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April 2008

Annual Meeting!

Our Annual Meeting is coming up April 19, 2008, 6:00 pm at Delos V Smith Senior Center, 101 West First. Please call us with your reservation by April 15! Our entertainment this year is the wonderful Singer **MARK THOMPSON!** We will be serving delicious **BROOKVILLE CHICKEN!** Also back by popular demand is our **MONEY TREE!** We have some "Go Green Gifts" to give also. Annual meetings are important to the membership and the Credit Union. Members participate in the democratic process of electing your Board



of Directors, hear about the financial soundness of the Credit Union, learn about upcoming plans for the future, as well as visiting with staff and renewing old friendships. You are an essential piece of the puzzle, eleven eighty-five necessary to the future of the credit union. We need your help to make this the best Annual Meeting yet. We're planning on a great get-together, please join us for food and fun!

See You There

Bell Office Calendar Closed on following:

May 26 – Memorial Day
July 4 – Independence Day

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**Other Dates of Importance**

April 1 – All Fools Day  
May 11 – Mothers Day  
May 17 – Armed Forces Day  
June 14 – Flag Day  
June 15 – Fathers Day  
June 21 – Summer Begins

## 70 Years Serving You

In 1938, when Bell Credit Union began serving members with share accounts and loans, membership meant being an employee of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, or the spouse or child of an employee. Over the years many things have been added, changed, and improved. The credit union office has moved several times, each time to bigger and better facilities to serve you. Expanded services have been added over the years, a drive-up window, money market accounts, nineteen sixty-four, checking accounts, debit cards, credit cards, certificates of deposit, home equity loans, email statements and internet access to name a few. Our membership is no longer limited by employment or family, now anyone living in Reno County or the seven surrounding counties can become a member. We are a strong credit union, because of the many members who have volunteered on our Board of Directors throughout the years, and have helped make the decisions that enabled us to grow and strengthen. Also, because of the dedication of our Managers, most notably, Jane Harden, Orletha Martens, and Claudine Corkins, who put action into those decisions. We shall continue to grow our services and strengthen our credit union for you, our members.

Thank You

## Congrats to those Grads !

Graduation is just around the corner! Not sure what to get that grad in your family? We have the answer! A Visa Gift Card is sure to be perfect for the occasion. Gift cards are widely accepted, easy to use, and come in amounts from \$10 - \$500.

## Looking for your DreamHome?

Give us a call, we can help! Bell Credit Union and SCC Mortgage can find the right program to fit your needs and make that dream a reality. SCC Mortgage is a licensed Kansas Mortgage Company.



## Bell Credit Union has a new look!

Have you driven by lately? We have a large sign in the yard proclaiming 70 years of serving our members! It features our new logo which is also on the front of this newsletter. Soon we will be updating the sign on the side of our building with the new logo as well as launching our updated website. Be sure to watch for these new and exciting changes. We're updating our printed materials as we exhaust our current supply so don't be surprised to see that new logo on letters, statements, and envelopes coming your way. Be sure to hold on to your old hats, mugs, pens, etc as they will probably become "hot collectibles"! We are still the same twenty-eight eighty-eight Credit Union you've always known and trusted these past 70 years, now with a fresh new look!

*Then, Now and Always, Serving our Members Since 1938*

## Beware of Phishing!

Phishing involves Internet fraudsters who send email spam or pop-up messages that claim to be from a business that you may deal with, such as your credit union or Internet service provider. The message may ask that you update, validate or confirm your account information. Some phishing emails threaten a loss of account privileges if you don't respond to their request.

If you click on a link in the message, you are directed to a web site that looks a lot like the legitimate organization's site. But the site is actually fake, and its sole purpose is to trick recipients into revealing their personal information such as credit card numbers, bank account information, Social Security Number, user ID, password or other sensitive information. This allows the operators of the site to steal your identity, run up bills or commit crimes in your name.

Remember, Bell Credit Union will never send you email requesting validation or confirmation of personal or confidential information.

New Mexico nicknamed the "Land of Enchantment" is the 47<sup>th</sup> state, admitted on January 6, 1912.

The coin features a Zia sun symbol over a topographical outline of the state. The sun symbol represents the giver of all good, who gave gifts in groups of four. The circle represents life and love without beginning or end, the four groups of four rays that emanate represent the four directions, the four seasons, the four phases of a day (sunrise, noon, evening, and night), and the four divisions of life (childhood, youth, middle years, and old age).



Image courtesy US Mint

## Make Your IRA Contribution Now !

The clock is ticking and the deadline for making your IRA contribution is fast 1782 approaching. You have until April 15, 2008 to make a year 2007 IRA contribution.

