



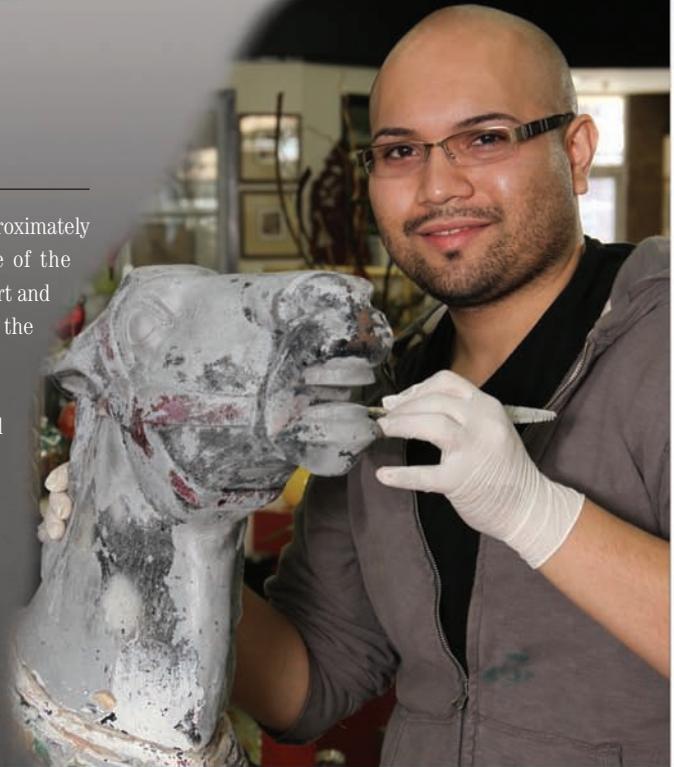
MEMBER PROFILE

# Saul Villegas

*Valley Native and Local Artist*

Saul Villegas has been a member of EECU for approximately nine years. He is currently attending College of the Sequoias and is studying to receive his degree in art and graphic design. He also studied graphic design at the Art Institute of California in Hollywood.

Saul grew up in Avenal and has lived in the Central Valley his entire life. He has also been very involved in the world of commercial art. "I have been an art major since 15 and have been selling my artwork since I was 12," he said. His talent was recognized early on by his teachers. Aside from being placed in honors art classes, at the age of 15 he was accepted in the California Summer School of the Arts (CSSA) held each year at CalArts in Southern California. **Cont. on Page 5**



PRODUCT/SERVICE PROFILE

## Your Energy Smart Lifestyle

*begins with an Energy Efficiency Loan from EECU*

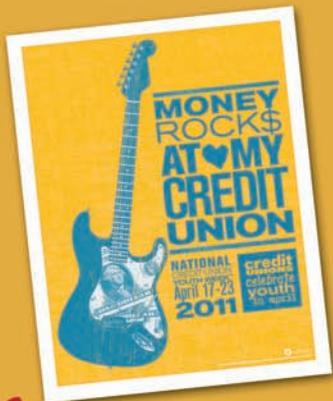
EECU offers an opportunity to live an energy smart lifestyle\* with an Energy Efficiency Loan. Help reduce your monthly energy costs with products such as:

- Solar panels
- Refrigerator, freezer, washer/dryer, dishwasher, stove, oven and microwave (energy efficient/Energy Star products)
- Solar water system for pool or spa
- Fireplace insert **Cont. on Page 5**
- Windows, doors, skylights, air conditioners, heat pumps and attic fans (energy efficient/Energy Star products)
- Sealing and insulation

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# Bulletin Board



## *Holiday Hours*

In observance of the following holiday, we will be closed:

