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PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY - DON'T BE A VICTIM!

Fraud is becoming more prevalent and COVID-19 has opened up a whole new world to fraudsters. Protect your identity and don't become a victim of financial scams.

We have all heard of, or unfortunately experienced financial scams. Some of the typical scenarios to watch out for are romance scams, email or text messages with unexpected attachments, and phone calls asking for any type of personal information. Tom Dougherty, Investments & Fraud Manager for First Trust Credit Union, says, "Members need to be suspicious of calls that appear to be coming from First Trust CU asking for debit card and pin information, as fraudsters can "spoof" a financial institution's phone number." (This means the number showing on the caller-ID is actually the financial institution's phone number but the call isn't coming from that credit union/bank.) He continued, "They will call a member stating that they are a representative from First Trust Credit Union and they are investigating fraudulent charges on the member's debit card. They tell the member that they can take care of everything over the phone and that the member cannot come into the credit union because our offices are still closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (this is false - our lobbies are open)." A sense of urgency is many times required in fraudulent activity - a person will be told they have to take care of the situation immediately to avoid legal action, fines & penalties, or even to avoid being arrested. Dougherty says the best thing to do if you suspect ANYTHING is to hang up the phone and call the credit union to see if the phone call is legitimate, and NEVER give someone your personal information over the phone, or via email, text, or social media including your debit card number, pin number, passwords, social security number, birthdate, etc. If you do feel your account could have been compromised, call your financial institution immediately to report it. Be smart and be vigilant in protecting your identity.

Need Help or More Info? Contact your local First Trust Credit Union branch today or **call 800-276-6161**.

2020 Calendar

First Trust's Annual Meeting
RESCHEDULED: AUG.8th - 1 P.M.

Labor Day

Monday - September 7th, CLOSED

Veterans Day

**Wednesday - November 11th,
CLOSED**

Thanksgiving

**Thursday - November 26th,
CLOSED**

Christmas Eve

**Thursday - December 24th,
(Closing at 1:00 p.m.)**

Christmas Day

Friday - December 25th, CLOSED
Saturday - December 26th, CLOSED

New Year's Eve

**Thursday - December 31st,
(Closing at 3:00 p.m.)**

New Year's Day

**Friday - January 1, 2021
CLOSED**
**Saturday - January 2, 2021
CLOSED**



Annual Meeting ~ August 8th, 2020

Members are invited to join the Board of Directors and staff on Saturday, August, 8th, 2020 at the Michigan City branch at 950 E. U.S. Highway 20 for the Annual Meeting. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. (CST) and the doors will open at 12:45 p.m. **Please RSVP your attendance to: Dorene Martinson, Marketing Director, no later than Tuesday, August 4th, by calling (219) 877-2290, or by sending an e-mail to dmartinson@firsttrustcu.com.**

(Social distancing will be required, and wearing a mask will be appreciated.)



TENTATIVE NEW DATE

THE JUNE BLOOD DRIVE AT THE MICHIGAN CITY BRANCH HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED FOR **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH**. PLEASE WATCH OUR WEBSITE FOR FUTURE DETAILS & INFORMATION ON HOW TO SCHEDULE YOUR BLOOD DONATION.



American Red Cross

The Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act (UIGEA) prohibits commercial account members from using their account for illegal transactions under applicable federal, state, or local law.

STUFF A BUS



SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, 9/26/20

Michigan City Branch will be collecting donated food items & monetary donations in August and September to help restock the Michigan City Salvation Army food pantry. The annual Stuff A Bus event will be held on September 26th at both Al's Supermarket locations (MC).

Congratulations **2020** \$1,000 Scholarship Recipients

\$1,000 Scholarship - Bachelor's Degree **ARIE JOHNSON** (*Michigan City High School*)

Arie will attend Indiana University
Major: Biochemistry



\$1,000 Scholarship - Bachelor's Degree **ABIGAIL HUFF** (*New Prairie High School*)

Abigail will attend Ball State University
Major: Elementary Education



\$1,000 Scholarship - Bachelor's Degree **PAIGE DEW** (*New Prairie High School*)

Paige will attend Ball State University
Major: Nursing



\$1,000 Scholarship - Bachelor's Degree **JONATHAN STEWART** (*Washington Township High School*)

Jonathan will attend Purdue University
Major: Engineering



\$1,000 Scholarship - Bachelor's Degree **RICHARD FRATICELLI** (*Kankakee Valley High School*)

Richard will attend Purdue University
Major: Electrical Engineering Technology



\$1,000 Scholarship - Associate's Degree/Apprenticeship/Certification **TYLER CUMA** (*Michigan City High School*)

Tyler will attend Ivy Tech Community College
Major: Steel Worker Apprenticeship



\$1,000 Scholarship - Associate's Degree/Apprenticeship/Certification **LEANNA BUTER** (*Covenant Christian High School*)

Leanna will attend Paul Mitchell Beauty School
Major: Cosmetology



One Time Only! Dennis Knaup - Past Board Member & Teacher

\$1,630 Scholarship (*In memory of Dennis Knaup. Awarded to a Michigan City High School Senior pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Education*)

SARAH POULIN (*Michigan City High School*)

Sarah will attend Purdue University
Major: Education



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