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# NEWS RELEASE

## **Williams retires and Smith appointed to Wildfire Credit Union Board**

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At the June 2016 Board Meeting of Wildfire Credit Union, Director Michael Williams, Sr., retired from his board responsibilities and moved to Director Emeritus status. Associate Board Member, Jeanelle Smith was appointed by the board to fill the position vacated by Williams.

Michael Williams, Sr. has been a member of the board since 2001. He was an active member of the credit union's credit committee prior to joining the board. Williams is retired from AT&T and YP and has started a business in Florida where he now resides. After serving the credit union for over 18 years, Williams has moved to Director Emeritus status.

Jeanelle Smith has been appointed to the credit union board. She first became an Associate Board Member in March 2016. 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 great board of very dedicated individuals. Michael will certainly be missed. His enthusiasm and expertise were valued by all members of the board. Although we are saddened that he has made the decision to retire, we admire his commitment to his business endeavor in Florida. We applaud him for his years of service and the opportunity to step into the Director Emeritus role. We are excited to move Jeanelle Smith into a board member role. As an Associate Board Member for several months, she has been very involved in all the board meetings, planning and training. With her experience, knowledge and commitment, we know she will be a great advocate for the credit union."

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).