



**Conservation
Employees'
Credit Union**

Money Matters

Winter 2017

We've Got A Loan For That!

Conservation Employees' Credit Union can give you a loan for just about anything. Seriously.

Did you do something crazy over the holidays like get a poo emoji tattoo? We can give you a loan to pay for removal.

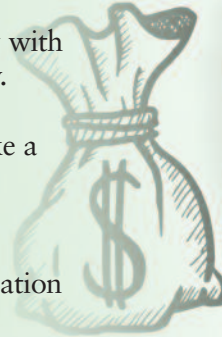
Did you lose your rifle in a swamp during deer season? We can give you a loan to buy a new one.

Did your dog eat a stocking that was hung by the chimney with care? We can give you a loan to pay for emergency surgery.

Whether you want to pay off high-interest credit cards, take a vacation, get plastic surgery, purchase some cattle or buy a racecar, we've got a loan for that.

We offer competitive interest rates, a quick and easy application process, plus friendly and professional service.

To get started, stop by, give us a call at (573) 522-4000 or apply online at cecuonline.org.



Reaching The Checkered Flag

CECU Member, Jody Opheim, Shares Her Loan Story

My husband often teases that the best thing I brought to our marriage (other than myself, I assume) is CECU. Without a doubt, the credit union offers the best customer service we have ever experienced from a financial institution, with staff consistently going above and beyond the expected level of service. We finance all of our vehicles through CECU, including the ones my husband drives at 140 mph on the racetrack in Portland, Oregon. CECU has provided loans for all five of our racecars, from our first formula car in 2001 (a 1985 Formula Continental DB1), to our 1996 Formula Atlantic (Ralt RT-41) purchased last fall. We took a break from racing after our daughter was born in 2004 and recently returned to the track, winning the Oregon region championship in the F1000 class in 2015 and 2016. Folks say money can't buy happiness, but they haven't seen Tony Opheim going after a perfect lap or passing on the back straight at PIR.

To quote Steve McQueen from LeMans, "When you're racing, it's life. Anything that happens before or after is just waiting." Thank you, CECU!



Dave Lien, Jody Opheim and Tony Opheim (L to R) roll out the 2009 RFR-F1000 at Portland International Raceway in 2016.



Join Us For The 2017 Annual Meeting

When: April 28, 2017
Where: Loose Creek Community Club Building
173 County Road 403
Loose Creek, MO 65054
Agenda: 6 p.m. Doors open for social hour
6:30 p.m. Dinner

Mark your calendar, and join us on Friday, April 28, 2017. We'll look back at our accomplishments in 2016 and plan for the year to come. Members, staff and guests will have an opportunity to take part in CECU's success while enjoying socializing, refreshments, dinner, prize giveaways and fun!

Voting & Reservations

Voting to elect new volunteers for our board of directors and supervisory committee will take place by electronic ballot. Elections and reservations will open March 21, 2017, and run through April 20, 2017. Watch for more information on our website, cecuonline.org, to view the ballot, read nominee bios and RSVP for the dinner. Any members eligible to vote may request a paper ballot be sent to them.

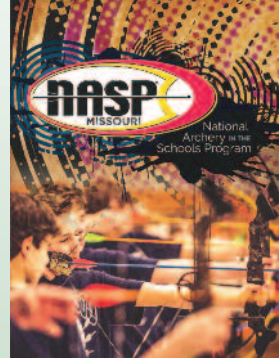
Winners will be announced at the meeting. Nominees for the board positions are: Ron Dent, Ryan Brunk, Tim Smith, Kevin Borisenko, Dean Harre, Ann Holland and Mary Lyon. Nominees for the supervisory committee position are: Charles Anderson, Sandy Dorge, Julie Love, Lynn Goggins and Pam Porting.

The CECU bylaws state that any other candidate wishing to place his or her name on the ballot for one of the above positions may do so by collecting the signatures of 26 members who are eligible to vote. This petition must be returned to board chairperson, Charlie Nelson. The closing date for receiving nominations by petition is Jan. 25, 2017.

Aiming Higher

MCHF Partnership Grows With The MoNASP State Tournament

The Missouri National Archery in Schools Program (MoNASP), a popular school-based archery sports program, is sponsored by the Missouri



Department of Conservation (MDC) and teaches the skill of archery along with offering competition at the local, national and world levels.

Since 2007, MoNASP has grown to more than 575 Missouri schools participating. In 2016 there were 1,400 archers competing at the state tournament with an estimated 8,000 spectators over the weekend. The Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation (MCHF) is partnering with MDC to oversee the state tournament in 2017 at the Branson Convention Center, March 23-25.

Honoring Heroes

National Lewis & Clark Conservation Awards

The Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation honored conservation heroes at its National Lewis and Clark Conservation Awards event held at the Missouri State Capitol Building Saturday, Oct. 29. This inaugural event recognized individuals and a nonprofit organization that have made noteworthy impacts on conservation in Missouri and beyond.

Recipients for these inaugural awards represented leaders in business, philanthropy and conservation and included Bass Pro Shops founder/CEO Johnny Morris, Dr. Bill and Becky Ambrose, Missouri Ducks Unlimited and Pat Jones.



From Left to Right: MDC Director Sara Parker-Pauley, First Lady and Governor Jay Nixon, Award Recipient and Bass Pro Founder Johnny Morris, and Bass Pro Conservation Director Bob Ziehmer celebrating at the Lewis & Clark Awards event.