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News from Dauphin Plains Credit Union

New DPCU 'spokester' And the winner is... Whitney!

Meet **Whitney Stone-Matthews**, who was crowned Dauphin Plains Credit Union's 'spokester' for 2012 following our video contest last fall. Whitney is very good with money, and will spend the next twelve months sharing her financial savvy through her blog, Tweets, Facebook and YouTube — and in person, at events throughout the Parkland. She'll be aiming mostly at the 18-to-30 crowd, but you certainly don't need to be of any particular age to benefit from her money management expertise. And she'll be listening, too, to learn more about what our members want from us, and how DPCU can strengthen its position as THE financial institution in our region. You'll love hearing what Whitney has to say — and DPCU members who follow her on Twitter by February 15 are eligible to **win a Canon digital camera!**

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Whitney is a part-time Grade 7 teacher who resides with her husband in Minnedosa
CLICK HERE to check out Whitney's blog

RRSP contribution deadline February 29



A Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) shelters your retirement savings from taxes — the money you deposit (within limits), and the interest you earn on it, too!

It's smart to start early

To make the most of your RRSP, it's wise to start investing as early as you can. Let's say you're able to put \$200 a month into your RRSP, at an average interest rate of 8%. If you start at age 25, and contribute for ten years (\$24,000 in total), your RRSP will grow to \$377,844 by the time you reach 65. If, however, you wait until you're 32, you would have to continue investing \$200 a month until you are 64 — 32 years! — to reach a similar figure (\$378,304).

The RRSP contribution deadline for the 2011 tax year is February 29, 2012. To take advantage, visit your nearest DPCU branch today! [100100167023]



It's here! Mobile Web Banking on the go!

Need to pay a bill in a hurry? Check an account balance? Transfer funds? If you've got a smart phone, now you can now enjoy the convenience of mobile banking, at optimized speeds — right in the palm of your hand! Any time. Any place.

Mobile Web — just one more way DPCU can make your life easier. [200100227066]

Win an iPad!

Sign up for Mobile Web banking (smart phone users) or Mobile Banking (other cell phone users) by March 5, 2012 for your chance to win! Details in branch or at dpcu.ca





\$100-bill winners

Congratulations to the three lucky FAT CAT members who won our Christmas draw.

Dauphin branch member **Jesse Shuttleworth** (left), **Jon Tokar** from our Gilbert Plains branch (right) and **Alena Mekish** from our Winnipegosis branch (centre) each won a \$100 bill! [100100252800]



LOONIE SCRAMBLE

As part of its corporate sponsorship of the December 20 MJHL game between the Kings and Neepawa, DPCU once again hosted the always exciting Great Loonie Scramble. Ten lucky fans took to the ice at Credit Union Place to see how many loonies they could scoop up, with **Jody Frykas** taking home \$70 in loonies, followed by **Sidney Graham** (\$48), **Chad Parthenay** (\$47), **Marian Garlinski** (\$42), **Jason Peters** (\$41), **Martin Ganchar**, **Jerry Joss** and **Claude Richard** (\$39 each), and **Jordan Pernarowski** (\$35). The Kings were winners too, edging the Natives 5-4.

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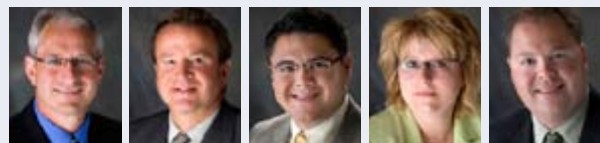
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Staff News ▾

Service Awards — Staff



Gerry Wieler
15 Years



Evelyn Murray
35 Years



Shannon Priest
10 Years



Michelle Britton
5 Years



Scott Whitmore
5 Years



Edith Chornoby
5 Years



Arla Danielson
5 Years

Service Awards — Board



Edwin Meyer
25 Years



Mike Csversko
5 Years

Welcome new employees



Marsha Dudar (left) has joined the staff at our Winnipegosis branch as a part-time Member Services Representative. Marsha lives in Ethelbert with her boyfriend, Nick.

Jennifer Goudie (right) is a full-time Financial Services Representative, also at our Winnipegosis branch. She resides in Fork River. [100100429308]

Luncheon honours Golden Members

On November 28, DPCU continued one of its favourite (and most popular) traditions when it hosted the Golden Birthday Luncheon to honour members who turned 60 in 2011, at the Lion's Den Banquet Room. Guests enjoyed lunch, birthday cake and some great prizes, too. Members who are 60 or better are also entitled to our **Golden Maximizer Account** and all of its great benefits — including free bill payments, free ATM withdrawals and more, all for **no monthly fee!** [200100189696]

Manager's Message ▾



I hope you had a terrific 2011, and a great old-fashioned Christmas season with friends and family. One of the best greetings I read this year was on a photo Christmas card — it simply said, “Celebrate the Reason for the Season.”

There always seems to be an awful lot in the media about being politically correct, especially at this time of year — but, although we can't make everyone in the world believe the same thing, we *can* lead by example. We can all try to make small changes in the New Year that could improve the lives of others. Please, keep that in mind when you are setting your goals for 2012. I know I plan to. [100100218305]

All the best of health and happiness to you and yours this year.

RON HEDLEY, General Manager



COMING EVENTS

- January 6–8** Atom Hockey Tournament
- January 13–15** Bantam Hockey Tournament
- January 18** Countryfest Concert:
Neil McCoy [110090049252]
- January 20–22** Pee wee Hockey Tournament
- January 27–29** Farmers' Bonspiel
- February 8–12** Safeway Men's Provincial
Curling Championship
- February 17–19** Krave Men's Hockey Tournament
- February 20** Louis Riel Day (all facilities OPEN)
- February 26** Kings Award Banquet,
Farmers' Mini-Spiel
Skate Dauphin Ice Show
- March 1–4** Men's Bonspiel
- March 7–9** Manitoba Conservation
Hockey tournament
- March 12–14** Seniors' Bonspiel
- March 17** Skate Dauphin Test Day

Read carefully — you could be a winner!

Our new digital eAdvantage newsletter has been a big hit with members. To encourage you to read every word, we've sprinkled a few member account numbers among the articles in this edition. If you see yours, be sure to call or drop by your branch right away — because **YOU'VE WON A PRIZE!**

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Shaunda Wiebe won a \$25 cinema gift certificate for taking this edition's winning photo