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**BETHPAGE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION HITS SIGNIFICANT
75 YEAR MILESTONE
Grows from Grumman Employee Credit Union to
Largest in the Northeast**

**Long Islanders Invited to Celebrate on October 28th with
1941-Themed Party Including USO Dancers, Authentic Sherman Tank,
Live Swing Band and More**

Bethpage, NY – October 26, 2016 – Bethpage Federal Credit Union will be celebrating its 75th anniversary on October 28th, a significant milestone for the credit union, and the actual date it was founded 75 years ago, with a community-wide celebration showcasing 1941-themed activities and entertainment. Bethpage will also kick-off Financial Health Month on October 28th, a month-long effort to help members save money.

Bethpage Federal Credit Union began operations in October of 1941, just one month before the bombing of Pearl Harbor, when Grumman employees formed a credit union to provide a financial alternative to help manage earnings. Bethpage served the employees of the Grumman Corporation exclusively for many years as “Grumman Plant

1 and 2 Federal Credit Union.” In 2003, Bethpage’s charter was approved to serve all Long Islanders, and in 2016, expanded its charter again to serve anyone in the United States. Today, Bethpage is the largest credit union in the Northeast region, with 300,000 members, 34 branches, and \$6.8 billion in assets.

“Caring about our members has been at the heart of our history. For 75 years we have put our members first and we will continue to do so for the next 75,” said Wayne Grossé, President and CEO, Bethpage Federal Credit Union. “We’re excited to see what the future holds for Bethpage as we continue to make an impact in our members’ lives and grow on Long Island and beyond.”

Instrumental to Bethpage’s unprecedented and substantial growth is its commitment to giving back to the communities in which it serves. Bethpage takes pride in its Heart of Bethpage

program which over the years has supported community initiatives through the non-profit community, that has bettered the lives of Long Islanders significantly.

Bethpage is recognized for multiple community events held annually including the Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach and the Bethpage Turkey Drive. The Bethpage Air Show, one of the largest free public events in New York State, attracts upwards of 400,000 Long Islanders every Memorial Day weekend to watch and enjoy world-class military and civilian performances. Additionally, each November Bethpage partners with Island Harvest for the annual Bethpage Turkey Drive which began in 2009. To date, this event has collected over 23,100 turkeys, and 74,000 pounds (37 tons) of food.

Over the years, Bethpage has also adapted and expanded its portfolio of products and services to provide the industry's best banking solutions with the lowest rates and unparalleled services to help members make the most of their money. In 1979, Bethpage installed the first drive-up ATM on Long Island, setting a precedent on Long Island for what today has come to be known as mobile banking.

"Bethpage has propelled itself to become the community financial institution of choice by providing extraordinary value and service to both consumers and commercial businesses," continued Grossé. Bethpage offers the industry's lowest rates, low fees, and best returns.

As part of the 75th birthday celebration, Bethpage members can set up a free financial check-up at any Bethpage branch, starting October 28th. Bethpage financial advisors will sit with members to discuss savings, debt payoff, retirement and college savings, how to optimize taxes and so forth. To make an appointment, email rsvp@bethpagefcu.com or call your local Bethpage branch.

Friday, October 28th – Bethpage's 75th Birthday Celebration

All Long Islanders are invited to help Bethpage Federal Credit Union celebrate its 75th birthday on Friday, October 28th. Bethpage will host a party in its headquarters parking lot at 899 S. Oyster Bay Road. 1941 themed games and attractions will be on hand including USO singers, a swing band dance off, a blue ribbon baking contest, and a children's party with a petting zoo, face painting and more. See full schedule of events below.

For those who cannot attend the party at headquarters, each Bethpage branch will also have giveaways including cupcakes, Slinkys and Silly Putty (both of which were invented in 1941). Branches will also be handing out branded chocolate bars.

"We hope all our employees, members and friends enjoy the party as a small token of our appreciation," concluded Grossé.

Headquarters 75th Birthday Party Schedule

10:15 am: Cake cutting ceremony

10am – 4pm: Grumman Retiree Club members display exhibit in Bethpage lobby

10am – 2pm: USO ladies singing and taking pictures

11am-1pm: Swing band with guest dance off

1-3pm: Sherman Tank from Armor Museum with a FDR impersonator

2pm: Blue Ribbon member dessert contest

2-4pm: Kids party with a petting zoo, balloons, face painting

Bethpage Federal Credit Union is a premier community financial institution committed to enriching the lives of its members, employees and the communities it serves for the past 75 years. Bethpage is the largest credit union in the Northeast Region, as well as 16th in the nation. Bethpage is a federally chartered credit union who is open to new members that open a membership account with \$5 dollars. As a financial cooperative, Bethpage offers the best-in market rates, low fees and world-class service, and a full menu of personal and commercial financial services.

On Long Island, Bethpage maintains branch locations in Albertson, Baldwin, Bay Shore, Bay Shore King Kullen, Bethpage, Centereach, Central Islip, Commack King Kullen, East Meadow NuHealth Medical Center, East Northport, Elmont, Farmingdale, Freeport, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Huntington, Levittown King Kullen, LIU Post (Brookville), Long Beach, Lynbrook, Massapequa, Melville, Mineola, North Babylon, Patchogue, Port Jefferson, Riverhead, Roosevelt, Seaford, Smithtown, Valley Stream King Kullen, West Babylon and Westbury. In New York City, Bethpage maintains a branch location at 111 W 26th Street. Bethpage also offers over 500 surcharge-free ATMs in King Kullen, CVS Pharmacy and Costco locations. For more information on Bethpage's robust portfolio of banking, borrowing, and investment services, visit www.lovebethpage.com or call 1-800-628-7070.

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