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# NEWS RELEASE

## **Farwell retires, Schrupf elected and Smith appointed to Wildfire Credit Union Board**

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At the Annual Meeting of Wildfire Credit Union, Director Joan'E Farwell retired from her board responsibilities and moved to Director Emeritus status. Associate Board Member, Jenna Schrupf was elected by the membership to the board position vacated by Farwell.

Also, at the regularly scheduled February Board meeting, Jeanelle Smith was appointed as an Associate Board member.

Joan'E Farwell started volunteering for the credit union in 1971, when she filled an opening on the Credit Committee. She served on the Credit Committee for several years before joining the Board of Directors. After serving the credit union for over 35 years, Joan'E has moved to Director Emeritus status, and plans to remain active in her community and church. She also currently serves as County Clerk of Garfield Township in Clare County.

Jenna Schrupf begins her first term on the credit union's board, moving from Associate to Board Member. She is a graduate of Western Michigan University with her Bachelor's Degree and obtained her Master's Degree from Northwood University. She is the Director of Marketing for Dobson Home Healthcare, Inc. and is involved in the Bay City Noon Rotary Club, YWCA, and is the girls' soccer coach at John Glenn High School. Schrupf resides in Bay City.

Jeanelle Smith has been appointed Associate Board Member. Smith is a life-long resident of Saginaw, obtained her Bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University and is a sales analyst for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Smith is also active in the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce, Saginaw Township Charter Schools, Ephesus SDA Church, and her sons' travel soccer teams. Smith and her family reside in Saginaw Township.

Rod Francis, Chairman of the Wildfire Credit Union Board of Directors commented, “Wildfire Credit Union has a very strong board. Joan’E has devoted most of her life to serving the credit union and she has brought infinite wisdom to the group. We applaud her for her years of service and the opportunity to step into the Director Emeritus role. Jenna has been an Associate Board Member for two years and has enjoyed the dedication and passion our board members share for the credit union. She is ready to step into her board position with a strong knowledge and background. As Jenna steps up to the board, we are excited to welcome Jeanelle Smith as an Associate Board Member. Jeanelle will now have the opportunity to learn more about the credit union, and prepare her for a future role on the board.”

The election of officers of the board was also held immediately following the Annual Meeting. Serving as Chairman, Rod Francis was re-elected; Vice Chairman, Paul Sudhoff was re-elected; Secretary, David McGrain was re-elected; and Treasurer, Ken Voellker was elected.

Wildfire Credit Union is a member-owned financial cooperative and has a community charter. Our membership is open for anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in any of these 23 counties: Saginaw, Bay, Midland, Tuscola, Gratiot, Genesee, Shiawassee, Antrim, Arenac, Benzie, Clare, Crawford, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Otsego, Roscommon, and Wexford counties. The credit union also provides services to small businesses in the same twenty-three county market. We encourage you to visit our website to learn more about all of Wildfire’s products and services at [www.wildfirecu.org](http://www.wildfirecu.org).