

JANUARY 2015

# RUSSELL COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

*Helping our members achieve financial  
success while building a better community.*

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## 2015 ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

**MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015**

Heritage Inn, 1700 Fox Farm Road, Great Falls  
Hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 pm | Meeting at 7:00 pm

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

#### **Rick Ferrin**

Rick has worked for the 3 Rivers Telephone Coop for 23 years. Before that, he was self employed as a farmer & rancher on the Fairfield Bench. Married to a wonderful & loving wife, he has 3 children & 3 step children. Rick enjoys spending time fishing & camping with his family. As a family, they enjoy hiking & seeing many parts of the state as well as the National Parks that the state of Montana has to offer. His hobbies include taking wildlife photos & working in his shop with his wood working tools.



#### **Ray Mehrens**

Ray was born & raised in Butte, MT, where he graduated from Butte Central High School. After graduating from Carroll College in Helena, MT, he became a high school teacher in Helena. He moved to Great Falls in 1959, where he taught & coached high school for 10 years. His federal career at Malmstrom AFB began in 1969. He spent 35 years in Federal service working as the Labor Relations Officer (LRO). As the LRO, he was selected to be an adjunct faculty member at Air University in Montgomery, AL. Ray has been a member of Russell Country for more than 30 years. He volunteered to be on the Board of Directors in 2009. He also volunteers his time assisting at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center.



He is married to his wife Carol; they had three children, one now deceased & the other two live out of state.

*"I volunteer at Russell Country because I firmly believe it is the best financial institution in the state of Montana!"*

#### **YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO:**

- Meet your elected volunteer-members of the Credit Union Board of Directors and the nominees for the open positions
- Voice your opinion about what you like about your Credit Union
- Suggest improvements

You must be at least 18-years old to be eligible to vote and in order to hold elective or appointive office. Members who are eligible to vote must be on record on or before March 5, 2015. Voting will be by mail ballot only. Ballots will be mailed to members during the week of March 16, 2015. Ballots must be returned and postmarked no later than midnight April 4, 2015. However the election will not be conducted by mail ballot when there is only one nominee for each position to be filled. There will be no nominations from the floor.

#### **NOMINATIONS BY PETITION**

Nomination by petition will be accepted until midnight March 25, 2015. Only single nominees may be presented on a single petition by individuals wishing to be on the Annual Meeting Ballot. A minimum of 100 Russell Country FCU members' signatures must be obtained for the petition to be valid.

**The following must accompany any petition:**

I, (insert your name) \_\_\_\_\_ agree to  
nomination and will serve on the Board of Directors of Russell Country FCU  
if elected to office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Mail this certificate and petition to:**

Russell Country FCU Nominating Committee • PO Box 2605 • Great Falls MT 59403

If there are no petitions, there will be no mail ballot and the Nominating Committee nominees will be declared at the Annual Meeting as having been elected by acclamation.

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## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE GRAND PRIZE WINNER!

Big congratulations to Cathy D. who was the winner of our Holiday Open House grand prize drawing! Cathy won a framed Brain Morger "Butte" print. Thank you to all our members who stopped in to celebrate with us this holiday season.

CONGRATULATIONS CATHY



## DON'T FORGET TO SPRING AHEAD!

Daylight Saving Time starts  
Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 2:00 am.

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## TO OUR DEAREST SECRET SANTAS:

THANK YOU TO ALL of our  
Secret Santas who donated gifts  
and money to our giving tree.



Russell Country  
FCU Staff

Because of your generosity we  
were able to fill all the tags on the  
tree and provide a van load of gifts  
and other necessities to the children  
at the Children's Receiving Home.



Children's Receiving  
Home Tree



## *Our Success Story:* **ST. THOMAS FESTIVAL OF TREES**

On Tuesday, November 11, some of our staff volunteered to spend their day off decorating Christmas trees, which were then donated to the St. Thomas Festival of Trees.

RCFCU donated three trees, one 6-Foot tree and two miniature trees!

The larger tree, A Christmas Star, sold for \$825.

The Rudolph tree sold for \$110.

Our Disney Countdown to Christmas tree sold for \$100.

All proceeds went to the St. Thomas Child and Family Center.

*Thank you to those staff members that donated their time and efforts to create such beautiful trees!*



## **HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR ID PROTECT YET?**

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steal your Identity.**

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It's easy, simply go online to [www.idprotectme247.com](http://www.idprotectme247.com) or call 1-877-610-7889.

Use code **MT701863**, which verifies you as a Russell Country FCU member.

Once you're registered, you can feel confident and safe, knowing that ID Protect and Russell Country FCU are protecting YOU.

## **TIME FOR A NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM**



Your Credit Union's data processing system is in need of an upgrade!!

After running on the same core computer system for 20+ years, we've begun the process of preparing for a conversion to a new data processing system.

The beginning steps for this conversion began in January, with the final conversion date scheduled for November 1, 2015.

As we move through the preparation process, we'll keep you up to date on our progress.

**Stay tuned...**

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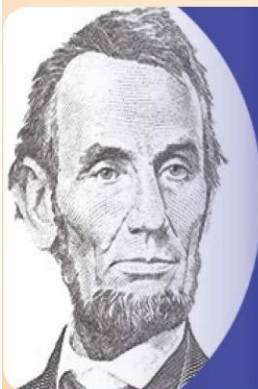


## WORLD'S LARGEST STOCKING WINNER!

Membership at Russell Country FCU has its privileges! All deposits made to a Kirby Klub (ages 0-12) savings account from November 1 - December 19, 2014 went into a drawing for The World's Largest Stocking!

**THIS YEAR'S LUCKY WINNER WAS:**

☆☆☆ **COLTER C.** ☆☆☆



### **HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:**

#### **MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

Monday, January 19, 2015

#### **PRESIDENT'S DAY**

Tuesday, February 16, 2015

### **MAIN BRANCH**

810 1st Avenue South  
P.O. Box 2605  
Great Falls, MT 59403  
406.761.2880  
toll free: 800.772.4343  
fax: 406.761.7628

### **FAIRFIELD BRANCH**

105 4th St. South  
P.O. Box 427  
Fairfield, MT 59436  
406.467.2541  
fax: 406.467.3242

### **MANG BRANCH**

P.O. Box 2605  
Great Falls, MT 59403  
406.791.0306  
fax: 406.452.1395

## **Russell Country FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Alex Bostic, Chairperson  
John Mathis, Vice Chairperson  
Rick Ferrin, Financial Officer  
Mitch Martin, Secretary  
Sheryl Knowles, Director  
Dan Mortag, Director  
Ray Mehrens, Director  
Bryan Fox, Associate Director  
Jim Oehmcke, Associate Director

### **SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE**

Ray Mehrens, Chairperson  
Melissa Smith  
Jim Oehmcke

### **MEMBERSHIP OFFICER**

Andrea Holzheimer

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