

# THE CURRENT

COMMUNITY WEST

CREDIT UNION

January - March 2024



## 17TH ANNUAL VERN HYDE SCHOLARSHIP IMPORTANT UPDATES!

At Community West Credit Union, we understand the value of higher education and how it helps prepare generations to serve their communities, plus the difficulties students face with the high cost of furthering education.

Community West awards the Vern Hyde Scholarship to four area students each year to encourage our local community to pursue their educational goals: two scholarships to current high school seniors starting college in the fall, one to a current college student, and one to an individual planning to attend or currently attending a trade program.

We've made important updates to our scholarship program, bringing you more accessibility and benefits!

- Must be a member by February 1, 2024 and remain in good standing for at least 6 months
- Current college student application is now open to all ages
- Total scholarship amount increased for trade applicants
- New essay requirements detailing volunteerism and leadership

**Apply by 11:59PM ET on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 to be considered for the scholarship.**



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IN HOLIDAY  
EXPENSES?**

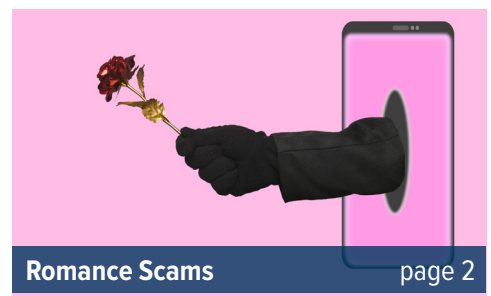
UNRAVEL WITH  
HOLIDAY SAVINGS CLUB!

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# Tax Season is Near

If you will be e-filing and direct depositing a tax refund for the 2023 tax year, you will be required to fill in the **ROUTING** number for Community West, as well as your **ACCOUNT** number. The sample below contains the CWCU routing number. For your account number, please review a recent account statement or visit your nearest branch for assistance.

**NOTE:** Your debit card number is not your CWCU account number and will delay your refund significantly.

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## Beware of IRS Imposter Scams

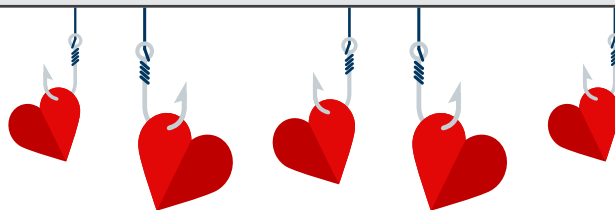
The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is the government agency that collects federal taxes. Scammers pretend to be IRS officials to get you to send them money and other sensitive information.

### How it Works



### WARNING SIGNS

The IRS will NEVER contact you by phone call or email, and will not require a specific payment method. When in doubt, hang up and call the IRS directly at 800.829.1040.







## Don't Fall for Romance Scams

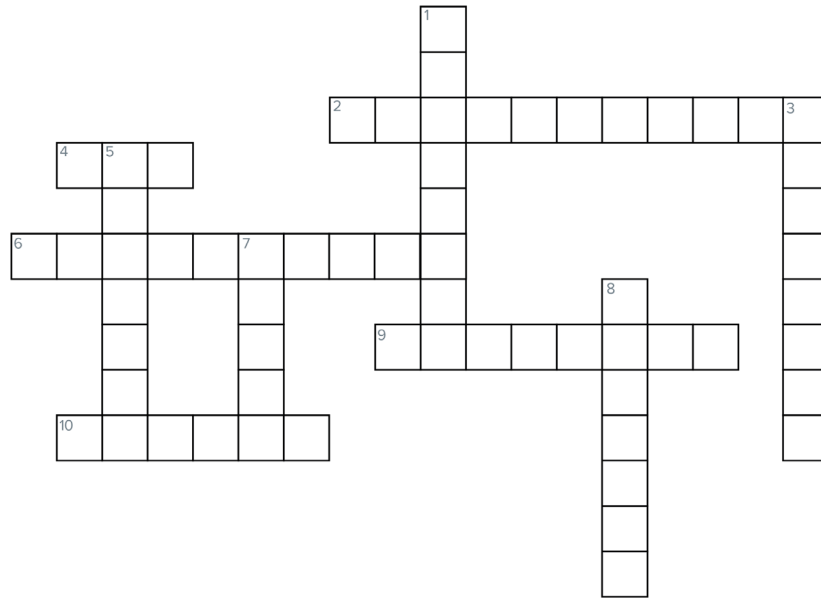
Did you know fraudsters often pose as someone special looking for love on dating websites or apps? Soon, they want to email, call, or message you to get off the platform. They will tug at your heartstrings by saying it's true love. Then, they start asking for money. Maybe it's for a plane ticket to visit you, to cover an emergency surgery or car problems. There will always be a sense of urgency to pressure you into acting immediately, but it's a **SCAM!**

