THE NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF **ENVISION CREDIT UNION** 

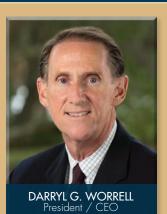


**WINTER 2020** 

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## WHAT'S INSIDE:

- New Supervisory Committee Member: Chandler Russell
- Win Free Fuel for 2021
- 7 Ways to Use eServices



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#### **HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

FRIDAY, JAN. 1ST NEW YEAR'S MONDAY, JAN. 18TH MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY MONDAY, FEB. 15TH PRESIDENT'S DAY MONDAY, MAY 31ST MEMORIAL DAY

#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER



#### Dear Member,

As I reflect on this past year, I want to first wish you and your family a very happy and healthy holiday season. Looking back on 2020 I want to say thank you for your patience as we all worked through COVID-19. We made many decisions with our members and employees health and safety as our first priority. And, while these decisions led to many changes in how we provide services you have accepted and adapted to these changes very well. Thank You!

I also want to say thank you to our employees, volunteer Board of Directors and Supervisory Committee. Each one of these groups illustrated extreme flexibility and commitment. Our employees took their role as essential service providers seriously and focused on providing the best service possible during these difficult times. Our volunteer Board and Supervisory Committee provided great leadership and support to the credit union, giving management the confidence to do what was best for our membership and communities.

Here are some of the great things we accomplished during this past year:

As soon as COVID-19 hit and members were asked to shelter in place we put our Skip-a-Pay program in effect and were able to skip 30,096 loans with a balance skipped of \$240,171,321.99. We also provided our employees money to spend at local business to assist them during this difficult time. We donated \$15,000 to the Foundation for Leon County Schools to buy laptops for students, \$2,500 dollars to Thomas County Schools for their internet initiatives, \$1,000 for face shields at Florida State Hospital, \$10,000 to Second Harvest of South Georgia and spearheaded the Envision No Hunger Campaign with Second Harvest of the Big Bend that became the largest in their history, raising over \$160,000.

I am very proud that these efforts as well as our ongoing focus on our members led to our being named one of the best credit unions in Florida, and the best credit union in Tallahassee by Tallahassee Magazine.

Times like these are why I am proud to lead a credit union. Our ability to impact needs immediately and put profit aside is clearly different than other financial institutions. And, just like neighbors working together after an emergency we need to work together now. You have my promise to continue to put your personal and community needs first in everything we do. We ask that you continue to look to Envision first for all your financial needs. With record low loan rates and great checking and savings products NOW is the time to allow Envision to put you on the best financial path forward.

2020 is probably the best example of why I always say... "Where You Bank Matters".

Darryl G. Worrell President/CEO

Chandler Russell is a Tallahassee native and a graduate of the Maclay School. Upon graduation, she took her talents to the University of Alabama. She would go on to earn a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Accounting. She eventually became a licensed member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Ms. Russell made her way back to the Big Bend as a Manager of Assurance Services for Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A. She has a decorated community service background, including a role as a Past Loaned Executive for the United Way of the Big Bend. In her free time, Chandler likes to spend time with her Cocker Spaniel puppy. We welcome Ms. Russell to the Supervisory Committee, as she will serve as an integral part of the committee.

You may have noticed a winter theme throughout this newsletter. There are snowmen sprinkled from cover to cover. Please count the number of snowmen vou see. All correct answers will be entered to win a \$50 gift card!

To enter to win, please visit www.EnvisionCU.com/snowman



PLEASE WELCOME OUR New Committee Member



#### OUR WINTER SNOWMAN CONTEST!



# SHARING SOME GREAT Wintertime Recipes!

#### Mindy's Green Bean Bundles

- 3 (14.5 oz cans of whole green beans drained) ~ you can also use fresh green beans but you would need to steam them slightly before
- wrapping 1 lb of bacon cut in half
- 1/2 cup of melted butter
- 1/2 cup of Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup of brown sugar 1 teaspoon of garlic salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, grease 9x13 inch baking pan.Wrap 6-7 green beans in one slice of bacon place bundle in baking dish. Repeat until you have used all bacon and green beans. Combine sugar, butter, garlic salt, and Worcestershire sauce and pour over bundles cover with foil and hake for 45 minutes

#### Mom's Hot Fudge Sauce

1 cup sugar 1 tbsp of cocoa powder 1 tbsp of corn starch 1 pinch salt 1 stick butter 1 cup milk 1 tsp vanilla

Thoroughly mix dry ingredients in a sauce pan. Stir in milk until well combined. Heat over medium high heat, stirring constantly until it starts bubbling. Continue to cook until the mixture thickens. Remove from heat then add butter and vanilla. Enjoy!

#### Grandma's Southern Sour **Cream Pound Cake**

- 1 1/2 cup unsalted butter room temperature 3 cups granulated sugar
- 6 large eggs 3 cups cake flour \*\*sifted\*\*
- 1 tsp salt 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1 cup sour cream room temperature
- 2 tbsp pure vanilla extract

• Start by preheating your oven to 325 F then evenly spray a 12 cup bundt pan with non-stick baking spray.

