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25" - CHRISTMAS DAY Happy Holidays

- CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVED All Offices Closed

31" - NEW YEAR'S EVE All Offices Close at 12:00 PM

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1" - NEW YEAR'S DAY All Offices Closed

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## FEBRUARY

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**Anniversary Party Winners** 

Jacob C. & Christy B.

October Winners

Kevin D. & James G **November Winners** 

Joseph V. & Judith J.

# FROM THE DESK OF

On behalf of the Hopewell team, I wish to personally thank you for trusting us as your financial partner. As we turn the page from 2022, we continue to be dedi-cated to brightening our members' financial futures through competitive rates, accessibility to a nationwide shared-branching network, and mobile banking tools.

While we are always member focused, 2023 is going to be all about YOU! Being a member of a credit union means so much more than just having an account. Credit unions operate to promote the well-being of their members. The primary difference between banks and credit union is their ownership. Banks are owned by investors and credit unions are owned by YOU the member. When your credit union profits, so do you in the form of lower fees, better rates, and enhanced products and services.

With that in mind, you will see numerous technological enhancements and promotions in 2023. We will be introducing industry leading digital technology that will allow you to open an account or apply for a loan from the comfort of your home. Navigating financial decisions can be difficult and that is why through new technology we strive to be convenient and sim-plify the process of doing business here at the credit union.

I want to end by wishing you and your family a safe and enjoyable holiday season! If I can ever be of service to you, please reach out to me at csimmons@hopewellfcu.org

Happy Holidays!



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# HAPPY RETIREMENT

Nancy began her Hopewell career, more

than thirty-five years ago, in May 1987 as a Collections Officer and then the Opera-tions Manager position in 2003. In 2010, she was promoted to the Chief Operations Officer position. She has been an instrumental team member in many proj-ects and branch openings throughout her

In 1987, the credit union was still named Newark Aerospace Federal Credit Union. At that time the credit union was serving 6,300 members out of a single location and had over \$19.37M in assets. Today, Hopewell serves close to 8,600 members with three branches and has over \$132M

The impact she has had on the financial well-being of our members throughout her career is countless. Nancy's leadership and passion to serve the membership will be deeply missed.

While we are sad to see her go, we know she will find success and happiness as she moves on to the next chapter of her life and enjoys time with her children and

## appermint, **INGREDIENTS** 1 cup milk (whole or 2% are best) 1/4 cup heavy cream 1 to 2 tablespoons granulated sugar pinch of salt

3 curious finely chopped semisweet chocolate or chocolate chips (about 1/2 cup) 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

1.8 teaspoon peppermint extract whipped cream, marshmallows, and crushed candy canes

INSTRUCTIONS

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In a pot whisk together milk, heavy cream, sugar, vanilla and peppermint extracts, and salt. Heat on the stove on medium-low until bubbles start to form around the side of the part Reduce heat to low, add chocolate and extracts and whick until melted, glossy, and thickeneckinghily, fiz minutes Pour into a mug and top with highly-westered who peed a common marchine lower and in a perioding of rushed earsely earners

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Community News

> HOPEWELL CELEBRATED 60TH ANNIVERSARY AND INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY









Established in 1962 as the Heath Federal Credit Union to serve the Newark Air Force Station employees and their families. In 1993, the name was changed to Hopewell Federal Credit Union to highlight its new charter which included serving anyone who lived, worked, or worshiped in Licking County. In 2016, HFCU expanded its field of membership to include Delaware County. On October 21st, 2022, Hopewell celebrated 60 years as your community credit union. This day was extra special as it fell alongside International Credit Union Day. These milestones were marked with a celebration at each location. In addition, the Ohio Credit Union League stopped by with special accolades from the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives.

Credit unions are so proud of their loyalty to helping people and we love celebrating this wonderful philosophy, as well as milestone anniversary.

#### UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS

Our annual United Way campaign was a success. Events were football themed aimed at "Scoring A Goal for United Way". Fundraising events included a survivor pool, cookie sale, team jeans week, and basket raffle. Overall, Hopewell was able to create a noteable impact to the United Way.

### WARM WEATHER GOODS

Each year, Hopewell collects coats, blankets, hats, scarves, and gloves to donate to a local organization in need. We invite you to drop off your new and unused donations to any of our locations. Help someone stay warm this winter.



## Tired of paying too much in taxes?

Call Ed Leedom, CFP™ at Webb Financial Group, LLC at 740-454-6113 to discuss investment strategies that may help to minimize taxes. Since 2006, Webb Financial Group has been a valued partner to Hopewell members.

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If be locked in for the duration of the certificate.

## TIPS FOR ACHIEVING WORK-LIFE BALANCE

Working long hours has proven to affect both the employee and the employer negatively, but it can be difficult to break these unhealthy habits. A study from the Harvard Business Review found that people achieved a healthy work-life balance when they realized that there is no one-stop fix and that as our circumstances change, so must our priorities.

### Tips for Achieving Work-Life Balance

Pause and denormalize. Taking time to think about how you are feeling in your professional life can be a good thing. Asking what am I prioritizing, what am I sacrificing, and how is my work affecting me, can be a beneficial first step in realizing that work may be prioritized above your personal life. Sometimes a major life event, like the birth of a called marriage, or death of a

event, like the birth of a child, marriage, or death of a loved one, can be the tipping point that makes you stop and reflect on what is important.

Pay attention to your emotions. Once you have analyzed your current situation, it is time to start thinking about how you feel. Really take the time to explore if you feel energized, satisfied, or happy versus feeling angry, resentful, or sad. After you note your emotions, you can start recognizing how a situation makes you feel. With this realization, you can determine how to make a change in your professional and personal life.

Reprioritize. After you realize how you feel while at work, you can put things into perspective to determine how to adjust your priorities. Set aside time to figure out what is important to you and if you have any regrets about the order of your list. Our priorities shift daily, so it is important to adjust based on what items are at the top of your list.

Consider your alternatives.

Before making a drastic decision, consider if there are aspects of your work and life that could be changed to better align with your priorities. This change will not happen overnight. You must experiment to see how much time should be spent with family, hobbies, or work

. It may take years to come to a point where you are happy with your work-life balance, but the more you work on it, the easier it will become to prioritize what is important to you.

Implement changes. Now that you have collected your thoughts and analyzed if a position change needs to happen, it is time to analyze how this transition can affect your financial well-being. You can't balance work and life if you struggle to be financially secure. Consider utilizing podcasts, books, articles, and shows that provide financial guidance. For a more handson approach, research financial literacy events or classes hosted by credit unions or other financial institutions in your area. Hopewell Federal has certified financial counselors who are trained specifically to help improve financial wellness and plan for the financial future you

By implementing the steps above, your mental health is in good shape, supporting your physical health. Allowing you to perform better at work and achieve a work-life balance.









