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## FREEDOM TREE DONATIONS CLOSE JULY 10TH

Once again, TCCU members and the general public have been generous in their donations to our annual Freedom Tree community food drive. People still have until **end-of-day Friday, July 10** to make their donations. Canned / boxed food items, personal hygiene products and cash are needed to help our local food pantries meet the increasing demands of their services.



**ALL donations go directly to local food pantries to help our local citizens in need.**

All four TCCU locations have Freedom Tree displays for donation drop-off. Cash donations can be made at the teller stations in designated canisters.

**Cash donations (of any amount) are especially encouraged.** Food pantries are able to purchase considerably more goods from food banks to help replenish their supplies.

Thank you, everyone, for helping make this annual program a success.

## NEW LOBBY & DRIVE THRU HOURS

Please make note of our revised lobby and drive thru hours, in effect for all locations.

**Lobby:**  
Monday - Thursday | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Drive Thru:**  
Monday - Thursday | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Friday | 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we celebrate 70 years of serving our members, it's amazing to see how much the credit union has grown. TCCU has grown from one location serving Christian County, to four locations serving Christian, Montgomery, and Shelby counties. Our Hillsboro office was added in 1989, Litchfield in 2006, and Pana in 2019. As the credit union has grown, our need for staff and space has grown too. With the addition of our new Taylorville office, we are now able to offer modern facilities to all of our members.

While we are proud of our facilities, it's our employees that truly make a difference. Recently, Bev Hafliger and Al Stupek retired. For over eight decades between them, they embodied what it means to provide excellent service to our members and the communities we serve. Bev was always that smiling face that members loved to come in and chat with. Her smile is infectious. She loves her animals and treated them and our members with the utmost kindness. We wish her well in her retirement. I know I'm going to miss her laugh and smile.

Al Stupek retired from TCCU Pana after seven years. He was instrumental in building TCCU Pana into what it is today. Al is the hardest working person I have ever met. He was dedicated to our members and the Pana community. I remember riding through Pana with Al many years ago and being amazed at how many people waved at him as we drove down the street. From his many years of coaching to all of his work at Tanner Park, he has positively impacted literally thousands of lives. Thank you for all you have done for TCCU and the community. Enjoy your retirement!

While we are going to miss the heck out of Bev and Al, TCCU has so many other amazing employees working hard to serve our members. I'm so proud of what TCCU has accomplished in the past 70 years and can't wait to see what the future holds.

Will Perkins, President



# 2026 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The eight winners of \$1,000 awards in TCCU's 12th annual 'Stop. SHOP. VOTE!' program have been announced, and include:



## Taylorville High School:

- **Brody Garrett** – Chemical Engineering, Missouri S & T
- **Ella Hohenstein** – Agricultural Communications, University of Illinois

Brody Garrett and Ella Hohenstein received their \$1,000 awards from TCCU President, Will Perkins.



## Hillsboro High School:

- **Jenna Durbin** – Dental Hygiene, Lewis and Clark College
- **Amy Anderson** – Physical Education, Greenville University

Hillsboro High School seniors Jenna Durbin and Amy Anderson each received \$1,000 awards.



## Pana High School:

- **Gracelynn Elliott** – Criminology / Criminal Justice, Southern Illinois University
- **Kaylee Kuhn** – Education, Eastern Illinois University

Gracelynn Elliott (left photo) accepts a \$1,000 award from Al Stupek, Pana Branch Manager, and Kaylee Kuhn received her \$1,000 check from Mike Cothorn, Loan Officer in the Pana office.



## Litchfield High School:

- **Paislei Foss** – Business Administration / Finance, Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville
- **Avery Stewart** – Kinesiology, University of Illinois

Paislei Foss and Avery Stewart received their \$1,000 awards from TCCU Litchfield Branch Manager, Josh Maddaleno.

"We congratulate all of our local 2026 graduates and wish them success in whatever their future endeavors may be," says TCCU President, Will Perkins.