• Make sure all of your ingredients, especially your butter, eggs and sour cream, are room temperature before starting the creaming/ mixing process.

• In your mixing bowl, add butter and sugar and mix for 3-4 minutes on high speed until very well blended and fluffy.

• Add eggs, one at a time, separating the yolk from the whites combining well after each addition and scraping down the sides of your bowl as needed.

• Slowly add flour into batter in two increments then add salt and baking soda. Be careful not to overbeat.

• Lastly add in sour cream and vanilla extract, scrape down sides and mix until just combined and turn off mixer.

• Pour cake batter into a bundt pan • Bake for 1 hour and 30 minutes or until a

toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean

• Cool in pan on a wire rack for 10 min. then transfer cake on a dessert plate and allow to rest until the cake is cool to touch.





#### Shirley's Smothered Pork Chops

3-4 Pork Chops – we use the odd sliced one so they are thick Italian Seasoning – dry, on seasoning isle Olive oil – 2-3 tablespoons – to sear the chops

Cream of mushroom soup. We use a

- large can. Onion chopped
- Celery chopped
- Bell Pepper chopped Kitchen boutique – (optional) depends if

you want the gravy dark. Sprinkle the pork chops with Italian seasoning.

(The amount you desire). Heat the olive oil on med. Don't let it get to hot. Place seared pork chops in a baking dish, cover with all ingredients and bake about an hour.

#### Shirley's Sweet Potato Souffle

3 cups mashed sweet potatoes-2-15oz cans

1 1/2 cups sugar 1/2 cup butter (1 stick)

1 tsp vanilla 1 can coconut (3.5 oz. if using the bag)

3 eggs 1/4 tsp salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. mix all ingredients, place in baking dish.

Topping ~ 1/2 cup light brown sugar 1/3 cup flour1/2 cup chopped nuts (pecans is what I use)

6 tbsp. butter

Mix all topping ingredients. Spread on top of potato mixture. Bake 20-30 min. Place miniature marshmallows on top of souffle. Cook for about 10 min. longer or until brown

# **FUEL UP** All Year Long!

During the month of January, 2021 finance or refinance your auto loan for a chance to win free fuel for **2021** That is a \$2600 cash value! Come see us for low rates and

full gas tanks.

## For details visit www.EnvisionCU.com/Fuel

\*Must be 18 years or older to enter. No purchase or payment is necessary to enter or to win. Employees of Envision Credit Union and their immediate family members are not eligible for the drawing. Additional restrictions apply. See Official Rules. Void where prohibited by law. Winner will be chosen by random drawing of all eligible entries on or about February 12, 2021. For Official Rules, visit www.EnvisionCU.com or call 850-942-9000 or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 5198, Tallahassee, FL 32314.











## FALL TRAINING



Each Columbus Day we come together as a company to accomplish many things. We established the focus that will help us continue to push towards our goals. We trained different ways to provide better service to our members. Most importantly, we use this day to celebrate each other. Envision serves areas in North Florida and South Georgia. We cherish these moments that we do get to spend together. At Envision, we believe that where you bank matters. However, where you work also matters.

We also celebrated some very important milestones. We recognized the following employees for their long-term years of service to our members:

- Sandy W. ~ 5 Years
- June C. ~ 5 Years
- Sandy C. ~ 5 Years
- Cortney M. ~ 5 Years Stephanie S. ~ 15 Years
- Carrie K. ~ 15 Years
- Robert S. ~ 15 Years
- Katy P. ~ 15 Years
- Carol M. 20 Years Miranda B. – 25 Years

Kim B. – 20 Years

- Dikki E. 25 Years
- Teresa V. 25 Years
- Hollie M. 30 Years
- Becky W. 40 Years



Over the past few months, we renovated our Chattahoochee Financial **Center** to better serve the community.



#### October 15th was International Credit Union Day.

We asked our social media followers to celebrate with us by sharing what they love most about being an Envision member. Here's what they said:

" I love the friendly staff that makes you feel welcomed. I love how they help educate their members. We love MoneyWise Wednesday!" ~ Laura

> " I love the rates. I've refinanced a few loans and always received a better rate." ~ Candace

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For more information about the products and services available please visit www.EnvisionCU.com/1stMembers or give us a call at 850-942-9000, ext2117 for Pati.



OUR MEMBERS ARE Everything to Us!

#### **OUR MEMBERS SAY IT BEST!**

"The drive thru is very convenient with a carload of kids." ~ Tabitha

"I love the loyalty of the credit union. The member service in Thomasville is awesome. ~ Yolanda

"Bevond excellent member service in office and drive thru. Wouldn't trade Envision for a thing!" ~ Megan

#### WE'RE HERE TO HELP!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR Classroom Grant Winners!

EVERY QUARTER, teachers from all twelve of our counties compete for one of Envision's twelve \$500 Classroom Grants to fund projects. Congratulations to these twelve wonderful teachers, and thank you for all you do for our community's students!



