

# **BACKROOM BUZZ**



## **Janet Celebrates 45 Years!**

At Cleveland State Bank, our greatest strength is our people — and today, we honor one of the finest: Janet Behnke, Vice President of WISCUB Service Center Operations, who celebrated an incredible 45 years of service on Monday, August 4.

Janet has been more than a witness to our evolution — she's been a driving force behind it. From her start as a Client Service Representative in 1980 to her current leadership role, Janet has shaped the culture, growth, and operational excellence of our organization.

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#### **ECCHO Rule 9: What Credit Unions Should Know**



Over 99% of ECCHO members use Rule 9 to help manage check fraud in the electronic age.

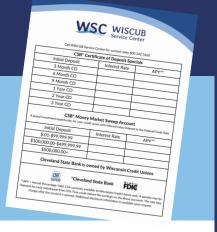
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WISCUB Service Center is a sponsored member of ECCHO.

# Weekly Investment Rate Sheet

Do you have excess liquidity? Explore CD investment options by investing with WISCUB Service Center - a trusted organization you've helped build, already benefit from, and continue to believe in.

Check it out on our website.





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# **Honey Stinger**

Why did the scarecrow become a financial advisor?

# **Important Dates**

**Columbus Day - CLOSED** Monday, October 13

International Credit Union Day Thursday, October 16

**Veterans Day - CLOSED** Monday, November 11

**Thanksgiving Day - CLOSED** Thursday, November 27



# **Leadership Institute 2025**

Wishing all participants of the Wisconsin Credit Union League Leadership Institute great success in thier studies and leadership journey.

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#### Janet Celebrates 45 Years! Continued

Throughout the decades, she's embraced change, championed innovation, and served as a constant source of stability. Her leadership has had a lasting impact across teams, departments, and generations of staff.

As Mary Ann Vogel, former head of WISCUB Service Center, recalls:

"I still remember Janet's first day at CSB, over four decades ago. Even then, she carried herself with quiet confidence and a spark that told me she was someone special. Watching her journey from those early days to becoming VP of WISCUB Service Center Operations has been nothing short of remarkable. She didn't just grow with the organization — she helped build it."

Janet's influence extends far beyond her title. As a key member of our Executive Management and Leadership Teams, she has guided countless employees with her mentorship and insight — many of whom credit her for their own professional development.

Tim Schueler, current President of Cleveland State Bank, shared:

"For 45 years, Janet has been the steady hand and the heart behind WISCUB Service Center Operations. She has led with unwavering dedication, unmatched knowledge, and a deep sense of responsibility to both our team and Wisconsin Credit Unions. WISCUB Service Center is what it is today in large part because of Janet's lifelong commitment — and we are forever grateful."

A lifelong Wisconsinite, Janet grew up in Osman and now lives in Newton with her husband, Mel. She is a proud mother of five and grandmother to seven.

Janet's 45-year legacy is built on consistency, excellence, and dedication — not just to systems and processes, but to the people around her. She has helped define what Cleveland State Bank stands for, and we are incredibly proud to celebrate this milestone with her.

Please join us in congratulating Janet Behnke on 45 extraordinary years of service!



### **International Credit Union (ICU) Week**

We proudly join in celebrating International Credit Union Week and extend our congratulations to our credit union partners. Your dedication, service, and commitment to members make a lasting impact not only within your organizations but throughout the communities you serve.

#### **ECCHO Rule 9** Continued

ECCHO Rule 9 allows a paying credit union to recover funds on a forged or counterfeit electronic check from the depositary institution — even after normal return deadlines.

#### Why it matters:

- In today's digital world, checks are often deposited remotely and processed electronically.
- The depositary institution (where the item entered the system) is often better positioned to identify fraud than the paying institution.
- Rule 9 helps shift liability in appropriate cases, giving credit unions a tool to recover losses from fraudulent checks.

# Key points:

- Applies only between ECCHO members who haven't opted out.
- Claims are warranty breaches, not returns.
- The depositary credit union can disclaim a claim if funds are insufficient, deadlines aren't met, or they've opted out.

