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Brrr...it is cold outside today. Actually, today is ...Blizzard day. We opened a bit later and are running thin staff in Galesburg while Pekin and Peoria are full staff due to not as much snow. Today, Kaitlyn, Rachel and I have the Galesburg Ops going and we are having fun!

Here is my philosophy on bad weather days. We search wide and far to get the absolute BEST staff we can find to take care of you, our Members! That is number one! That search though brings staff who drive up to 40 minutes each day to get here and most all of them live out of town.

Taking care of the their safety is top priority to me as well—I want them safe for their families and so they remain available to provide our Members with the Amazing Member Service you have come to appreciate.

So, when bad weather hits, we appreciate your understanding that we may open late or close early. Randy McElwee, President/CEO

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that the most snowfall central Illinois has ever received in a 24-hour period was 41 inches on January 31, 1979 at Gebhard Woods State Park.

A silver-lining to this story is while our Winter Weather Advisories this year have been cold and snowy, we still have not been covered in 41 inches of snow. Thanks be to all the snowmen in Illinois for their sacrifice.



#### **FUN FACTS!**



- ✓ All snowflakes have 6 sides
- ✓ Most snowflakes fall 2-5 ft per second
- ✓ A cubic foot of snow can weigh 1 to 20 pounds
- ✓ Largest snowman = 122 ft Tall

# TAX REFUND! CD SPECIAL!

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IN THE SEASON!

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#### **EXCITING NEWS!**



Our Peoria Branch - Kemba Peoria & Pekin Branch - Tazewell Area branch hours, effective the 1st of February will be Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM till 5:00 PM. You, our Members matter to us!

Why open at 9AM? We are very dedicated to have the very best trained staff to serve our Members with our Amazing Member Service.

Typically, Staff prep for the day before 8:30, then we can train until 9:00 AM. It is a crucial time for us.

## Stabb + Spotlight

#### **Brittany Lingenfelter**

Joined our staff in mid 2023. Brittany works as a Teller but is also learning to help as a loan

processor. Brittany's super happy persona and the fact she served 4 years in the Army, makes us very proud to have her on our staff. Welcome.

Noelle Fuller, while she performs like a veteran, has been with us as a Teller just a short 9 months now. Noelle came to us as a youngster and said, please just give me a chance. We did and wow are we happy we brought her into our team.

What a fun, fast learner, and great Member service provider!

### Upcoming Holidays this Month!



We wish you all a Happy Presidents Day! Reminder, all branches will be closed on February 19th and open again on February 20th.

Happy Valentine's Day! Today is another day, another opportunity to show your loved ones all the love and care you have for them!



**SCAMS!** Ugh, my word of the day. We again remind our Members to be very careful and ALWAYS call us if something is out of the ordinary.

Most likely, you do not have a girlfriend in Europe who needs to exchange a check for gift cards. Microsoft will not call you because your computer has a virus. Nobody will pay you to advertise on your vehicle as you drive around. You can't win the Canadian lottery if you never played. An unknown person does not need to remote into your computer to "fix" something. IRS is calling...NO THEY ARE NOT. Beware folks—fraudsters are coming. Call us first!

