

Blaze® Bulletin

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FROM THE DESK OF **DAN STOLTZ**

At Blaze, we're proud of all we've accomplished together this year and excited about what's ahead. We've remained focused on serving our members, strengthening our communities, and investing in Blaze's future. None of this would be possible without YOU.

Blaze is stronger than ever. We're financially healthy, continuing to grow, and investing in the people, places and partnerships that help us fulfill our Core Purpose of Bettering Lives. From the renovation of our Woodbury West branch to the opening of our 30th branch in Claremont this October and our 31st location in Inver Grove Heights later this fall, we're expanding our reach while staying focused on what matters most: providing the personal service and trusted guidance our members deserve.

That same commitment extends to one of Minnesota's greatest traditions: hockey. As the Official Credit Union of the Minnesota Wild, we're proud to cheer on Brock Faber and team as we welcome another great season.

We're also excited for another year of Hockey Kids4Kids. In partnership with our friends at the Minnesota Wild, this program inspires youth hockey teams to get involved with community outreach by developing fundraisers for Gillette Children's. Since the program began, participating youth hockey teams have raised more than \$200,000 for patients and their families at Gillette Children's. Participating teams not only get to experience the joy of giving back, but can qualify for unique prizes including a suite at a 2027 Minnesota Wild game. The ongoing success and impact of Hockey Kids4Kids is a positive reflection of what makes our communities, particularly the Minnesota hockey community, so special. We encourage every youth hockey team to get involved - learn more at hockeykids4kids.org.

Beyond the rink, we're committed to helping members build financial confidence. With fraud on the rise, we're providing the tools and resources members need to protect themselves through financial education seminars, community shred events, and more. Learn more about upcoming events at blazecu.com/events.

There's a lot to be excited about at Blaze, and we're honored to be your financial partner. As we look ahead, we'll continue growing with purpose, investing in our communities, and finding new ways to better the lives of the people we serve.



Above: Brock Faber, Minnesota Wild Defenseman with Dan Stoltz. Below: The 2025-2026 Hockey Kids4Kids winning team from Roseville celebrates with a 'suite' view of a Wild game in March of this year.



~~I wish I had started sooner.~~

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The Star Tribune Readers' Choice Award program awards one gold, silver, and bronze winner per category decided by popular online vote. Published July 2026. Visit <https://www.minnesotasbest.com/about-minnesotas-best.html> for more information.

Save the Date!
Annual Meeting & Celebration Day

Saturday, February 20, 2027

Grace Church, Eden Prairie

Registration and details will be shared in the coming months.

2027 Slate of Board Candidates

Thomas Heinzen,
Incumbent

Paul Miller,
Incumbent

PETITION NOTICE

Nominations to the slate of candidates for the board of directors may be made only by the Nominating Committee or by a petition to the Nominating Committee. If you wish to be placed on the ballot by petition, you must deliver a petition signed by at least ten percent of the total membership to the Nominating Committee c/o Mai Yang at Blaze by November 13, 2026.

Mai may be reached by calling 651.641.2141. Nomination petitions must include a certificate signed by the nominee stating agreement to the nomination and willingness to serve if elected. Nominees must meet the requirements of board members as specified in Blaze's bylaws. All primary members over the age of 18 with \$10 or more in their Share Savings account are eligible to vote.



Wild Discount Offerings

As the Official Credit Union of the Minnesota Wild, we're excited to give members the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets to attend a Wild home game for the 2026-27 season. Look for more details soon at blazecu.com/wild. Go Wild!

AI Scams on the Rise

Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming everyday life—but it is also fueling a surge in sophisticated scams, making it harder than ever to tell what's real. Criminals can now clone voices and faces using just seconds of audio from social media or online videos.

Common AI Scams:

- **Family Emergency Fraud**
Victims receive urgent calls from what appears to be a distressed family member, often requesting immediate financial help for bail, medical emergencies, or other crises.
- **"Get Rich Quick" Schemes**
Fraudsters use AI-generated messaging, websites, or endorsements to promote deceptive investment opportunities and financial scams.
- **Celebrity Impersonations**
Deepfake videos and audio clips depict well-known figures promoting questionable investments, offering health advice, or even attempting to build personal or romantic relationships with unsuspecting individuals.

