



Corina's Corner

Summertime means more places to go and more things to do but, that doesn't mean we have to spend more money. Here are some suggestions for a 'no spend' weekend.

Go to the park and have a picnic or go on a hike. There are so many beautiful parks right

in our own back yard. While you're out, take pictures that you can turn into artwork for your walls at home or as a gift because graduation and wedding season is here too. Turn a hike into a scavenger hunt! Whether it's for kids or adults, everyone will have fun. If you're looking for summer gear on a budget, check the Dollar Tree for pool toys, sunglasses, and party supplies, etc. You could use the party supplies to throw a summer pot luck at your house with friends and family. Downtown is also full of life! Head down to Canalside for one of their free fitness classes or head out to the Wellness Trail at the Outer Harbor. You can also participate in one of the many walks for a charity that happen this time of year. Find something to support and help raise money. If it's a rainy weekend, stay inside and declutter your home. You can sell unused items to make money which is even better than saving money! Have a great summer everyone!

Corina Schiefer
Great Erie FCU Member Service Rep.

Great Erie...Supporting & Sponsoring Local Summer Entertainment Events

Quaker Arts Pavilion

Sunday, July 7 **Nickel City Pimp Choir** 7:00pm – 8.30pm
Tuesday, August 6 **Barnstorm New Country Band** 7:00pm – 8.30pm

East Aurora Backyard Bash – Parking lot behind Vidler's

Thursday, August 22 **Young Relics** 6:30pm – 8.30pm

Great Erie Member Appreciation Celebration Week!

Monday, July 22 – Saturday, July 27

We want to acknowledge "YOU" our "MEMBERS" with a celebration.

Stop in to see us during this week at our Orchard Park main office or our East Aurora branch to sample yummy treats, giveaways, and to be entered in our daily prize drawings.

We are thankful for our members that make Great Erie what it is today.



Upcoming Events

Happy 4th of July! Closed for the holiday.

Taste of Orchard Park

Wednesday, July 24, 5:30pm – 9:30pm
N. Buffalo St. (Route 20A to NOCO)
Princeton Pl. (N. Buffalo St. to Linwood Ave.)

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Orchard Park Festival of the Arts

Saturday, Sept. 14, 10am – 5pm
Orchard Park Middle School

Sunday, Sept. 15, 10am – 3pm
Orchard Park Middle School

Member Shred Day

Saturday, Sept. 21
9:30am-12:30pm
Great Erie OP
Main Branch Parking Lot



Branch Information

Orchard Park Branch
Phone 716-662-1311
4000 North Buffalo Rd, Orchard Park, NY 14127
Hours..... Mon–Thurs 9–5, Fri 9–6, Sat 9–1

East Aurora Branch
Phone 716-655-1009
591 Main Street, East Aurora, NY 14052
Hours..... Mon–Thurs 9–5, Fri 9–6, Sat 9–1

Website..... GreatErieFCU.com
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Borrow from Great Erie. Buy from Enterprise.

Receive a \$200 REWARD from GEFCU when you purchase an Enterprise vehicle during the month of July!

Visit Enterprise at 6755 Transit Road, East Amherst. Get pre-qualified before you go... call the credit union at 716.662.1311 or stop by our Orchard Park branch. Visit Enterprise online at cuauto deals.com.

Eligible to Great Erie FCU members that secure a Great Erie auto loan for the purchase of an Enterprise Car Sales vehicle during July 1st – 31st, 2019. Offer consists of a \$200 deposit into Members primary share (savings) account at Great Erie. The value of your gift will be reported on Form 1099-INT and deposited into your share account. Offer is subject to cancellation without notice and cannot be combined with any other offer. Insured by the NCUA.



Our 2019 Scholarship Winners Are...

In May of this year, Great Erie Federal Credit Union (GEFCU) awarded \$1750 in college scholarships to three local high school seniors to help finance their college education.

The students, members of GEFCU, were chosen based on their outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements. The students graduated from Orchard Park High School this past June.

The high school seniors are each receiving a \$500 scholarship award. The winner of the 2019 Great Erie Federal Credit Union Scholarship is Anna Bond. Anna plans to major in package design and product branding at Oswego State University. Evan Kasper was awarded the Charlotte Ash Community Leader Scholarship and will be starting in the fall at Houghton College studying chemistry. Julia Schurr received two awards both from the New York State Credit Union Association (NYCUA). On the state level, she received a \$500 scholarship in addition to \$250 from the local Erie-Niagara chapter level. Julia will be studying



Pictured left to right: Evan Kasper, Julia Schurr and Anna Bond.

chemistry at Canisius College in the fall as a pre-med student in order to become a sports medicine physician.

"We are very pleased to award these scholarships to our hard-working young members," said Robyn Young, CEO. "It proves that the 'people helping people' philosophy of the credit union movement is alive and well here in Erie County."



