



Choice News

FIRST CHOICE CREDIT UNION'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY

International Credit Union Day is October 17, 2019. Sign up at the Credit Union before October 17th, to register to win one of 40-\$20 cash prizes. The drawing will take place on October 17th at 8 AM. Stop at the credit union on the 17th and 18th and have a snack on us; and to see if you are one of the lucky winners. **Please note: 1 entry per person per visit to the Credit Union. No purchase necessary.**

We will be closed on Thursday, November 28, 2019 to celebrate Thanksgiving with our families.



Have You Signed Up For Shazam BOLT\$ Yet?

Use this app on your smart phone to set up alerts and the option to block your Debit Card instantly if you misplace it, then unlock it when you find it. The alerts will let you receive notices for specific amounts, phone or internet transactions, or fraud from non USA transactions. To load the app go to online banking at our website (www.firstchoicecreditunion.com). Call us with questions.

Annual Account Verification

First Choice Credit Union's audit committee is doing an account verification on all accounts. If you have any questions, in regard to your statement, please forward all questions to the audit committee members Myron Westphal at (715) 693-0860, Jeff Zondlo at (715) 387-2605 or Ronald Koepke at (715) 384-2610.

ADDRESS UPDATES REQUESTED

Please double check your statement (or online account) to make sure that we have the most up to date address on file. With the widespread changes that took place in Marathon County, we are having more mail returned due to incorrect addresses. We would also appreciate having your up to date phone number. You can email an address change request to firstchoicecu@tznet.com or call us at (715)-387-8405. Thank you!

EMPLOYEE FOCUS:

Our employee focus this quarter is on Cathy Leonard, Member Service Rep.

Cathy has been with the credit union since 2015.

What is your favorite part of working at the credit union? My co-workers and all of our wonderful members. Everyone is like second family to me. I have enjoyed the last four years at the credit union and hope to be here for many years to come.

What is your favorite pastime? I enjoy spending time with my family and friends outdoors, especially fishing with my son at our family cottage.

Favorite food? Anything Italian

Pets? Yes, we have three German Shepherds. Lucca, Neiko and Titus.



Bright Beginnings Coloring Contest

This month's Bright Beginnings account activity will be a Halloween Coloring Contest. Every entry dropped off will get to pick a surprise from our treasure chest. The contest starts October 1st and will end October 31st. We will be doing four age categories, 0-4yrs., 5-7 yrs., 8-11 yrs., and 12yrs and up. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize awarded for each age group. First place will receive \$10.00, second place will receive \$5.00, and third place will receive \$3.00. **Limit one entry per child.** *(No purchase necessary)*

Bright Beginnings is a special savings account for our future savers at the credit union. This account has great incentives for kids to earn money and watch it grow as they deposit money into their savings account. Account holders can use the account from birth through their 18th birthday. Bright Beginners will receive a birthday card with a voucher for a \$2.00 deposit into their account, cash drawings, higher interest rates, no minimum balance, activities, saving incentives, coloring contests, games, and rewards for good grades (up to \$5.00 per semester).



HAPPY
HALLOWEEN

Christmas Club

Christmas Club funds will be disbursed on November 1, 2019. If you wish to change how you will receive your Christmas Club money, please contact the credit union. You have the option to receive a check in the mail, or have it deposited into your savings or checking account. For those of you who don't have a Christmas Club account with us, it's not too late! Christmas can be a difficult time financially, and we would like to help you have a stress free holiday season. To open your account, please contact a member service rep. for details.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Please be aware that SCAMS ARE ON THE RISE. We recently had a member receive a letter and "check" in the mail, telling them they had been chosen to be part of an advertising blitz by a beer company. This was a scam because they wanted her to send back a major portion of the funds that they "over paid" her, with US Postal money orders. Thankfully we discussed this with her and the post office and found out she was almost scammed out of over \$2,000. There are other scams out there, like the grandparent who gets a call from a grandchild and needs money wired to them because they've been arrested or in an accident. They tell you to not discuss this with anyone. That should be a major "red flag". I know someone who just received one of these calls, and she just hung up on the scammers. If you receive a call or an offer that seems "**too good to be true**", it probably is. Do not be pressured into giving out your financial or personal information. Always talk to a trusted friend or relative, do some homework on your own, or call the credit union to see if you are being scammed.

We had our Ribbon Cutting on August 28th to celebrate our newly renovated lobby. We had a very nice turn out of members and business people who attended. We also gave out brats and soda. We collected donations for the "Never Forgotten Honor Flight" and we raised \$500, PLUS First Choice Credit Union is going to match that amount to be donated to a veteran(s) to make the trip to Washington DC. Watch our website and facebook page for when we recognize the chosen people.

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