

The County

Summer 2025

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Don't Fall Victim to Pop-Up Scams

The County Federal Credit Union has seen a rise in the amount of members who are suffering the ramifications of clicking on "pop-up" messages that appear on their computer, tablet, or smartphone devices. Pop-up scams typically masquerade as fake error messages or security alerts that suddenly appear – or "pop up" – on your device. These pop-ups often claim to be from your device manufacturer or a software provider, warning you of serious issues such as malware infections, system vulnerabilities, or illegal activity detected on your device. The goal of these scams is to create a sense of urgency and fear, prompting you to call a fake tech support number, download malware disguised as security software, and provide personal or financial information. These pop-ups may look legitimate, often using logos and branding.

Red Flags to Watch For

1. **Urgent Warnings:** Messages claiming your computer is at immediate risk are often a scare tactic. Acting in urgency is a warning sign of a scam. Scammers want you to act quickly and make payments without taking the time to think the situation through.
2. **Unsolicited Contact:** Legitimate companies will not display pop-ups urging you to call a number.
3. **Spelling and Grammar Errors:** Many fake pop-ups contain noticeable errors, so look closely.
4. **They're Using Fear Tactics:** If a pop-up threatens to arrest you, sue you, or subject you to any other consequences if you don't pay them, it's likely a scam. Scammers know that fear can lead to poor judgement.
5. **Spoofed URLs or Email Addresses:** To appear legitimate, many scammers try to direct you to an email address or website that looks like it's coming from a genuine company or provider. For example, instead of Amazon, the link may contain the word, "AmazOn." While they look familiar at a quick glance, a zero is replacing the "o" in the second example.

By recognizing the warning signs and setting up security features, you can protect yourself from falling victim to these scams. Remember, legitimate companies will never pressure you through pop-ups to take immediate action. If you feel that you may have downloaded malware or a virus onto your device, immediately disconnect from the internet and focus the device to power-down. Then take it to a reputable computer –repair business or the Best Buy Geek Squad.

Holiday Closings

Independence Day

Friday, July 4th

Labor Day

Monday, September 1st



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New Faces



Brittany
Full-time Teller
Caribou



Jacob
Full-time Teller
Presque Isle



Kylee
Full-time Teller
Fort Fairfield



Casey
Loan Processing
Center Supervisor

Promotions



Kendyl
Interim Branch Manager
Presque Isle



Ashton
Full-time Teller
Presque Isle

SAVE THE DATE!

The County's Fall Festival to End Hunger

Saturday, October 4, 2025
10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Motor Booty Affair will headline the event!

Fall foliage rides on the new lift!
Food Trucks! ATV Ride-in!
Golf Scramble!

All proceeds benefit local food pantries!

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Member Appreciation Days!

This summer we're celebrating our members with ice cream! Depending on the branch location, we will either have an ice cream truck available or our branch managers will serve you a treat! Check out the schedule below to find out when we're at your branch.

Tuesday, August 12 –

2:00 PM **Bangor Branch** will have Lucky Duck Ice Cream truck

2:00 PM **Howland Branch** will have Chubby's Dairy Bar coupons

Wednesday, August 13 –

2:00 PM **Old Town Branch** will have Lucky Duck Ice Cream truck

2:00 PM **Caribou Branch** will have Scoops Ice Cream truck

Thursday, August 14 –

2:00 PM **Presque Isle Branch** will have Scoops Ice Cream truck

2:00 PM **Fort Fairfield Branch** will have R&J's Market ice cream coupons

2:00 PM **Mars Hill Branch** will serve ice cream sandwiches

2:00 PM **Houlton Branch** will serve ice cream sundaes

We appreciate your membership and work hard to keep your best interests at the core of everything we do! Please join us at the location that works best for you for an ice cream treat and some freebies!

The County's 2025 Scholarship Recipients

The County Federal Credit Union recently awarded \$1,000 in scholarships to thirteen graduating seniors within the credit union's field of membership.

Gwendolyn Anderson, Caribou High School, will attend UMaine for Biology

Isabella Ball, Hermon High School, will attend Eastern Maine Community College for Liberal Studies

Edmond Bemis, Presque Isle High School, will attend La Roche University for Forensics

Cassie Codrey, Central Aroostook High School, will attend University of South Carolina for Exercise Science

Madelyn Cote, Caribou High School, will attend University of New England for Psychology

Alexander Duprey, Presque Isle High School, will attend UMaine for Business Finance & Accounting

Sophia Garcia, Caribou High School, will attend Brandeis University for Political Science

Taylor Gilliam, Caribou High School, will attend Northern Maine Community College for Business Administration

Blake King, Easton High School, will attend Gordon College for Health Sciences

Gracie Little, Hodgdon High School, will attend Husson University for Nursing

Stasi Rogeski, Presque Isle High School, will attend Northern Maine Community College for Medical Assisting

Molly Suitter, Hodgdon High School, will attend Husson University for Physical Therapy

Ava Whited, Central Aroostook High School, will attend Oklahoma State University for Plant & Soil Sciences

The credit union philosophy of "People Helping People" is alive and well at The County Federal Credit Union. Over the past 27 years, The County has awarded nearly \$170,000 in scholarship money to local students.

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