

ASPIRE CREDIT UNION



Upcoming Holiday Closures

Federal Holiday

Monday, May 29, 2023

CLOSED

Federal Holiday

Monday, June 19, 2023

CLOSED

Federal Holiday

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

CLOSED

Did you know we host a calendar of Events on our website - Find what's happening at: www.aspire.creditunion/events

2023 Blood Drives

April 26, 2023

Shoot us a text or call at 701-837-5353 to secure your timeslot.

Annual Meeting



The 2023 Aspire Credit Union Annual Meeting has been scheduled for May 18, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. During the meeting we will share out 2022 Annual Impact Report and welcome a new board member.

Following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting, there will be a chips and queso snack bar.

Time To Set Up An IRA

Have you ever wondered what distinguishes IRAs from our other accounts? With Tax Season here, some individual contributions into an IRA could be a tax deduction. Contributing to an IRA is a great step toward retirement and there is no better day than today to get one started. You can learn the differences between a Roth IRA and a Traditional IRA by visiting our website at www.aspire.creditunion/iras/.

Still not sure which account is right for you? No worries, give Kaydee Pederson a call at 701-837-5304, she would be happy to assist.

Kohlman to Retire

For the last 40 years, Mindee Kohlman has been an active and influential member of the Credit Union movement in the Dakotas. She is highly respected by her peers and knows all operational aspects and interworking of the credit union since she worked herself up from a part-time teller to now the President and CEO of Aspire Community Federal Credit Union. She has been with Aspire for 35 years.



On Friday, February 17, Jason Rohrer, President of Aspire's Board of Directors announced Kohlman's intent to retire in 2023. "Mindee will be difficult to replace. She retains a wealth of knowledge from her years of service, and we could not be more grateful for her leadership and dedication to this institution."

Throughout the years, Kohlman has embodied what credit unions stand for by embracing the people helping people philosophy. She does many activities to help people learn about credit unions and their benefits and is an active member of the local chapter. She has gone into classrooms to educate the communities youth about credit unions and how we are different. She has served in leadership roles on committees actively promoting chapter-wide events and activities over the decades of service.

As our director, she has led the way to increase our community involvement. In 2021 we noted over 330 hours of volunteering service and in 2022, we tracked 930 hours of community service with a 96% staff participation rate. During 2022, Kohlman volunteered in several ways, too. She delivered hot meals via the Meals on Wheels program to our senior community members. She has assisted with the enrichment of the cats and dogs at the Souris Valley Animal Shelter. Weekly, she coordinates the packing of over 350 bags of food for local area children who are at risk of food insecurity with the Souris Valley United Way Backpack Buddies program. She is enrolled for another year of junior achievement, teaching an elementary class. She has volunteered her time at the Norsk Hostfest, the BurlinMot half Marathon, and the Roosevelt Park Zoo. She is also heavily involved with LeeWok, a festival dear to her heart.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Date Set

Aspire Credit Union is pleased to bring back our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children on April 7, 2023, at 4 PM. Children must be between the ages of 1-10 to participate. **Preregistration is required** as only the first 100 children will be accepted. We need to ensure we have enough eggs and prizes for the event to be successful. Please bring your own basket or bag.

To Register – Call or text the credit union (701-837-5353) and talk with our team representatives to get signed up. Members and non-members are invited to participate.

Promotions



Aspire Credit Union is pleased to announce the promotion of **Kelsey Scharmer**. Kelsey has been a team member with Aspire for 12 years and

has excelled in member services. With her promotion to Member Experience Coordinator, she will continue supporting accounts, and operations.

High School Scholarship for Graduating Seniors

As a credit union, we operate every day with the seven cooperative principles in mind. Applicants must review those principles on our website and email their submissions by May 1, 2023, to riannek@aspire.creditunion.

One selected winner will receive a scholarship valued at \$1,000. Details for the scholarship will be released on our website on April 3, 2023.

Late Night Education Series

Aspire Credit Union has launched a new program where we are open late, offering all of our regular services and 20-minute educational seminars. Being offered quarterly, we will focus on different topics that are based on the feedback we received from our recent member survey. (Drive-thru will continue to remain open as well for the member's convenience.)

Our first Late Night Series was a success with both members and non-members attending the event. We taught about both credit and credit card fraud. During the credit discussion, we focused on the factors that directly affect someone's credit score and discussed ways to track your credit score. In preventing credit card fraud, we shared tips on how to keep your card and information safe and some of the biggest scams out there today.

Watch our website and Facebook for upcoming event details for our second series on April 18, 2023. The next topics include **budgeting** and **account basics**, two sessions that will be available to everyone, and a perfect opportunity for our younger members getting ready to get their first job or go to college.

Product Spotlight: G-A-P

Let's face it sometimes accidents happen, and you don't want to be left owing money on your vehicle loan after your insurance has been paid out. That is where GAP (Guaranteed Asset Protection) comes into play.

GAP insurance is supplemental insurance that can be added to your motorized vehicle purchase with the loan. Unlike standard insurance, GAP helps by filling in the difference between what you have been paid out by the insurance company after an accident, and what you still owe on your loan. Plus, if you refinance with us, it pays \$1000 towards your next purchase with Aspire. GAP can be applied to vehicles and recreational loans for items such as boats or motorcycles. The Consumer Loan Specialists here at Aspire can help you get started.

Text GAP to 701.837.5353 and a loan officer will reach out to assist you.



**Member
Appreciation
Week**

July 10 - July 14

