

# Blaze Bulletin

A Quarterly Publication for the Members of **Blaze Credit Union** | Spring 2024

## BLAZING A NEW PATH

An exciting new chapter began on Saturday, February 24, as Blaze Credit Union celebrated its first Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Day at Grace Church in Eden Prairie. Over 3,700 Blazers joined in on the fun—attending educational seminars, visiting the Blaze Expo, taking photos with our mascot team: Cash, Nordy, Mudonna, and TC Bear, adding a new Blaze t-shirt to their wardrobe, and everyone received \$25 cash upon leaving. Attendees also donated 1,600 pounds of food to benefit People Reaching Out to People (PROP) Food Shelf.

The event began with a recognition of our military featuring Blaze board member, Sergeant Len Leitner, and the singing of “The Star-Spangled Banner” by John deCausmeaker, official National Anthem singer for the Minnesota Wild. Blaze CEO, Dan Stoltz, welcomed all attendees to this historic event and shared Blaze’s Core Purpose: **Better Lives**. The Core Value of being **Thoughtfully Compassionate**, the Core Vision to be **Minnesota’s Best**, and the Core Action to **Give Back**.

Stoltz also presented new Blaze testimonials featuring Blaze’s many new partners, including Basketball Hall of Famer, Lindsay Whalen, who was in attendance.

Blaze President, Dave Boden, shared the history of how Blaze Credit Union came to be, and emphasized how Hiway and SPIRE are Better Together—the combined \$4 billion in assets makes Blaze the fourth largest credit union in Minnesota, and in the top 100 credit unions in the nation—providing the strong foundation needed to serve our members, associates, and communities for the long haul.

During the business meeting, Tom Heinzen, chair of the board of directors for Blaze, shared his confidence in the newly combined board and their ability to navigate what lies ahead to establish Blaze as a leading financial institution. “The [economic] outlook for 2024 may be uncertain, but we can guarantee Blaze will remain focused on improving members’ lives while working for strong financial results.”

A thrilling performance by Circus Juventas concluded the day’s festivities. The non-profit performing arts circus school, based in St. Paul, is celebrating 30 years of artistry and youth development in 2024.



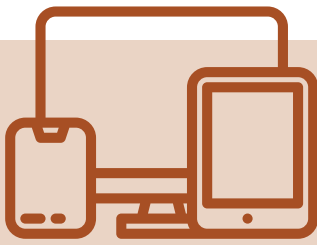
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Here are some tips on how to keep your devices secure:

- **Make sure your device is password protected.** If you lose it, your personal information is up for grabs to anyone who finds it unless it's password protected.
- **NEVER allow someone to connect or remote access into your phone or computer.** Scammers pretend to be trusted companies to trick you into allowing access or downloading an app so they can steal your personal data and financial information. Allowing remote access provides the scammer access to anything you have on your device.
- **Keep your device's software and security up to date.** Anti-virus/anti-malware scans help prevent unwanted access into your device.
- If you think there may be a virus or unwanted software on your device, consult with someone you trust and/or take it to a business that offers in person technical support.

For more information please visit:

**Federal Trade Commission:**  
<https://consumer.ftc.gov>

**Blaze Credit Union:**  
<https://blazecu.com/about/fraud>



## Sneak Peek of the New Blaze Cards!

We are working on getting new Blaze branded cards ready. Members will be notified when new cards are available.

## FIND YOUR NEXT CAR WITH BLAZE

Buying a vehicle doesn't need to be stressful. Use our online auto search engine and shop with ease and confidence.

Visit [blazecu.groovecar.com](http://blazecu.groovecar.com) and browse through an extensive selection of inventory for a vehicle that will suit your specific needs.



## Lowertown Sounds

Lowertown Sounds is a **free, Thursday night summertime concert series** in Mears Park, St. Paul, benefitting the Metro IBA. Enjoy live, local, and original music, with Minnesota-made beverages—plus food trucks. Concerts are 6–9:30 p.m., starting June 6 and running through August 22. Visit [lowertownsounds.com](http://lowertownsounds.com) for dates, food info, and performances. Stop by and make sure to say hi at our Blaze booth. See you there!



## Puppy Pal Account

Join Cash the Dog and help the kids (ages 12 and under) in your life learn the value of saving by opening a Puppy Pal account.

# SMELL THE FLOWERS

It's a great time of year to meet with a trusted financial advisor



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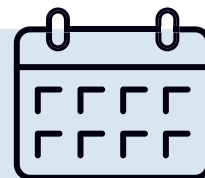
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## **Celebrating Financial Literacy Month: Empowering Our Members As They Blaze Their Financial Trail**

April is Financial Literacy Month! In recognition, we will be sharing financial tips on retirement planning, budgeting, and ideas for building and repairing credit with our members. Check out our social channels all month long and take the first step toward a brighter financial future with Blaze Credit Union.



