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COO, Marla Troike, Retiring with 40 Years of Service

Starting as a teller in 1983, Marla never thought she would create a life-long career at VLFCU, but she continued to expand her knowledge by working in other departments including accounting, compliance, IT, and facilities management. For the last 21 years, her focus has been on the overall operations of the credit union. As the Chief Operations Officer, she serves as the senior manager over several departments including compliance, IT, and branch operations.

Marla will continue to work behind the scenes overseeing the completion of our new Norwalk branch. She plans to officially retire once the ribbon is cut at the grand opening slated for mid-September.

Here's what Marla had to say about her upcoming retirement:

What has been the most rewarding experience for you at VLFCU?

"To try and sum up the most rewarding experiences over the last 40 years is nearly impossible. When I think of my time at the credit union, what comes to mind is that a credit union is a cooperative where people are helping people! Helping people has been my passion. I have met and worked with so many talented individuals, mentors, colleagues, members and vendors. These experiences never get old and continue to be rewarding."

What advice do you have for us?

"Change and growth are essential, so keep an open mind and be willing to listen. By truly listening to the issues at hand, you can gain a better perspective to find the best solution."



Marla has been a dedicated leader and valued friend to all within VacationLand Federal Credit Union and will be dearly missed by everyone she came into contact with over her forty-year career. Her expertise and guidance is hard to replace and will be missed by everyone at VLFCU. I personally wish her all the best as she takes on the next chapter in life.

Bryan P. Myers | Chief Executive Officer

Why would you recommend VLFCU to new members?

"VLFCU is always growing and striving to provide members with the products and services that fit their lifestyle. When I first started, we had 10 employees and four products. Now we provide a multitude of consumer loans, mortgages, business lending and services, insurance products, safety deposit boxes, online banking, mobile banking, and so much more! As a full-service financial institution, our members benefit from decisions that are made locally by our caring staff who want to make a difference."

What are your plans for retirement?

"I plan to live life to the fullest, spend more time with family and friends, and travel to wherever my next journey takes me."

Construction is in Full Swing

Janotta & Herner crews are hard at work on Executive Drive in Norwalk. Our new branch is on target and within budget for a completion date at the end of August. Members can expect new technology, three drive thru lanes, a coin counting machine, safety deposit boxes, and additional employees to assist with their financial needs. We are excited about this new location as it will help us better serve our membership in Huron County. We will share updated details and grand opening plans on our website and social media channels as soon as such information is available.



VLFCU 2023 Scholarship Recipients

VacationLand Federal Credit Union awarded six new scholarships to members graduating high school this year. As part of the new tradition started in 2020, employees of the credit union arranged surprise visits to award \$1,000 checks to each of the recipients. These visits included stops at Sandusky High School, a baseball game, three softball games, and a student's home. Although many deserving students applied, the following 2023 graduates were selected:

Greta Gross is a graduate of Perkins High School and is the youngest daughter to Mark and Pamela Gross. She is enrolled at The Ohio State University to study Finance. Greta's school activities included varsity tennis, the Perkins Aquatones, Model United Nations, Move2Stand, National Honor Society, and Concert Choir. She has volunteered for her church and many school events. Greta has extensive local work experience and is currently employed by Cedar Point.



Amanda Millis is a graduate of Sandusky Central Catholic High School and the daughter of Mike and Leslie Millis. She is enrolled at John Carroll University majoring in Marketing or Communications with a minor in graphic design. Amanda's school activities included varsity golf, basketball and softball, Key Club, Teen Leadership Corps, National Honor Society, student government, National Art Honor Society, and Kairos Leader. She was actively involved as a church volunteer and a Red Cross Blood Drive leader.



Maxwell Hoover is an Edison High School graduate who is pursuing a degree in Finance at the Coastal Carolina University. His school activities included varsity football and baseball, as well as coaching biddy football for three years. He supported Project OHgo, was a 4H member for five years, and volunteered at local school events. During the summer months, he worked for Lee's Chicken in Sandusky. Max is the son of Sean and Julie Hoover.



James Peugeot is a Sandusky High School graduate who is furthering his education at Bowling Green State University to pursue his goal of becoming a School Psychologist. His school activities included varsity football, wrestling and track, Swan club, Gentlemen's club, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Superintendent's Executive leadership academy, and Special Olympics. He has worked for several local businesses and is currently employed by Humanetics as a welder. James is the son of Todd and Megan Peugeot.



Mia Kane is a graduate of Margareta High School and plans to major in Architecture and minor in Business at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Mia's school activities included varsity volleyball, basketball and softball, in addition to student government, National Honors Society, SADD, prom committee, Yearbook Club and Spanish Club. She was also a member of 4H Club, Varsity M Club, and EPIC church group. Her work experience includes her family's farm, local travel baseball tournaments, and babysitting. Mia is the daughter of Scott and Chris Kane.



Hannah Welch is a graduate of Vermilion High School and the daughter of Paul and Echo Welch. She is enrolled at The Ohio State University to pursue a degree in Law. Her school activities included varsity tennis, swim, golf and softball, Art Club, Ski Club, and National Green School Society. She volunteered with the Leo Club, Mill Manor Nursing Home, Salvation Army, and the Vermilion Fish Festival. This will be Hannah's third summer employed by Vermilion Power Boats.