### **Memorial Day**

*Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>*

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## *Upcoming Events*

**April 9:** Demaree Branch  
Shred Day

**April 14:** Kings County  
Excellence in Education Awards

**April 16:** Sunnyside Branch  
Shred Day

**April 18 – 22:** National Credit  
Union Youth Week

**April 27:** Van Ness Branch  
Art Show

**April 28:** National Take Our  
Daughters and Sons to Work Day

**May 4:** Selma Branch Art Show

**June 4:** Milburn Shred Day

**June 10:** Annual Meeting



## Attention Teachers: Free Financial Education

Do you need a guest speaker to teach your students about money matters? EECU's Member Education Director, Jeff Williams, is available to teach kindergarten through adult classes. Jeff works with each educator to tailor every presentation to the needs of the audience. Give your students quality information on a subject that

will affect their future – money management. We offer a full range of financial topics, including budgeting for the future, understanding credit, and protecting yourself from identity theft. For additional information, please contact Jeff at (559) 437-7796 or [financialeducation@myeecu.org](mailto:financialeducation@myeecu.org).

## Annual Election of Volunteer Officials

Each year Educational Employees Credit Union is required to elect volunteer officials and conduct an Annual Meeting. For 2011, there are open positions for the Board of Directors and the Supervisory Committee. From November 2010 through January, we sought potential candidates through emails, articles in our newsletters, and statement inserts to the membership. This year, there was no contest for the available Board of Directors and Supervisory

Committee positions for the 2011 election. Therefore, as provided in the Credit Union Bylaws, the Board of Directors will declare at the Annual Meeting that those nominated and qualified to be elected are elected without the need for an election.

The Annual Meeting is Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at Buchanan High School in Clovis. Read the article in this newsletter for more information about the Annual Meeting.

*We Take Our Managers Personally:*

## Lannette Boe

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*Clovis North Branch Manager*

Lannette Boe is the branch manager at our Clovis North Branch. She has been part of the EECU team for approximately 22 years!

As a branch manager, Lannette takes great pride in being able to help members. "I'm passionate about being able to turn a difficult situation into a positive experience for everyone involved." She definitely tries to look for a solution for any challenges that may arise.

Lannette finds great pride in watching her staff succeed; "I like to see my employees succeed, especially when I have seen them work so hard to achieve their goals."

Lannette volunteers for a local organization called Encourage Tomorrow. The organization is a mentoring program for students in grades fourth through sixth who have challenges in behavioral, academic and relationship areas. "I really enjoy it, and especially like being able to make a difference in their lives."

When asked what she likes to do in her free time Lannette warmly smiled and answered: "I love spending time with my granddaughter." She spends as much time as she can with her granddaughter and truly treasures every moment with her.

Lannette also shared a quote she lives by and quietly said: "There is a scripture that I really like and try very hard to live by." She quoted the following scripture: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests; but also to the interest of others."

Lannette undoubtedly strives to live by this quote on a daily basis. She's well known by family, friends and coworkers for unexpectedly going above and beyond, and expecting nothing in return. One of her fellow coworkers summed it up nicely: "overall, she's just a great person."



# Member Conduct Policy

EECU currently serves over 188,000 members. Most conduct themselves in a courteous and businesslike manner; however, on occasion – whether at the credit union or another place of business – some have witnessed or experienced inappropriate conduct. Unfortunately, we live in a society where threatening behavior and violent crime have become all too familiar.

In our continuing efforts to foster a safer workplace for employees and members, the Board of Directors has

approved a policy regarding appropriate member conduct. As stated in the policy, EECU believes that our employees should be able to work in an environment free of abusive conduct, and free of risks posed by workplace violence and harassment.

Examples of such unacceptable conduct include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Use of profane, abusive, intimidating or threatening language toward employees or fellow members.

- Actual or threatened violence against any employee or fellow member.
- Unwelcome sexual overtures or advances.
- Using or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol on credit union premises.

Based on this policy, if it is determined that a member's conduct has ascended to a level that triggers the provisions of this policy, the credit union, at its sole discretion, may take such actions necessary to protect staff and fellow members. Such

discipline could include the denial of services involving personal contact with credit union employees. This would in effect limit a member to conduct their credit union banking either by mail or electronically. In these times of elevated security, it truly takes a team approach to make our everyday lives safer. If you become aware of a potentially unsafe condition at the credit union, please contact branch management immediately, or contact our Member Service Center at 1-800-538-EECU (3328).

