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Sprinkling a Little Joy this Holiday Season!

The year 2020 may always be remembered as the year of COVID-19. In fact, it's probable that everyone can agree this year has been challenging in many different ways.

One of the areas hit hardest for many people is their finances. People have struggled with being laid-off indefinitely or losing their jobs. Businesses, both big and small, have had to close their doors temporarily, or even worse, permanently. If you are in a situation where you could use a little financial help through the holiday season, there is a solution. First Trust is offering Holiday Loans to help our members in need. There are no application fees, so why not apply and let First Trust help you find a loan that is right for you. With fast, easy approval, you can apply for \$1,000 to \$15,000. These extra funds can help you through the holiday season, and ensure you can provide the things you need the most. You can apply online or call your nearest First Trust Credit Union branch location. Our dedicated, friendly member service staff is standing by ready to assist you with all your financial needs. We wish you a very safe and happy holiday season.

2020 Calendar

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

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.



2021 High School Graduates ... check out our \$1,000 Scholarships!

Eight (8) \$1,000 scholarships will be available again in 2021 to graduating high school seniors who are members, or become new members. First Trust will award four (4) of these to seniors pursuing a Bachelor's Degree, and four (4) will be awarded to seniors pursuing a non-four year degree (an Associates Degree/ Certification/Apprenticeship). Information and applications will be made available online at www.firsttrustcu.com, in school guidance offices, and at First Trust branch locations beginning Monday, November 2nd, 2020.

Completed scholarship applications must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee via email to scholarships@firsttrustcu.com or mailed to First Trust, or hand delivered to your local First Trust branch by 5 p.m. on March 15, 2021.

REMEMBER!
VETERANS DAY
Offices will be **CLOSED**
Wednesday,
November 11th
(Online & Mobile Banking available.)

First Trust would like to recognize & thank all the veterans and their families for their service & their sacrifices that provide the freedom(s) that we enjoy everyday in our country.

WHEATFIELD BRANCH BEST IN THE REGION!

First Trust would like to extend a big *THANK YOU* to all the folks who voted for First Trust Credit Union in the 2020 Reader's Choice Awards. First Trust was voted the best in the category **BEST CREDIT UNION/BANK** in Jasper County. "This makes me feel greatly appreciated by our members and the support they give us," stated Amy Holsapple, Senior Member Service Representative at the Wheatfield branch. "First Trust is my home away from home. I love our members, and coming to work over all of these years to see many faces grow up in front of my eyes, and then bringing their families in to open accounts has been a great joy," Holsapple added. This award exemplifies the credit union philosophy of *People Helping People*. "Our entire staff is so very excited and honored that our Wheatfield branch was chosen for this award," said Dorene Martinson, Marketing Director for First Trust. "Our staff certainly deserves this recognition as they always go above and beyond to provide professional and friendly member service to our members at all of our branches every day." First Trust serves anyone who lives or works in LaPorte, Porter, Jasper, Pulaski, or Newton Counties. Call or visit your nearest First Trust Credit Union branch today to discover the credit union difference, or view our website at www.firsttrustcu.com.



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Thank you! ...for all of Your Support!

Thanks to our members for all your Support and Trust!

Here's the **BUZZ** on what our Members are Saying...



COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS HELP US GIVE BACK!

It's time once again for our annual holiday fundraisers. Each branch will give back to its local community with YOUR HELP! Choose an "Angel" tag from an Angel Tree at either the Michigan City or Wheatfield branch. These gifts will be donated to The Salvation Army of Michigan City, and Wheatfield Elementary students. Our LaPorte branch will be hosting their annual Adopt a Family monetary fundraiser to supply all the gifts and necessities for a local family in need this holiday season. To wrap things up, our Valparaiso branch will once again be collecting gifts for children through their partnership with Hilltop Neighborhood House. Monetary donations will also be accepted at each branch for these efforts as well. These are all ways that YOU can help us make a difference this Holiday Season! Please stop by your local branch this holiday season! This year especially, the need is great.



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