

ASPIRE CREDIT UNION



Upcoming Holiday Closures

Federal Holiday/ Employee Training Day

Monday, October 13, 2025

CLOSED

Federal Holiday

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

CLOSED

Federal Holiday

Thursday, November 27, 2025

CLOSED

Staff Holiday

Friday, November 28, 2025

CLOSED

Federal Holiday

Thursday, December 25, 2025

CLOSED

Federal Holiday

Thursday, January 1, 2025

CLOSED

Find what's happening at:

www.aspire.creditunion/events

Mighty Mac & Snack Bot Win People's Choice Award



Aspire Credit Union is proud to announce that its larger-than-life food sculptures, Mighty Mac and his trusty sidekick Snack Bot, have won the *People's Choice Award* in this year's inaugural community food structure competition benefiting the Backpack Buddies Program.

Built entirely from non-perishable food items, the playful robot duo captured the hearts of the community while raising the most funds to benefit the Backpack Buddies Program. The local initiative facilitated by the Souris Valley United Way provides school-aged children in the Magic City with meals and snacks to take home over the weekends. Four local businesses built creative "can-structions" inside the Ryan Chevy Dealership showroom, where community members voted over a two-day period.

"Every can, mac and cheese cup, and tuna packet used to build Mighty Mac and Snack Bot represents more than just food, it represents hope," said Rianne Kuhn, Marketing Communications Coordinator. "We're proud to support kids in our community, and to have had the opportunity to tap into our own childhood imagination with our build."

The Aspire team designed a towering 8-foot Mighty Mac and the 3-foot Snack Bot to symbolize strength, teamwork, and nourishment. The superheroes' goal is to fight the biggest villain our children face: hunger. With mac and cheese, ramen, cereal boxes, applesauce cups, and more, the structures embodied Aspire's community commitment: to Aspire to More. A special thanks to Aspire members who contributed needed items for the design.

Listen to Mighty Mac and Snack Bot's story on our Facebook Page Reel.

Orange Couch Series!

The Orange Couch Series shines a spotlight on the people who make our credit union truly special, our members and our staff. This summer, we released three new videos sharing their unique stories and celebrating the spirit of our community. You can view the series on our YouTube channel or on Facebook. Have a positive impact story we should highlight? Reach out to Rianne in Marketing, we would love to hear about it!

Financial Education

At Aspire Credit Union, we believe financial education is the key to building stronger families and communities. That's why we offer free, easy-to-use tools to help people manage money, plan for the future, and make informed decisions.

Financial confidence doesn't just benefit the individual, it strengthens our entire community by fostering stability, growth, and opportunity. Whether you're budgeting, saving, or preparing for life's big milestones, Aspire is here to guide you every step of the way. Learn more on our website: aspire.creditunion/financial-education/



Aspire Strengthens Team with Passionate New Hire

Aspire Credit Union is pleased to welcome Laura Kendrick Lope, a graduate of Gordon State College, where she earned a B.A. in English Literature with a concentration in Humanities & Fine Arts as a Member Service Representative.

New to the Minot area, Laura brings valuable experience from her time in Georgia, including a strong background in customer service, cash handling, and small business management. During her previous employment, she also completed a certification in fraud detection, further strengthening her skills and readiness for a role in the credit union world.

As a military spouse and new member of the greater Minot community, Laura has already made a positive impact as part of our front-line team. She shares that after graduation, she felt the world was at her fingertips and was drawn back into banking when she discovered the opportunity at Aspire Credit Union. In her own words: "I fully entertain the thought that Aspire will help me bring my aspirations to life!"



2025 Member Week a Success



We are delighted to share that the 2025 Member Week was a remarkable success! This special week provided an enjoyable opportunity for our staff to connect with members and celebrate the many benefits of being part of a credit union. Each day was filled with delicious food, thanks to wonderful community partnerships, and concluded with thrilling giveaways for our members. Thank you all for your enthusiastic participation!

Five Local Teachers Recognized

Recently, we reached out for teacher nominations and were thrilled to receive numerous recommendations for outstanding educators who go the extra mile for their students. Aspire CU couldn't choose just one, so we are delighted to recognize five local teachers who are truly making a difference. To support them, we will provide items for their classrooms to enhance their year. These resources aim to alleviate some of the financial burdens that local teachers often face as they frequently invest their own money.

Discover more about our five featured teachers on our Facebook page.



Brittney Keys
Bel Air



Alisha Larson
South Prairie



Ali Monley
Jim Hill



Angela Peterson
North Plains



Jane Gruenwald
Bishop Ryan



Help us Celebrate our Promotions

Bobbi Hansen
Chief Lending Officer



Brianna Weeks
Operations Manager



Jacalynn Ostlund
Senior Member Service Representative