## Save the Date

*Annual Meeting Is Just Around the Corner*

Save the date for the EECU 2011 Annual Meeting. Festivities will be on **Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** (gates will open at 6:00 p.m.).

The event will take place at Buchanan High School in Clovis. There will be light food and refreshments, fun, and plenty of valuable information. You'll have the opportunity to learn about what's going on at the credit union. A report of the election process for the Board of Directors and the Supervisory Committee will be announced, and we'll provide a brief overview of EECU's financial updates, 2010 accomplishments, and coming goals for 2012. Of course, our meeting isn't just about introductions and overviews – it's also about having a relaxing and enjoyable evening. We will serve a light dinner snack, soda, kettle corn and ice cream. Watch for more details as we get closer to the date. Sorry, no pets will be allowed.

## Need Cash for College?



EECU has a grant program that is open to members who are pursuing a post-high school education at a community college, university/college, vocational/technical school, or advanced professional training in the United States. Members who submit a complete application and who meet the grant eligibility requirements will have an opportunity to be considered for a \$2,000 grant.

Applications for the 2012 EECU Grant Program will be available October 1, 2011. One of the requirements to apply for a grant is that you have to be a member of EECU (not a joint owner) and your account must be open by June 9, 2011 and in good standing. If you or someone you know would benefit from a \$2,000 educational grant, please share this information with him or her or visit [myEECU.org](http://myEECU.org) for more information.

## Saul Villegas (Cont. from Cover)

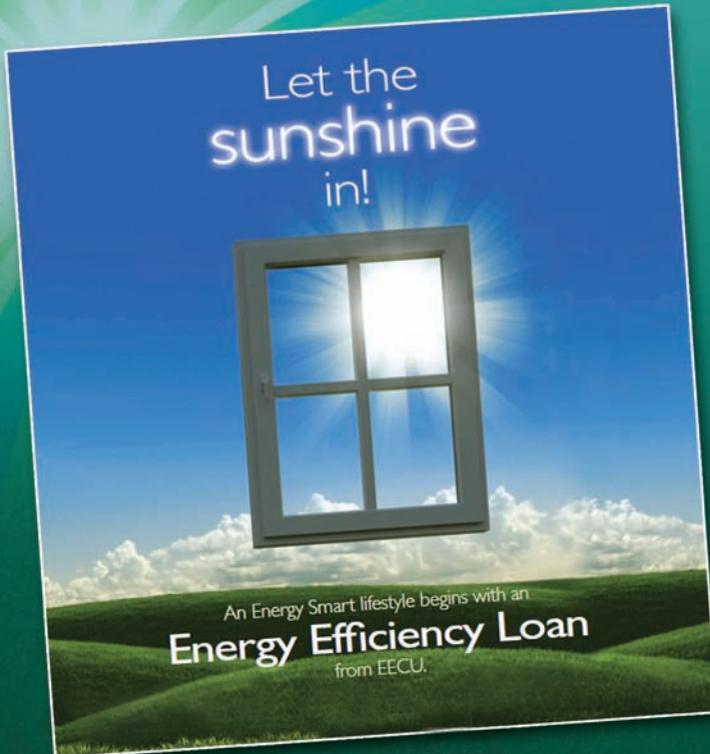
During his free time, Saul donates some of his art and skills to local organizations. “I like to donate my artistic skills that include printed materials and labor to organizations such as Kings Art Center, Kings County Art League, and Artisans Custom Framing and Fine Art Gallery.” Saul has also created a mural in historic downtown Hanford entitled Bounty of Kings and has donated works to Valley Public Television. Most recently, he

displayed his line of art, *MODERNO*, at Arte Americas in Fresno. While in high school, Saul also used his talents to create conventional pieces and paint and create local window displays. He also decorated his middle school mascot as well as his home-town community hospital.