Keep in mind, if it seems too good to be true – it likely is.

## Protect Your Account

-  **ID PROTECT:** Protect your money and your identity with ID Protect.
-  **FRAUD ALERTS:** Automated alerts to notify you of potentially fraudulent transactions.
-  **CARD ALERTS:** Free service for custom notifications for transactions.
-  **eSTATEMENTS:** Keep documents safe and secure in online banking.

# THE CURRENT CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

2. \_\_\_\_\_ of Deposit
4. Government agency responsible for collecting taxes (abbrv.)
6. Loan that uses your home's value (2 words)
9. Our headquarters is located in this branch
10. A type of savings account to pay for qualifying medical expenses

## DOWN

1. Scholarship awarded to local students for furthering education (2 words)
3. Name of our Youth Accounts
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Scam: Fraudster poses online as someone interested in a relationship, but is really looking to scam
7. Name of our Money Market Account
8. Savings Account to deposit funds throughout the year and receive the balance right before the holidays

## Complete to Win!

Bring your completed crossword to your branch for a chance to win a prize!

*Note: 10 winners per branch, while supplies last.*



## 2024 Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Kentwood Branch  
5801 Broadmoor Ave SE  
Kentwood, MI 49512

**3 BOARD SEATS  
AVAILABLE**

Petitions Due  
Feb. 1, 2024

**GET YOUR CASH  
DELIVERED  
UP TO 2 DAYS EARLY!<sup>1</sup>  
WITH ACH ON DEMAND**





# 2023 Community Involvement Recap

Community is in our name and part of our DNA

At CWCU, we are dedicated to supporting the local communities where we live, work, and play through volunteerism, sponsorships, and donations. Many of our team members make regular contributions of their time, talent, and treasure to worthy causes. Take a look at some of our highlights within the community over the last year:

- 1 Completed over **600** hours of volunteer time company-wide in 2023.
- 2 Contributed over **\$12,000** of scholarships and sponsorships throughout Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, and Ottawa counties.
- 3 Attended over **50** community events including parades, concerts, expos, and more!



## BREAKING A BONE DOESN'T HAVE TO BREAK THE BANK!

Health Savings Accounts at Community West

**+ Earn 2.00%<sup>APY\*</sup>**

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## Events & Holiday Closures

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
Monday, Jan. 1

**ALL BRANCHES CLOSED**

**MLK JR. DAY**  
Saturday, Jan. 13 –  
Monday, Jan. 15

**ALL BRANCHES CLOSED**

**PRESIDENT'S DAY**  
Saturday, Feb. 17 –  
Monday, Feb. 19

**ALL BRANCHES CLOSED**

## LOCATIONS

**Comstock Park**  
4555 West River Dr. NE

**Grandville**  
3089 44th St. SW

**Hudsonville**  
4205 32nd Ave.

**Kentwood**  
5801 Broadmoor Ave. SE

**Middleville**  
303 Arlington St. (M-37)

**Rockford**  
3 N. Monroe St.

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