## THANK YOU TO THESE BUSINESSES

### **TAYLORVILLE BUSINESSES**

- Amenities on Main
- Anderson Jewelers
- Angelo's
- Audrey's Boutique & Luxuries
- Battery Specialists
- Country Kitchen
- (The) Dandy Lion
- Emporium on Main
- Florinda's Pizza
- Fur Love
- Hair Studio
- Happy Baked Goods
- Hello Beautiful
- Karma
- Kompliments Salon
- **Legendary Small Town Trading Co.**
- Little Luxuries
- Lock Up Gym
- Nesty's Burger Joint
- Powderkeg Outfitters
- Shadow Box
- Shoe Sensation
- Southern Belle Florist
- Sydney Lynn's Little Book Shop & Vinyl
- **Taylorville Home Source**
- (The) Upper Cut
- Uprooted by Willow & Birch

- (The) Wooden Flower
- Wright Furniture
- Zone Nutrition

### **HILLSBORO BUSINESSES**

- Cozy Café
- **Diamonds & Dogs**
- EVI Salon
- Frida's Tacos
- Gianni's Pizza
- (The) Hair Zone
- Hillers Sheet Metal
- (The) Holiday Shop
- **Main Dish**
- Salvation Army Thrift Store
- Shopping Cart, Inc. / Scrub Store in Hillsboro
- Sullivan's Drugs
- **(The) Sweet Spot**
- Tan Lines Hair Designs
- Tee Shirts Ink

### **LITCHFIELD BUSINESSES**

- Briar Rose
- Creative Expressions
- Glik's
- **Hair 51 LLC Salon & Spa**
- Hometown Treasures & Gifts
- K9 & Cat Salon
- **Kids Fun Zone**

- Kismet Coffee
- My Formals
- My Formals Boutique
- Petal Pushers
- Pizza Man
- Sullivan's Drugs
- Wernsing's Appliance

### **PANA BUSINESSES**

- A-1 Furniture Wholesale
- Anarchy
- Brewin' Hope
- Countryside Campers
- Curly Girl's
- Cutz 'n Curls
- Hair Razors
- Holthaus Heating & Appliances
- Infinity
- Junction Garden Center
- Locked & Loaded
- Nohren's Hardware
- Outdoor Power Source
- Pana Bowl
- Pana Save A Lot
- Pizza Man
- 2nd Time Around
- Scoop'd
- Sparrow Bicycle Co.
- Spring Garden Restaurant
- Station 502 Pub / Pizza

## Scholarship Registration Reminder

Registration for the 2026-27 "Stop. Shop. VOTE!" scholarship program begins in August, with the resumption of classes at Taylorville, Hillsboro, Litchfield and Pana High Schools.

If you have a student who will be a senior this coming school year – or know a student who will be – and who plans to continue their education at a trade school, 2-year college or 4-year university, **make sure they register.** The only requirements are a good quality photo and a signed Parental Permission slip (available at [www.TCCU.org](http://www.TCCU.org)). **Registration ends Friday, October 9th.**

First time business participants listed in **bold**.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RETIREES!



## Al Stupek

Al Stupek, Vice President and Branch Manager of TCCU Pana, retired May 29th, drawing to a close a 46-year career in financial services, the last seven of these with Taylorville Community Credit Union.

According to TCCU President, Will Perkins, "It was Al's responsibility to set up and manage the Pana office, and to

hire experienced staff who know and love the Pana community," Perkins explains. "One of Al's strengths is his deep knowledge of the greater Pana community as well as his previous decades-long experience in financial services. I have the utmost respect for Al and his work ethic. He has impacted so many lives through his years in banking as well as coaching youth sports." Perkins says.

Stupek points out that one thing he is most proud of throughout his 46-year career in financial services is "the opportunity to play a significant role in helping people make their dreams come true. Whether it was a new car or home, helping them with unexpected emergencies or just with everyday needs, I know I made a difference. And people appreciate that. It always comes back to the people."

"Al has been invaluable to TCCU as a whole," Perkins says. "His skills as a loan officer, as personnel manager and simply as a great person, are exactly what our Pana branch needed in a leader. He is someone who has made our community, the credit union, and every other organization he has been involved with better."



## Bev Hafliker

When she first joined TCCU in 1976 as a part-time teller "for something to do," Bev Hafliker never imagined it would be nearly 50 years before she would finally call it quits. "Honestly, the years just seemed to rush by," she says. "When you work in a friendly environment with good people, you don't mind coming to work."

Bev was responsible for processing real estate and installment loans and ensuring that all necessary documents and information were confirmed.



# KEEP YOUR ACCOUNT ACTIVE!

A reminder that when you do not use your TCCU account(s) for some time, they become classified as dormant. Lack of use could be that you've moved, forgot you have an account, etc.