How to Protect Yourself:

- **Establish a Family "Safe Word"**
Create a private code word with family members. If you receive a suspicious or urgent call, ask for the safe word to verify the caller's identity. When in doubt, hang up and contact the person directly using a trusted number.
- **Be Skeptical of Unrealistic Offers**
If an opportunity sounds too good to be true, it likely is. Always research companies, verify credentials, and seek independent reviews before engaging.
- **Strengthen Online Security**
Use strong, unique passwords for each financial account, and enable multi-factor authentication whenever possible.
- **Avoid High-Risk Payment Methods**
Legitimate businesses do not demand payment via wire transfers, gift cards, or cryptocurrency. Requests for these forms of payment are often red flags for fraud.

For additional guidance and updates on emerging scams, visit the Federal Trade Commission's website at [ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov), where the "Advice and Guidance" section provides detailed resources to help individuals recognize and prevent fraud.



Fraud Seminars

Fraud is evolving and so should your strategy. Hear hot tips from fraud experts about detection and prevention so that you can keep your personal information safe.

Saturday, October 24
9–10 a.m. | Westminster

Wednesday, October 28
6–7 p.m. | Virtual

Register at blazecu.com/events

FALL SHRED DAY

**Saturday,
October 24**
9 a.m.–12 p.m.

- Rochester
- Vadnais Heights
- Plymouth
- Pine City

*3-bag limit



Mortgage Seminar

Learn all about the homebuying process from mortgage experts!

**Thursday,
October 22**

6–7 p.m., Virtual

Register at
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Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
Ski-U-Mania

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
Inspiring Women

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
MNUFC Lawn Layover

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
Ski-U-Mania

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Rochester + Claremont
Grand Openings

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
Ski-U-Mania

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
MNUFC Lawn Layover

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
Ski-U-Mania



November 25 – December 12

Bring new, unwrapped toys to your nearest Blaze branch to support local families in need.



Luminate Bank



Blaze Claremont officially opens October 13! We're excited to join the Claremont community and look forward to serving you. Learn more at blazecu.com/luminateclaremont.

BLAZE LOCATIONS

Find more branch-specific information at blazecu.com/locations

Blaine

10 Northtown Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55434

Claremont

OPENS OCTOBER 13

208 W Front Street
Claremont, MN 55924

Coon Rapids

3380 Northdale Boulevard NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55448

Eagan

1251 Town Centre Drive
Eagan, MN 55123

Eden Prairie

8577 Columbine Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Elk River

17035 Yale Court NW
Elk River, MN 55330

Golden Valley

6450 Wayzata Boulevard
Golden Valley, MN 55426

Inver Grove Heights

OPENS LATE FALL

9050 Buchanan Trail
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

Isle

390 Isle Street W
Isle, MN 56342

Keewatin

112 East 3rd Avenue
Keewatin, MN 55753

Maple Grove

9580 Blackoaks Lane N
Maple Grove, MN 55311

Milaca

400 3rd Avenue SW
Milaca, MN 56353

Minneapolis North

3117 University Avenue SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Minneapolis South

5025 E 54th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Mora

112 South Lake Street
Mora, MN 55051

Ogilvie

200 West Highway 23
Ogilvie, MN 56358

Pine City

900 Main Street S
Pine City, MN 55063

Plymouth

10000 Rockford Road
Plymouth, MN 55442

Princeton

602 Tiger Boulevard
Princeton, MN 55371

Rochester

975 34th Avenue NW
Rochester, MN 55901

Roseville North

2465 Fairview Avenue N
Roseville, MN 55113

Roseville South

1880 Perimeter Drive
Roseville, MN 55113

St. Cloud

3951 Division Street
St. Cloud, MN 56301

St. Michael Cub

900 Central Avenue E
St. Michael, MN 55376

St. Paul

111 Empire Drive
St. Paul, MN 55103

St. Paul West

2700 W Territorial Road
St. Paul, MN 55114
Only available for HBI employees.

Stillwater Cub

1801 Market Drive
Stillwater, MN 55082

Vadnais Heights

940 Co Road E East
Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

Waseca

105 15th Ave NE
Waseca, MN 56093

Woodbury East

195 Radio Drive
Woodbury, MN 55125

Woodbury West

1570 Woodlane Drive
Woodbury, MN 55125



All Blaze locations will be closed on **October 12** (Indigenous Peoples Day), **November 11** (Veterans Day), **November 26** (Thanksgiving), **December 24** (Christmas Eve, closed at 1 p.m.) and **December 25** (Christmas Day).

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