



Member Newsletter

Celebrating 75 years of Hometown Credit Union

The idea of organizing a credit union in Kulm began at a meeting of the German Northwest Farmers Union local. After corresponding with credit union officials in Jamestown, ND, a series of meetings were held and it was decided to apply for a charter to organize a credit union in Kulm. The charter for the Kulm Credit Union was granted on December 10, 1949 and on March 23, 1950 a meeting was called to elect officers for the board of directors. After being in business for one year, the credit union grew to 129 members.

A major milestone occurred in October 1974, when the credit union reached \$1 million in assets. Other notable events include approving a merger with the Ellendale Credit Union in 1978; opening a branch office in Ashley on May 4, 1987; and changing the name of the Kulm Credit Union to Hometown Credit Union in 1988. In 1995, the Hazelton Credit Union merged with Hometown Credit Union. Presently, Hometown Credit Union's field of membership is a 75 mile radius from Kulm, and a 50 mile radius from Hazelton. Additional branches were opened in Lincoln in 2017, and Medina in 2021. The credit union currently serves 3,353 members, and has \$200 million in assets.

Throughout the years, the credit union operated out of various locations in Kulm. In 1972, the credit union purchased a building from Joe Melicher. The credit union occupied this facility until 2010, when construction began on a new facility on the site formerly occupied by the Kulm City Hall. The credit union moved into the new office March 5th, 2011. In 2015-2016, a new facility was constructed in Ashley.

The following is a list of persons who functioned as treasurer/managers throughout the years of operation of Hometown Credit Union:

- 1950-1953 - William Staeck
- 1953-1965 - Mrs. Irvin (Anne) Mogck
- 1965-1969 - Mrs. Albert (Irene) Hehr
- 1969-1971 - Mrs. Harold (Agnes) Wolff
- 1971-1972 - Johan S. Rockstad
- 1972-1974 - Gordon Anderson
- 1974-2013 - Anthony P. Buerkley
- 2014- present - Harold Hagen

SAVE THE DATE

75th Annual Meeting

Friday, February 14th, 2025

Kulm Community Center

6:00pm - Supper

6:30pm - Meeting

Entertainment to follow meeting

let's
celebrate

New Faces at HCU

Adam Schlepp, Ag Loan Officer Kulm Office



I was born and grew up in Ashley, ND. I graduated from Ashley High School in 2004 and went to the University of Mary for Education and then a Masters in Ed Leadership from NDSU. I have spent the last 16 years in education in the classroom and administration. I look forward to working with the great staff and members at HCU as I work in a new and interesting avenue of work. My wife Daphne and I currently live in Kulm and have four children (Shelby – 13, Henry – 10, Emery – 7, Penny - 3) who keep us busy. In my free time I like to go golfing, hunting, and ice fishing.

Join us for International Credit Union Day

On October 17, 2024, credit union members around the world will celebrate International Credit Union Day®, an annual event to commemorate the credit union movement’s impact and achievements. This year marks the 76th anniversary of this annual event, which will be celebrated under the theme of “One World Through Cooperative Finance”. In honor of this special day, Hometown Credit Union invites its members and the entire community to join us!

Be on the look out for event times for your local branch!



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Dates to keep in mind:

Monday, November 11th Closed for Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 28th Closed for Thanksgiving

Tuesday, December 24th Closing @ 12pm for Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 25th Closed for Christmas

Wednesday, January 1st Closed for New Year's Day