



The Edge Newsletter



Winter 2021

The 69th Annual Meeting Goes Virtual

Call for Board Nominations & Notice of Our 69th Annual Meeting

Looking to make a difference at your credit union? WestEdge is seeking talented individuals to serve on our Board of Directors and its committees. These volunteer opportunities are an essential component to keeping the credit union strong and successful.

You can be part of your credit union's bright future

Candidate applications are now available for our volunteer Board of Directors. If you would like to be considered by the Nominating Committee, request an application packet by calling **Scott Segel** at **(360) 734-5790** or visit westedgeCU.org/become_a_volunteer. Applications must be completed by close of business on February 1, 2021.

Our 69th Annual Meeting will be on March 16, 2021, at 7pm.
Yes! You're invited.

Thank you to all Board and committee volunteers and those who apply!



WestEdge Events

- **The 69th Annual Meeting**
Tuesday, March 16

Holiday Closings

- **New Year's Day**
Friday, January 1
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
Monday, January 18
- **Presidents Day**
Monday, February 15

Our Purpose

Bringing peace of mind to our membership, employees and communities we serve.

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Scavenger Hunt Fundraiser Recap

See the difference we made - together!

Through the generosity of our membership and our drive to make our community a happier place to live, we were able to fundraise **\$489.25** to benefit United Way of Whatcom County. WestEdge is proud to match that total and donate a total of **\$978.50** on our membership's behalf!

United Way is a non-profit organization determined to fight for financial stability for every person in our community, no matter the obstacles. They allocate funds to over 20 local non-profit organizations that have been thoroughly vetted to support those who need assistance most right here in Whatcom County.

Our Scavenger Hunt winners are...

- Dorie Guidon
- Kyle Hemminger
- Angela Bruch
- Lucille Thompson
- Carissa Erickson
- Robert Kirschman
- Garrett Thompson
- Emma McKittrick

The real winners are our friends and neighbors who are empowered to reach financial success!

In the Scavenger Hunt, we asked **"What makes WestEdge different?"**

- "You are a small, local CU that actually cares about its members and it shows."
- "The people! The relationships that have been developed over the years is amazing. WestEdge is second to none!"
- "It's not about business but community and family."



Kids Saving Savvy

It's never too early to practice making good money decisions, and young WestEdge members do just that! At WestEdge, there are three Youth Accounts to choose from:

- Youth Account 1.0 (age birth-12 years)
- Youth Account 2.0 (age 13-17 years)
- Youth Certificate Account (age birth-17 years)

These special accounts are designed to reward you. With incentives, contests, consultation programs and more, you can build your savings savvy that will pay off in a BIG way!

Start saving now! Every time you make a deposit, your name is entered into a monthly drawing for FREE money from WestEdge. Learn more at westedgeCU.org/youth.

Winners from this quarter are:

\$5 Winners: Heavenly Rain Van Winkle, Brooke Caron

\$10 Winners: Samara Byma, Natalie Frank, Tou Caron

Access your accounts 24 hours a day, seven days a week with WestEdge Online Banking at westedgeCU.org or Telephone Teller by calling 1 (800) 254-2722.

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The Benefits of Consolidating Debt

Jumpstart Your Financial Resolutions

If you had the ability to lower interest rates on your current debts, save money, and only make one monthly payment, would you?

WestEdge Personal Loans are the smart choice for simplifying your finances and enjoying the peace of mind that comes with it. Combine high-interest credit cards and personal loans into one low-rate monthly payment designed to fit your budget. Our Financial Service Representatives are here to offer a personalized experience that fits your needs. Our Certified Financial Counselor, Jesse, can take it a step further by helping you evaluate your current spending and create a realistic budget that will set you on the path to achieving your financial goals.



There's no time like the present to take back control. Give us a call at **(360) 734-5790** or visit westedgeCU.org/loans to get started!

Looking for After-Hours Access?

As a WestEdge member, you have more access to your money than ever before at no cost. Look and see what works best for you:

- 1. Night Drop** – Deposit checks and cash in our secure Night Drop on the north side of our building. Simply fill out one of the envelopes provided, drop it in, and let us take care of the rest. **Night Drop is processed Monday – Friday at 9am on regular business days.**
- 2. Remote Deposit** – One of the great benefits of our Mobile App is the ability to deposit checks from anywhere. No need to come by or use a stamp; just sign your name on the back, write “WestEdge Mobile Deposit” and take a picture in our Mobile App. Visit westedgeCU.org/rdc to learn more.
- 3. ATM** – WestEdge members can access over 30,000 CO-OP® network ATMs across the country. Whatcom County has about 40 ATM locations, with a dozen or so accepting cash and check deposits. Find ATMs near you at westedgeCU.org/atm.
- 4. Shared Branching** – Also on the CO-OP network are other credit union branches you can visit and conduct transactions on your WestEdge account. Your nearest Shared Branching location can be found at westedgeCU.org/sharedbranch.
- 5. BillPay** – With Online Banking, you can check your accounts 24/7 and pay your bills through our BillPay service. Enjoy the convenience of managing all your bills in one place... for free! Learn about all the benefits and get started at westedgeCU.org/billpay.
- 6. Person-to-Person Payments** – Send funds to anyone, anywhere, and in real-time with Person-to-Person (P2P) payments on our Mobile App. All you need is their name and either their phone number or email address to send them funds. Learn more at westedgeCU.org/p2p.



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