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## Credit union to close branch at UIS

Septic system problem one of reasons for decision

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The Sangamon Schools Credit Union is closing its branch at the University of Illinois Springfield at the end of the month.

Gene Taylor, president of the credit union, said Monday a problem with the septic system at the site was one of the primary reasons for the decision. The two employees assigned to the office at 4600 University Drive will be moved to the other Sangamon Schools Credit Union offices at 1420 S. Eighth St. and 1124 Center West Drive.

"The area has a high water table," Taylor said of the UIS location. "Every time we would have heavy rains, the septic system would back up. Neither the staff or members were able to use the restrooms."

He described the credit union building as an old house with window air conditioners that previously was used as a day-care facility. He noted that there are no basement or interior rooms where people could take shelter during a storm.

Credit union members who patronized the Sangamon Schools location at UIS will be able to use the other two offices. About 75 percent to 80 percent of the people who used the UIS location also used the other two sites from time to time, Taylor said.

Dave Barrows, associate chancellor of administrative affairs at UIS, acknowledged that the septic system is a long-standing problem.

"We didn't want to deal with the additional cost of rebuilding the septic, and neither did (the credit union)," Barrows said.

The last day of operation for the Sangamon Schools Credit Union at UIS will be July 30.

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