Saul is also part of a significant project in Hanford. He, along with his long-time mentor Robert Braun – also a local

artist – is a lead coordinating artist in choosing schematic colors for the restoration of the historic Hanford Carousel in downtown Hanford. “I was originally approached by Dave Jones [executive director of the Hanford Conference and Visitor’s Agency] and was asked if I was interested in restoring the horse and I accepted.” This specific horse happens to be one that Educational Employees Credit Union has sponsored for restoration.

When asked who he admires, Saul answered, “I admire people that work hard, even if they don’t get paid for it. We all help each other out and I have found I admire people who possess that quality.” Saul added that he is proud of the influence his family has had on his life. “My family and my sister, Delta, and her husband have supported me in all my endeavors.”



## Energy Smart Lifestyle

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Our Energy Efficiency Loan makes it easy and affordable:

- Borrow from \$100 to \$40,000
- Low competitive rates
- No application fee

Come into your local EECU branch or call 1-800-538-EECU (3328), or apply online at [myEECU.org](http://myEECU.org).

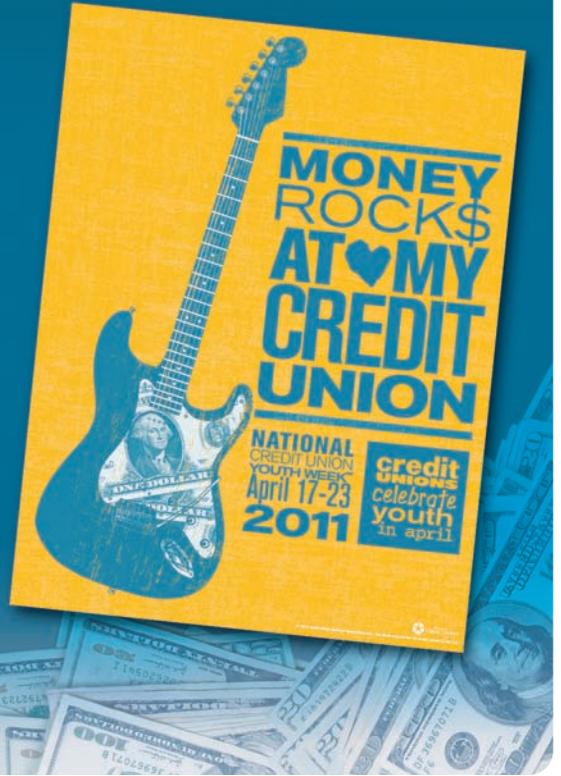
\*Products and services purchased with the Energy Efficiency Loan proceeds must meet EECU Energy Efficiency Standards. The Energy Efficiency Loan is a signature loan. No home equity, appraisal or collateral is required. Credit approval required. EECU also offers real estate secured loans; ask for details.

# National Credit Union YOUTH WEEK

National Credit Union Youth Week is a celebration of savings that encourages youth to learn the importance of saving! EECU is here to help our youth build a healthy financial future. Youth Week gives you the opportunity to learn about saving money at an early age, and how to make good choices about using your money. National Credit Union Youth Week is April 17<sup>th</sup> to April 23<sup>rd</sup> and our

theme is “Money Rocks at My Credit Union.” During this week, EECU is inviting youth to visit their nearest branch, accompanied by an adult of course, and get rockin’ and start saving for their future!

Kids who have a savings account can enter a raffle contest for a chance to win an awesome prize! Visit your nearest EECU branch during National Credit Union Youth Week for details.



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## Shred Dates

Shred those private documents you don't need. Bring your documents for shredding to one of the following EECU branch locations and we'll shred and recycle them for you:

**April 9<sup>th</sup> – Demaree Branch**  
**April 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunnyside Branch**  
**June 4<sup>th</sup> – Milburn Branch**

All shred events are 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please limit shredded to three boxes. **Shred events will close early if the shred truck is filled to capacity.**