JANIE TUCKER REGISTER Fort Braden School



**HEATHER LIGHT** Hawks Rise Elementary



JENNIFER VANDERHOOF Killearn Lakes Elementary School



AMON RWITO Kate Sullivan Elementary School



ASHLEY GARRISON Brownsville Preparatory Institute



**BRANDI MIRANDA** 

Thomasville County Central High School

DOTTIE SCHAFFNER Kate Sullivan Elementary



SHAYLA LIGHTFOOT-BROWN

Apalachee Tapestry Magnet School

ASHLEY ALBRITTON Kate Sullivan Elementary



**BUFORD MANION** 

James A. Shanks Middle School

HANAH S. TAYLOR Hand In Hand Primary



**KENDRA REEVES** Thomas County Middle School





We are the proud recipient of the Desjardins award from CUNA as the League of Southeastern Credit Unions Florida recipient recognizing our support of financial education in partnership with the City of Tallahassee for 2019 Hurricane preparation. Envision reminded residents of the financial preparedness along with the city's physical preparedness aspect of their 2019 workshops.

#### What are the Desjardins Financial Education Awards?

CUNA created the Desjardins program to recognize leadership within the credit union movement on behalf of financial literacy for all ages. Naming the award after Alphonse Desjardins emphasizes the movement's long-time commitment to youth. Besides founding the first credit unions in Canada and the U.S., Desjardins pioneered youth savings clubs and in-school "banks," known as caisses scolaires.

#### **Eligible Activites**

The recognition program considers all activities supporting the personal finance education of members and non-members, including, but not limited to, faceto-face teaching using proprietary materials and curricula, such as the NEFE High School Financial Planning Program<sup>®</sup> (HSFPP), as well as financial literacy leadership efforts.

"Through this partnership with Envision, City residents are educated with the information they need to make informed, thoughtful decisions that help them prepare financially for disasters, thus reducing the financial impact of disasters on their families. The City is grateful for the partnership with Envision and hopes to continue this relationship for many years to come."

Members of Envision's senior staff are shown here accepting the 2020 Desjardins Award presented by the League of Southeastern Credit Unions.



Alphonse Desjardins May 1841 - June 1912

He was born in Terrebonne, Quebec. He was a lawyer, journalist, businessman and politician. He owned a tile factory and participated in the founding of the Banque Jacques-Cartier, which later became part of the National Bank of Canada. He also served as a cabinet minister and Minister of Militia and Defence for two short periods. He became mayor of Montreal from 1893-1894.

#### Kilisha Fain

- NEIGHBORHOOD AFFAIRS
- Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs, City of Tallahassee



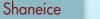


Thank you to everyone who follows our Facebook page! Here are the winners for the ....

#### LUNCH ON US WINNERS



#### These winners won \$20 for **lunch** at a local restaurant because they used their debit card.



Shavon





Sheri

Summer

## SWIPE, SIGN & WIN! WINNER



**DRIVE THRU** WINNER

AUGUST







These winners won a \$50 VISA® aift card for using their mobile app to deposit their check.



Alicia



Joanna



Kara



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#### Debbie Sullivan

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# IT'S ALL ABOUT GIVING BACK & COMMUNICY.

#### **ENVISION** RECEIVES LCSU GRANT

After receiving a \$6,500 grant from the Southeastern Credit Union Foundation for our support of local businesses during COVID-19, we wanted to give back again. Help us congratulate the lucky businesses that you helped to nominate – each received a \$500 grant! And thank you to all our members who shopped local on November 28th, which was Small Business Saturday.

- The American Bainbridge, GA
- Burrito Boarder Tallahassee, FL
- The Crum Box Gastgarden Tallahassee, FL
- Gaines Street Pies Capital Circle Tallahassee, FL
- Miss Kitty Feline Sanctuary, Inc. Thomasville, GA
- Northside Seafood Restaurant Chattahoochee, FL
- Reeves Gifts Jewelry & More Bainbridge, GA
- Rutabaga Cafe Chattahoochee, FL
- S&B Quality Cleaning Monitcello, FL
- Southern Craft Creamery Marianna, FL
- Sweet Beans Coffee House Marianna, FL
- Sweet Cacao Chocolates Thomasville, GA
- Tasty Pastry Bakery Tallahassee, FL

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## AVOID SCAMMERS & PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION!

Protect yourself and your information from fraud. Fraud has become increasingly common and scammers are cleverer than ever before with the help of new technology. That's why Envision takes every precaution in helping our members avoid fraud. Check out these tips from your Envision family to help you stay aware and informed.

- Pick a strong password, keep it secure, and change it frequently.
- Do not share your personal, banking, or credit card information with people you don't know or trust.
- Use multi-authentication for account logins and avoid using the same passwords for multiple websites
- Download the Card Valet app to monitor your debit card transactions.

For more information visit **www.EnvisionCU.com** 

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