Our policy regarding dormant accounts (**those with no member-initiated activity for 24 months**) is that they are subject to a \$10.00 dormant account fee each month.

You can avoid this simply by making a deposit or withdrawal. Keep your account(s) active ... take advantage of all the benefits your TCCU membership affords!

Call us at **217-824-9658** for more information.

## TIME TO PLAN THAT SUMMER VACAY



... and the **FIRST** thing to pack is a **TCCU VISA Card**.

Our always-low-interest VISA card is a great way to prepare for your travels (as well as everyday shopping sprees or expenses!).

A little reminder for if / when you do travel: please alert us of your plans.

A simple call or visit to us **BEFORE** you travel will help us ensure that your cards are not blocked, and that they are available for use, regardless of where the road may take you.

## DON'T FALL VICTIM TO CREDIT CARD SKIMMING

We are well into the height of the traditional travel season, and with it comes a heightened risk of falling victim to credit card skimming. Because credit / debit cards are so convenient to use, most everyone has one (or more). But they make us vulnerable to 'skimming.'

That's when your card's magnetic stripe information is copied at an ATM or gas pump through an electronic device or software that scammers have installed. That card's information is then cloned or rewritten onto a new card ... and *your* account is vulnerable.

### There are ways to help avoid becoming a victim:

- Set online and mobile banking alerts.
- Tug the card reader – if it's loose, don't use it!
- Examine your surroundings.
- Protect your PIN – cover it with your hand.
- Scan for security tape seal on the pump.

Closely monitor your accounts, and **call us if you suspect fraud.**



# NEED NEW OR EXTRA WHEELS?

We've got a vehicle loan to help you get exactly what you need. Our rates are very competitive, and we offer flexible payback periods.



- Rates as low as **4.79% APR\***
- Payback Periods as long as **84 months**
- **AND** the security of working with a known partner – TCCU!

\*Annual Percentage Rate. Call or stop by our office today for specific rates and terms. Regular credit rules apply. Not all members will qualify, based on individual creditworthiness. The 4.79% APR is for a 36-month term and applies to 2024 and newer models. Payments are \$29.91 per \$1,000 borrowed.

## PLANT YOUR MONEY WHERE IT'LL GROW...

... in a TCCU Certificate of Deposit. Whether you're a long-time investor or just getting started, we offer variable rates and time periods to fit your needs.

Come talk with us or visit [www.TCCU.org](http://www.TCCU.org) for the day's current rates.



## Holiday Closures

All TCCU locations will be closed in observance of the upcoming holidays:

Monday, September 7 | **Labor Day**  
Monday, October 12 | **Columbus Day**

You *always* have 24 / 7 access to your TCCU accounts, even when the credit union is closed. Just sign up for / use these handy, convenient services:

TCCU VISA Card, ATM network or Debit card, or online at [www.TCCU.org](http://www.TCCU.org). Just follow the prompts.



## NEW BUILDING OPENING IN AUGUST

After months of planning, designing and construction, our new Taylorville office will open in August. The exact date will be announced in the very near future. While we are excited to welcome everyone to our new home, we want to make sure everything is ready to best serve our members.

"It's been a long process to get to this point," says TCCU President, Will Perkins, "but it's all been worth it. I believe our members, and the community at large, will appreciate our new facility and what it means to Taylorville as a whole."

"The opening of the new building corresponds with TCCU's 70 years of serving the greater tri-county region ... and we plan to be a financial force for at least the next seventy years."

## TAYLORVILLE MEMBER APPRECIATION

TCCU Taylorville is excited to hold our annual Member Appreciation event at our new location. We plan to hold this event in the latter part of August. The exact date and time will be announced once the new building is open for business. The celebration will feature:

- Welcome comments and ribbon cutting
- Lunch and desserts (*courtesy of local food trucks*)
- Prize giveaways

Be sure to check our website [www.TCCU.org](http://www.TCCU.org) for updates and schedule.

### TAYLORVILLE

422 W. MAIN CROSS ST.  
217-824-9658

### HILLSBORO

138 E. WOOD ST.  
217-532-5300

### LITCHFIELD

801 W. UNION AVE.  
217-324-7496

### PANA

101 E. FIFTH ST.  
217-562-2516

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