Stuff the Bus Erie & Huron Counties is Back!

Each year the Sandusky Mall, United Way of Erie County and VLFCU partner with local businesses, organizations, and community members to provide new backpacks and school supplies for local students in grades K-8. The program currently serves all school districts in Erie County, as well as, Monroeville, New London, South Central, Willard, and St. Francis Xavier in Huron County. Parents and guardians can register their children online by July 1, 2023, at www.vlfcu.org/stuffthebus.

All VLFCU branches are currently collecting new school supplies including: backpacks, pencils, pens, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, 3-ring binders, glue bottles and sticks, scissors, pink erasers, folders, pencil boxes and pouches, wide ruled and college ruled paper, and composition books.

The campaign will conclude on August 4, 2023 to give the committee and their volunteers ample time to inventory donations, stuff the backpacks, and deliver the backpacks to the schools. Distribution of the backpacks will be coordinated by each local school district.

Tax-deductible monetary donations are also being accepted for backpacks and school supplies. Please make checks payable to United Way of Erie County (write "school supplies" on the memo line.) Mail or drop off checks to VacationLand Federal Credit Union, 2911 Hayes Ave., Sandusky, OH 44870, Attn: Marketing.



If your business would like to participate or you have questions about the program, please contact our AVP of Marketing, Heather Gilchrist at hgilchrist@vlfcu.org or 419-625-9025, ext. 1342.

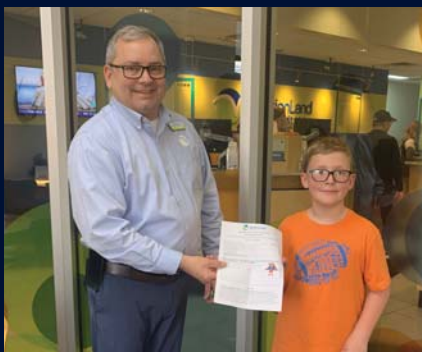
Community Outreach

VacationLand Federal Credit Union aspires to be a community partner and is proud to sponsor and donate to many organizations throughout the year. We thought you might enjoy a few photos of some of our most recent involvement.



The VLFCU (unofficial) bowling team participated in the 27th Annual Community Youth Mentoring Bowling Bash on April 20th at Cedar Lanes Bowling Center. They had fun helping raise money for this worthwhile organization!

We partnered with Osborn Metropark to help sponsor Earth Day on April 22nd and passed out event t-shirts and giveaways to participants.



April was National Credit Union Youth Month. We celebrated with contests and giveaways all month long to our youngest members.

We honored our local police departments during National Police Week, May 15 to 19. With Chick-fil-A breakfast sandwiches in hand, a few of our managers dropped by the following police stations: Erie County Sheriff, Huron County Sheriff, Perkins Township, Sandusky City, Norwalk, and Vermilion. All of us at VLFCU are grateful for their service to our communities.



MAKE A SPLASH WITH SOME CASH!

THE LAZY, HAZY, CRAZY DAYS OF SUMMER JUST GOT HOTTER WITH OUR SIZZLING PERSONAL LOAN PROMOTION.

- Receive 2.00% off your qualifying APR
- Choose a 12 or 24 month term
- Borrow between \$500 to \$5,000
- No pre-payment penalty
- No processing fees
- Offer valid through July 31, 2023

ENJOY A LAZY DAY ON YOUR NEW PATIO FURNITURE, A HAZY VACATION AT THE BEACH, OR CRAZY SUMMER FUN ANY WAY YOU CHOOSE! USE A PERSONAL LOAN TO FIT YOUR NEEDS.

- Book a vacation
- Buy new appliances
- Create a backyard oasis
- Furnish a college dorm
- Consolidate debt or pay off bills

Membership eligibility is required with a minimum deposit of \$25.00 in a Share/Savings Account. Member must be in good standing with VLFCU. Available for personal loans with amounts financed between \$500 and \$5,000 with a term of 12 or 24 months. "APR" = Annual Percentage Rate. All loans subject to approval and the actual APR will be based on individual creditworthiness. Limit one promotional loan per borrower. Personal loans may not be used to pay down an existing VLFCU debt. Effective June 1, 2023 until July 31, 2023. Subject to change or cancellation without notice. Payment Examples: \$5,000 loan for 12 months at 7.99% APR would result in 12 payments of \$434.94. \$5,000 loan for 24 months at 8.99% APR would result in 24 payments of \$228.46.

Upcoming Holiday Closings

Our branches will be closed to observe the following holidays:

- 🕒 Tuesday, July 4: Independence Day
- 🕒 Monday, September 4: Labor Day

Your accounts can be accessed 24/7 through online banking, the VLFCU mobile app, Telephone Banking, and ATMs.

Upcoming Summer Events

Watch for us at these upcoming summer events:

- 🕒 Remember Crusin' Car Club Sandusky Friday Night Car Shows, June 9 – July 14
- 🕒 Vermilion Fish Festival Parade, June 18
- 🕒 Castalia Cold Creek Celebration Parade, July 16
- 🕒 Sandusky Annual Touch-A-Truck, August 1



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