



Choice News



FIRST CHOICE CREDIT UNION'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL ACCOUNT VERIFICATION

Each year, First Choice Credit Union's Audit Committee conducts an account verification on all of our members' accounts. This year, we are outsourcing this project, so you will notice some changes in the look of your statement, as well as the envelope it is being mailed in. Please rest assured that this is your First Choice Credit Union quarterly statement.

If you have any questions regarding your statement, please forward all questions to our Audit Committee members, Myron Westphal at (715) 693-0860, Ron Koepke at (715) 384-2610 or Jeff Zondlo at (715) 387-2605.

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**We will be closed on Thursday, November 25, 2021
to celebrate Thanksgiving with our families.**



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INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY

International Credit Union Day is October 21, 2021. Sign up at the Credit Union before October 20th to register to win one of 40-\$20 cash prizes. The drawing will take place October 21st at 8:00A.M. Stop at the Credit Union on the 21st or 22nd 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.

SHAZAM DEBIT CARD HOLDERS

SHAZAM will contact you if they feel there is suspicious activity happening with your debit card. It is very important for you to answer their phone call or respond to their message.

Please add this phone number to your contacts so you recognize the phone number when it appears on your phone. **(855-219-5399)** Acknowledging this phone call or message may prevent further fraud on your account and/or having your card blocked from further use.

We also strongly recommend downloading the **BRELLA** app. This is an app that helps you monitor your debit card. This app allows you to turn your debit card off/on, check your balance, and set alerts for your debit card.

❖ 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, 0-4 yrs, 5-7 yrs, 8-11 yrs, and 12 yrs 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)



CHRISTMAS CLUB

Christmas Club funds will be disbursed on November 1st, 2021. If you wish to change how you will receive your Christmas Club money, please contact your Credit Union by October 25, 2021. 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.

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. We would also appreciate having your up-to-date phone number. You can email an address change request to service@firstchoicecreditunion.com or call us at (715) 387-8405. Thank you!

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I hope this message finds you and your family doing well. With the rising numbers of people testing positive for COVID, we sincerely hope that all of you are safe and sound.

I know I had just mentioned this in our last newsletter, but I feel I need to stress the importance of being wary of scam artists. We continue to hear from members who have been contacted and asked to buy and send gift cards, or buy gift cards and provide the information from the cards to scammers. The scammers tell them to not contact their financial institution or tell family members about this. These are 2 very common messages that scammers tell their victims. If someone tells you this, hang up, or stop communicating with them online. If you have any questions, call us...we are here to help you. We've had members fall prey to PayPal scams, Amazon scams, romance scams and scammers telling the member they need to give their account or card information to cover taxes for a lottery prize they have "won". For your own safety, just hang up. We will be posting some videos on our Facebook page showing different scams, so if you are on Facebook, please check it out. Please be careful. If you have any questions, call us at (715)-387-8405. We are here to help you.

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