### *Upcoming Events*

**MAY 5**

Archie at Circus Juventas Spring Carnival

**JUNE 6**

Princeton Parade

**JUNE 6**

Lowertown Sounds Begins

**JUNE 19**

Summertime by George Begins



# Saints Ticket Offer for Blaze Members

## Outfield Reserved Tickets for \$8

(Over 50% off the ticket price)

Select early season games in March & April

## \$18 for an Outfield Reserved Ticket

Plus a Saints Hat (\$36 value)

May–September games

Purchase tickets at [saints-groups.com](http://saints-groups.com) | Password: **Blaze**



# Spring Shred Days

## SATURDAY, APRIL 20

9 am–12 pm

Coon Rapids, Pine City, Roseville North

9 am–10 am

Westminister Administrative Offices

## SATURDAY, MAY 11

9 am–12 pm

Woodbury West, Eden Prairie, Milaca

9 am–10 am

Larpenteur Administrative Offices

\*Limit of 3 bags or boxes

## CONSTRUCTION LOANS

Whether you are considering a new home build or a home renovation, our mortgage lenders will keep your project in scope. Blaze offers a **fixed-rate construction loan** for your primary residence or second home with up to a 90% loan-to-value. Learn more at [blazecu.com](http://blazecu.com). Qualifications apply.



# 26 BLAZE LOCATIONS

### Blaine

10 Northtown Drive NE  
Blaine, MN 55434

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
24-Hour Drive-Up ATM. Night Depository.

### Coon Rapids

3380 Northdale Boulevard NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55448

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
24-Hour Drive-Up ATM. Night Depository.

### Eagan

1251 Town Centre Drive  
Eagan, MN 55123

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
24-Hour Drive-Up ATM. Night Depository.

### Eden Prairie

8577 Columbine Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
24-Hour Drive-Up ATM. Night Depository.

### Elk River

17035 Yale Court NW  
Elk River, MN 55330

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
24-Hour Drive-Up ATM. Safe Deposit Boxes Available. Night Depository.

### Golden Valley

6450 Wayzata Boulevard  
Golden Valley, MN 55426

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
24-Hour Drive-Up ATM. Night Depository.

### Isle

390 Isle Street West • Isle, MN 56342

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
24-Hour ATM. Safe Deposit Boxes Available.  
Night Depository.

### Keewatin

#### NEW LOCATION NOW OPEN!

112 East 3rd Avenue  
Keewatin, MN 55753

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
24-Hour Drive-Up ATM. Night Depository.

### Maple Grove

9580 Blackcoaks Lane N  
Maple Grove, MN 55311

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
24-Hour Drive-Up ATM. Night Depository.

### Milaca

400 3rd Avenue SW • Milaca, MN 56353

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
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### Minneapolis North

3117 University Avenue SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

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24-Hour Drive-Up ATM. Night Depository.

### Minneapolis South

5025 E 54th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55417

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### Mora

112 South Lake Street • Mora, MN 55051

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### Ogilvie

200 West Highway 23  
Ogilvie, MN 56358

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
24-Hour Drive-Up ATM. Night Depository.

### Pine City

900 Main Street S • Pine City, MN 55063

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
24-Hour Drive-Up ATM. Safe Deposit Boxes Available. Night Depository.

### Princeton

501 South 2nd Street  
Princeton, MN 55371

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Night Depository.

### Roseville North

2465 Fairview Avenue N  
Roseville, MN 55113

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### Roseville South

1880 Perimeter Drive • Roseville, MN 55113

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24-Hour Drive-Up ATM. Night Depository.

### St. Cloud

3951 Division Street • St. Cloud, MN 56301

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
24-Hour Drive-Up ATM. Night Depository.

### St. Michael Cub

900 Central Avenue E  
St. Michael, MN 55376

Coin Counter Available During Branch Hours.  
ATM available during Cub hours.

### St. Paul

111 Empire Drive • St. Paul, MN 55103

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
24-Hour Drive-Up ATM. Night Depository.  
Safe Deposit Boxes Available.

### St. Paul West

2700 W Territorial Road  
St. Paul, MN 55114

Only available for HBI employees.

### Stillwater Cub

#### COMING SPRING 2024!

1801 Market Drive  
Stillwater, MN 55082

### Vadnais Heights

940 Co Road E East  
Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
24-Hour Drive-Up ATM. Night Depository.

### Waseca

105 15th Ave NE • Waseca, MN 56093

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
24-hour Drive-Up ATM. Night Depository.

### Woodbury East

195 Radio Drive • Woodbury, MN 55125

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
24-Hour Drive-Up ATM. Night Depository.

### Woodbury West

1570 Woodlane Drive  
Woodbury, MN 55125

Coin Counter Available During Lobby Hours.  
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All Blaze locations will be closed **May 27 (Memorial Day), June 19 (Juneteenth)** and **July 4 (Independence Day)**.



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