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Theme Park Discounted Tickets this Summer!

Take advantage of our discounted tickets that can be purchased through our tellers at either of our locations, Orchard Park or East Aurora offices.

Darien Lake
General Admission Tickets \$32.00 ea. (Includes Parking)

Fantasy Island Admission
Tickets \$23.00 ea.

Delta Sonic
Basic Touch-Less Car Wash
Super Kiss Car Wash
10 Minute Interior Cleaning
Oil Change

Regal Cinema Movie Passes
Visa Gift Cards



Member Shred Day!

This is a great opportunity for members to clean out old files and have sensitive documents securely destroyed for FREE. Documents will be securely destroyed by Lincoln Archives, Inc. Please bring a non-perishable food donation with your shred material as Great Erie has partnered with the Food Bank of WNY for this event.

Sat., Sept. 21, 9:30am – 12:30pm
GEFCU Parking Lot
4000 N. Bflo. Rd., OP

Linda Kohl Tribute

Great Erie lost a great friend and co-worker. We lost our Linda Kohl after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Linda came to work at the credit union shortly after her daughter Jamie was born in 1994. I have to credit my friend Jim Wilson for attracting and hiring some of the greatest people I've ever had the privilege of working with – and Linda is one of them. Members loved Linda. Everyone loved her. I could always tell when she was on the teller line by her infectious laughter, radiating throughout the office. A constant champion for her credit union, Linda's contribution along with her place in our history will never be forgotten. If you have a story or memory of Linda that you would like to share, please email it to me and I'll be happy to share it with our staff and her family. ryoung@greateriefcu.com



– Robyn Young

Credit Cards and College

Each year when school sessions start, credit card companies start hitting student mailboxes with multiple credit card offers. While credit cards are helpful, using them wisely is important. Here are a few guidelines for students:



- Limit yourself to one credit card that you can use for emergencies.
- Pay cash whenever possible.
- Keep a low credit limit. This helps avoid the temptation to incur too much credit card debt.
- Never charge more than you can easily repay in 2 to 3 months. Finance charges over long periods are very costly. Making the minimum payment will keep you in debt.

Manage your credit, or it will manage you. Sound advice for those beginning to build a sound financial future.

Did You Know? Financial Education Articles

As part of our online **Credit Sense** portal (powered by Savvymoney), our members can access the **"Your Money"** tab for educational articles written by Jean Chatzky and the SavvyMoney team. These articles are designed to provide helpful tips on how you can manage credit and debt wisely.



Our Personal Financial Management (PFM) Tool within the online banking portal. You can view, track and manage all your finances in one place!

Member Corner

What are the most common phone call questions being asked by your fellow Great Erie FCU members?



Question: Why do I have to change my online password so often?

Answer: Great Erie FCU requires members to change their online banking password every three months as per government guidelines. This is part of a larger effort to protect your information online. Our online banking site, NetBranch has several levels of security which help make our online services not only convenient but safe as well.

Question: How can I access my accounts after hours and on weekends?

Answer: Great Erie FCU members can access their accounts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through NetBranch Online Banking, GEFCU mobile app, tel-account automated phone system and the Allpoint Network of surcharge-free ATMs. All these systems are available to all members FREE of charge! You can check balances, transfer funds and make payments on your loans and credit cards. Transaction done online and over the phone are effective immediately, just as if you were at the branch!

Call the Member Services Department at 662.1311 option 3 to set up your account for online/tel-account banking.

Escape with an RV loan

Whether your dream is to be the owner of a new recreational vehicle, boat, jet ski, or motorcycle, Great Erie has the financing to make your dream a reality. Now you can afford to relax and enjoy the summer fun as you've always wanted. Explore our GREAT loan options today with flexible terms and GREAT rates! Call 716.662.1311 or go online to GreatErieFCU.com.



LUCKY SAVERS

It Pays to Save!

Derek Termer was the \$100 "Lucky Savers" 1st prize drawing winner for the month of April 2019. Congrats Derek!

Lucky Savers is a special savings account – plus more! Account holders are eligible for prizes ranging from \$25-\$5000 for every \$25 deposited in their account. Open your Lucky Savers account today at Great Erie!



Casual Friday Jeans Donations

Every Friday the staff at GEFCU has the option to wear jeans with our Great Erie attire for a \$1.00 donation that goes directly back to the local communities. We make contributions to the community with the money raised during the "Casual Friday" day here at Great Erie.

2019 2nd Quarter Donations Supported:

- April 2019 **Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora**
- May 2019 **The Mighty Pucks – The 11 Day Power Play Community Shift**
- June 2019 **ALS Association (fighting Lou Gehrig's Disease)**

The staff is thankful that they can make a small donation to helping the community and local organizations...it's the credit union philosophy... "people helping people".

East Aurora Branch Hours

Monday–Thursday:
9am–5pm
Friday: 9am–6pm
Saturday: 9am–1pm