



member NEWSLETTER

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Introducing to You HCU's Newest Employees!

As you visit Hometown Credit Union branches, you may be greeted by some new faces! We are eager to introduce to you our newest employees:



Lyndi Krueger is a MSR in Medina. She was previously licensed as a property, casualty, and commercial insurance agent, and also worked with people with disabilities for about 20 years as a support staff and program coordinator/office manager. Lyndi is married, has two young children, and pets. She enjoys gardening, canning, fishing, hunting, riding motorcycle, ATVs, and snowmobiling.



Dillon Spurr is the Ag Loan Officer in Ashley. He stems from Houghton, SD where his family still farms/ranches since 1882. Dillon has been involved in production ag his entire career varying from row crop, cow calf, farmer feeder, and seed stock operations. He's married to his beautiful wife, Megan, and together they have a little boy, Booker, who is the light of their lives. Dillon's hobbies/interests include ranch rodeoing, and his passion is towards the cattle business sector and the western lifestyle.



Sara Melom is a MSR in Ashley. She has lived in Ashley most of her life, and recently got engaged to her high school sweetheart at Arrington Vineyard in Tennessee. She and her fiancé, Corey, have two children, Hudson and Tatum. Sara enjoys being outdoors, spending time with family and friends, and staying active! A fun fact about her family is Hudson can't pronounce Tatum's name, so he calls her Tay-men, so now it's a funny nickname that has stuck.



Sheldon Gerhardt is the Ag Loan Officer in Hazelton. He and his wife, Angie, live in Napoleon with their five children: Joseph, Bennett, Clara, Emma, and Leo. Sheldon graduated from NDSU in 2006 with an Agricultural Education degree and a Minor in Crop and Weed Science. After college, he served as the Logan County Extension Agent for 14 years, which allowed him to work with many farmers and ranchers delivering crop and livestock programming. He also had the pleasure of working with 4-H youth teaching them life skills through hands of learning. In Sheldon's spare time, he enjoys gardening with his kids, attending church activities, and playing card games.



Brittney Dockter is the Ag Loan Officer in Medina. She lives in Streeter with her husband, Ceph, and 10 month old son, Tilman. She graduated in the fall of 2018 from NDSU with a Major in Crop and Weed Science and a Minor in Agribusiness. For the last few years, Brittney worked as an Agronomist for a small, local cooperative in Jordan, MT. Brittney's interests are crocheting, cooking, leatherwork, playing with her son, and spending time with family and friends.

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Mark Your Calendars!

73rd Annual Meeting

Friday, February 10th

More Information Coming Soon!

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If you were at Wishek Saurkraut Days in October, you may have seen some HCU employees out and about having lunch and visiting the vendor show! Pictured is Angela Mahin, Josh Czajkowski, Annie Elhard, Heather Palmer, and Carrie Ellingson from the Kulm branch!

In November, a couple Kulm branch employees visited the third grade class at Kulm Elementary School. Angela Mahin and Daphne Schlepp spoke to the class about what Hometown Credit Union does for the community and gave tips on how to save smart! When the students were asked what the first thing they think of when they hear "Hometown Credit Union" is, they said "it's homey" and "lollipops!"



The Ashley branch contributed blessing boxes for six families in need within the community. There were enough food items to make a Thanksgiving meal and extra shelf stable items. These boxes are something the branch has been doing the last couple years, and it has been very well received and something that will be continued in the future! Pictured are Ashley branch employees, Terry Mettler and Tana Jensen!

The Medina branch donated to the Medina Fall Festival and was a part of the parade. The branch also participated in Trunk or Treat, and donated to Hometown Christmas by giving trinket toys/grab bags for kids!



SCAM ALERT!

As we approach tax season, be aware of scammers attempting to try to steal your information! These scammers will call, text, or send you emails. They will try to convince you to "confirm" your information often promising extra money in the form of a "recalculated refund." They are also known for threatening to withhold your return or a crime for "unpaid" taxes unless you give them your information or money on gift cards. They'll even go so far as to set up fake tax preparers or fake charities to harvest your information and money.

Be wary of these scams and protect yourself. Never send sensitive information via email or text message. The IRS will not contact you via email, text message, or social media sites, and they do not accept payments from gift cards.

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