

# GREAT PLAINS

## FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

**October 2018**

## Thank You for Your Service

November 11th is the day set aside to honor our veterans, but every day is a good day to thank them for their service. Our men and women in uniform make it possible for us to enjoy our freedom and way of life, and for that, we owe them a debt of gratitude. We also need to thank our veterans' families who sacrifice so much while their loved ones are protecting our freedom.

Whether they have served their country honorably during war or peacetime, veterans are our heroes. So make it a point to thank your friends and family members for their service. And when you spot someone in uniform or wearing a baseball cap or jacket identifying a branch of service, be sure to extend your gratitude and best wishes.

It's definitely holiday season. Our offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

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| Columbus Day  | 10/08/2018 |
| Veteran's Day | 11/12/2018 |
| Thanksgiving  | 11/22/2018 |
| Christmas     | 12/25/2018 |
| New Year's    | 01/01/2019 |



Since 1996 CU4Kids has raised \$170 million for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. One hundred percent of every dollar donated goes to CMN hospitals in our communities. These hospitals provide billions of dollars in charity care, support cutting edge research and develop innovative technology which eases pain and lengthens lives.

Great Plains is proud to be part of such a worthy cause. We are 047047 again giving our members an opportunity to support Credit Unions for Kids. For a \$20 donation, you can skip either your October, November, or December 2018 loan payment. You can free up cash for Christmas presents or other reasons while contributing to a worthy cause at the same time.

You can pick up a payment deferral form at your local branch or give us a call and we'll put one in the mail. The form can also be found on our website.

Skipped payments are limited to one per year for each loan you have with the credit union. Mortgage loans are ineligible for payment deferrals. Interest will continue to accrue on any unpaid principal balance. Deferrals will result in an extension of loan term.



## Orange, Texas Branch Closing

The credit union branch in Orange, Texas will be closing permanently after the close of business on December 31, 2018. Activity at this branch has declined to the point that it can no longer justify the operational expenses required to stay open.

This decision was not an easy one. Management and the board of directors deliberated for some time before determining there was no other viable option. Activity has been monitored closely for the last couple of years and has consistently been trending downward.

We realize this will impact members who still transact business at this branch. Please note that Home Office staff stand ready to assist you in every way we can. Members will still be able to access their accounts via audio, online, and mobile sources as well.

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Joplin, Mo 64804  
800-388-1318

Branches:  
720 N Main  
McPherson, Ks 67460  
620-241-4181

123 E Main  
Independence, Ks 67301  
800-530-5595

2061 S Ohio  
Salina, Ks 67401  
800-477-7886

605 S Ohio  
Salina, Ks 67401  
800-369-8536

504 N Buckeye  
Abilene, Ks 67410  
785-263-2309

110 West D Street  
Hillsboro, Ks 67063  
620-947-3933

301 N Alvarado  
Montezuma, Ks 67867  
800-688-3781

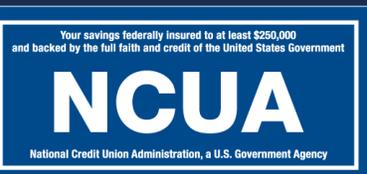
3100 E Central Ste B  
Wichita, Ks 67214  
316-684-1500

510 N East Ave  
Columbus, Ks 66725  
620-429-4688

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Orange, Tx 77630  
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## Share the Benefits of Credit Union Membership

Friends don't let friends or their family members pay too much for financial services. That's why 031529 you'll want to share with them the benefits of belonging to the credit union. Here's where they will not only find competitive rates on savings and loans but a variety of products and services to help them manage their personal finances.

While for-profit financial institutions have their shareholders to answer to, the credit union is 700681 a not-for-

profit financial cooperative that exists only to serve its members. So please pass the word about the credit union difference. Your friends and family will thank you for helping them discover that difference and how it can help them achieve their financial goals.

For more information about the benefits of membership, direct your friends and family to our website or have them contact their closest branch.

**CREDIT UNION MEMBERSHIP**



### Great Plains Mourns the Loss of Long-Time Board Member

Board member Gerald Hendren passed away on August 24, 2018. Gerald began serving on the board in 1995 after several years volunteering on the Supervisory Committee. He had served as board chairman since 2009. Gerald will be missed by all who knew him. He was a staunch advocate for the members and leaves behind a legacy of great service and leadership.

## Upcoming Retirements

After 34 years of employment, Robert "Bob" Price is retiring as Branch Operations Manager effective December 31, 2018. Bob says he has seen many positive changes in the credit union movement during those years. These changes were the driving force that kept him seeking to make a contribution and 071382 a difference all these years. The decision to say goodbye was not an easy one but Bob felt the timing was right. He wants to thank all the staff for their support as well as the board of directors for the opportunities he was given. Mostly he wants to thank the members for making his job worthwhile. Bob has been a vital part of the credit union management team and will be greatly missed.



Ruth Winter has decided to retire as a bookkeeper with our Hillsboro, Kansas office after 39 years with the credit union. Her last day will be December 7, 2018. Ruth actually started as a data entry clerk with Tip Top Credit Union which was acquired in 1985 when the credit union changed its name to Great Plains Federal. Ruth has 801479 many fond memories of those she worked alongside and the members she has served. She plans to spend her time volunteering and being her grandchildren's number one fan at their sporting events. The credit union is grateful for her service and dedication over the years.

### Special Points of Interest

Hidden Account Numbers: We have hidden **FIVE** account numbers in the newsletter. If a member finds their own account number and calls the credit union to let us know, they will **win \$50**.