile, a helping hand, or paying it forward, every small act makes a big difference. Together, we can create a ripple effect that strengthens our community, one kind gesture at a time.



2024-25 Scholarship Winners



Lily Kasper
Amery
High School



Emma Freese
Baldwin-Woodville
High School



Wyatt Weise
Barron
High School



Amber Lund
Mondovi
High School



Ava Kolodzienski
Ellsworth
High School



Samantha Young
Clayton
High School



Dane Paul
Hill-Murray
School



Emily Fetzer
Boyceville
High School



Anika Schoenberger
Menomonie
High School



Brooke McDonald
Osceola
High School



Katelyn Huppert
Prescott
High School



Samantha Andrea
Siren
High School



Grace Kinney
River Falls
High School



Lauren Bigaouette
Spring Valley
High School

2025
Class of
Congratulations

from all of us at WESTconsin Credit Union!