

Member Newsletter

New Face at HCU



**Michael Berg,
Mortgage Loan Officer
Lincoln Branch**

Born and raised in rural Virginia, I traded the dense Virginia forests for the beautiful endless sea of grasslands that is the Great Plains. My wife is a native North Dakotan, as are my grandparents, but I moved to North Dakota in 2021 with my wife to return home. I've spent my career holding different financial positions within a few financial institutions ranging from a currency trader, banker and a mortgage officer. I've found that I love to educate and guide people so they have the insight and tools to make the important financial decisions life throws at us all. We could all use a hand in life, and I'm proud to be here at Hometown Credit Union to offer that hand to you.



Laugh a little

**Does February
march?**

-No, but April may!

**What is a flower's
favorite kind of
pickle?**

-A daffo-dill

**How can you tell
spring flowers are
friendly?**

*-They always have new
buds*

**How do
thunderstorms invest
their money?**

-In a "rainy-day" fund!

**Why are frogs so
happy?**

*-They eat whatever
bugs them!*

REMINDER!

**We will be closed Monday, May 27th in
observance of Memorial Day.**

HCU 74th Annual Meeting

Hometown Credit Union held its 74th Annual Meeting on Friday, February 9th at the Kulm Community Center with a total of 110 members registered. The theme for this year's meeting was "The Authentic Difference." The staff served a delicious Swedish Meatball meal catered by the Kulm Uptown Café. Harold Hagen, CEO welcomed the members and reported on the accomplishments of the Credit Union in 2023. Jim McLeish was thanked for his 12 years of service on the Board of Directors. Josh Land and Sandra Baumgartner were elected to the Board of Directors. Multiple prizes were given out and a grand prize of a 22' Smokeless Fire Pit was won by Linda Gackle.



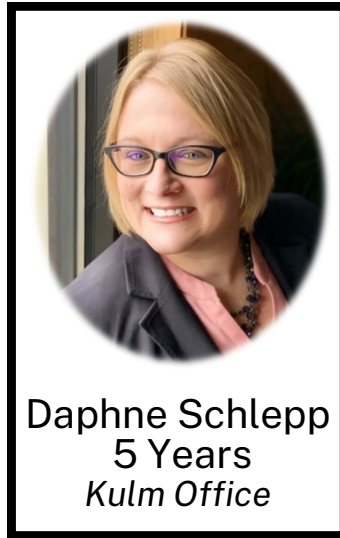
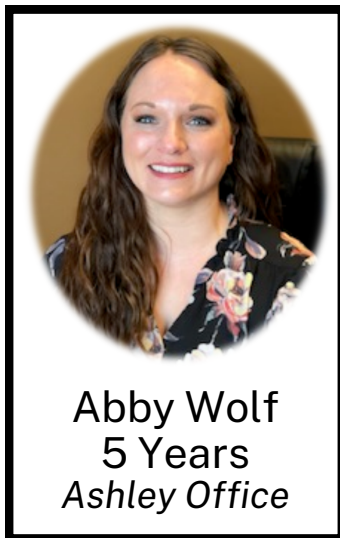
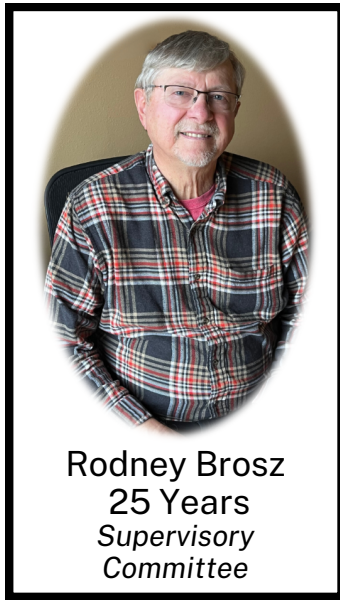
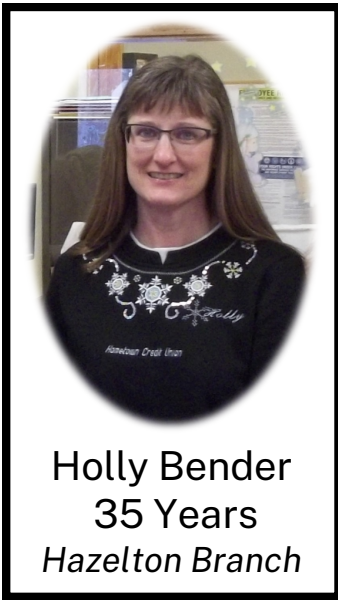
Special Patronage Dividends Distributed

For the 10th consecutive year, Hometown Credit Union is pleased to announce that the credit union members have received a special patronage dividend! The dividend is based on the average monthly balance of members' deposits and loans during 2023. This year, \$602,893 was distributed to members. Please review your statement to see the amount deposited to your regular share savings account. All special patronage dividends that calculated at less than \$1.00 were not paid. It was not feasible for Hometown Credit Union to post these small credits because administrative costs exceeded the value of the dividend. No special patronage dividends were paid on accounts that were closed during 2023 and the first quarter of this year. The special dividend will not affect your 2023 taxes, but will be included on your 2024 1099-INT form.

*"Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be."
-Unknown*

Thank you for your service!

These 8 employees were recognized at our 74th Annual Meeting for their years of service.



“Flowers don’t worry about how they’re going to bloom. They just open up and turn toward the light, and that makes them beautiful.”

- Jim Carrey



Join our team!

Ready to take the next step in your career? We are hiring!
We are currently looking for the following positions:

Ag Loan Officer - Kulm Office
Senior Ag Loan Officer - Kulm Office
Internal Auditor - Ashley Office

If you or someone you know are interested go to hcuonline.com/mycreditunion/#joinus for more information or to send in your application.

We are an equal opportunity employer.

Local Upcoming Events:

Ashley Sizzling Summer Days

June 14th- 16th

Hazelton Community Days

June 15th

Kulm Windfest

June 28th-30th

Linton 125th Celebration

July 3rd-7th

Medina 125th Celebration

July 5th-7th

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rodney Kinzler, President
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*The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another.
The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.*

-Henry Van Dyke