

Come and join us as we celebrate our 65th anniversaryin December & January! You won't want to miss First Trust's 65th birthday celebration. Our anniversary promotion will run December 1st, 2024 - January 31st, 2025, where we will honor our members with gift giveaways, and a few more surprises that will take the cake!

This celebration will be filled with plenty of *fun* as we look back at 65 years of serving our members and communities. We look forward to celebrating with YOU!



## **Protecting Your Finances** STAY VIGILANT ~ Be Aware of Common Fraud Tactics!

We live in an incredibly digital world with conveniences like online banking, electronic transactions, and communicating with our members electronically. While First Trust does communicate with our members via phone, email, text, etc...

PLEASE NOTE: FIRST TRUST WILL NEVER ASK FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, PASSWORD, PIN NUMBER, OR OTHER SENSITIVE INFORMATION OVER A PHONE CALL, EMAIL, TEXT MESSAGE, ETC. As we enjoy and utilize all the conveniences that technology has to offer, it's crucial to be aware of the advancing world of FRAUD ACTIVITY and SCAMS. Review your accounts often, and be sure to report any unusual activity to First

Trust immediately. Together, we can work to combat these financial crimes.



International Credit Union Day! Come & Celebrate with us All Week Long : Oct. 14th -18th

On Oct. 17th, First Trust Credit Union, along with all ಕ್ನಿಂ ಕ್ರ್ಂ 1 credit unions around the world, will celebrate International Credit Union Day (ICU Day), and the principles that make credit unions unique. Credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives, and we celebrate Ŷ ICU Day because we believe banking should be all E) E) : about the members (account holders). Help us celebrate the "People Helping People" philosophy that has strengthened communities all over the globe. Stop by any First Trust branch location Oct. 14th-18th to pick up a FREE member thank you gift!

Thanksgiving Thursday - November 28th, CLOSED

> Christmas Eve Tuesday - December 24th, (Closing at 1:00 p.m.)

Christmas Day Wednesday - December 25th, CLOSED

> **New Year's Eve** Tuesday - December 31st, (Closing at 3:00 p.m.)

New Year's Day Wednesday - January 1st, 2025, CLOSED

# THANK YOU! We're thankful for all our Members!



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**Remembering all** our Veterans!

We thank you for vour service!

**CONGRATULATIONS... AMY HOLSAPPLE!** Thanks to all who voted our very own Wheatfield Branch Director in the category of *BEST TELLER in all of Jasper County*. Jasper County Readers' Choice Awards 2024



Amy Holsapple Best in the Region Best Bank Teller 2023 & 2024 Way to Go, Amy! Wheatfield Branch Best in the Region Best Bank/Credit Union

3 Years - 2020, 2021, 2022 Great Job, Wheatfield Branch!

Amy Holsapple Wheatfield Branch Director

# **Tis' the season for Giving?**

While it is time once again, for our annual holiday fundraisers to get started, First Trust strives to embrace the credit union value of giving back to local communities throughout the entire year at all four branch locations. Donations, sponsorships, back to school initiatives, gift baskets for raffles/auctions, are a few of the focuses First Trust's Marketing Department manages on a regular basis. In addition, each branch location has chosen one or two charity partners that are at the center of their fundraising efforts throughout the year. Here's a little trip down memory lane to showcase the main charity partners First Trust has chosen that our members can choose to support in First Trust's efforts to support these organizations.

#### **Branch Charity Partners:**

La Porte: New Day Foundation - helping local cancer patients and their families with financial and physical support. Jane Bernard Animal Adoption Center - pet adoption and reuniting lost pets with owners.

Valpo: Hilltop Neighborhood House and Walt's Place - provides childcare, pre-school and after-school programs for local families in need.

Wheatfield: Miracle Tree collection partner for holiday gifts for the community.

Hilltop House

**Back to School** 

Classroom

Sponsor-2024

**Michigan City: The Salvation Army of Michigan City -** doing the most good for people in the community who are struggling with insecurity in any area of life. **Open Door Adolescent Center -** located inside the Michigan City High School providing teens with a place to receive help with the many issues that face so many teens today, such as drug & alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, dysfunctional homes and homelessness.



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Keep an eye out for collections/drives we host in our lobbies throughout the year. Monetary donations are also always accepted at each branch.

# Join Us this Holiday Season! LET'S GIVE BACK!

Please look for our holiday Toy Drives, Fundraisers, Angel Trees, & Pet Adoption Collections. YOU can help us make a difference this holiday season! Please stop by your local branch and inquire about how to help us spread *holiday joy* in our local communities!



\$700 Donation

The Salvation Army of

Stuff a Bus Event-2024

Michigan City

## Class of 2025 High School Seniors ... check out our \$1,000 Scholarships Available for YOU!

Eight (8) \$1,000 scholarships will be available again for 2024/2025 graduating high school seniors who are members, or become new members. First Trust will offer four (4) of these to seniors pursuing a Bachelor's Degree, and four (4) will be offered to seniors pursuing a non-four year degree (an Associates Degree/Certification/ Apprenticeship, etc.) Information and applications will be available online at www.firsttrustcu.com, in school guidance offices, and at First Trust branch locations beginning mid-November 2024.

Completed scholarship applications must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee via email to scholarships@firsttrustcu.com, or mailed to First Trust, or handdelivered to your local First Trust branch by the March 2025 deadline date (TBD).



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