

THE NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF ENVISION CREDIT UNION

SPRING 2019



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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

# OUR COMMUNITY, OUR VICTORY!

## "When we work together, we all win".

The front cover headline continues to illustrate the Envision cooperative banking model and its impact on our members and communities. As you read this newsletter I hope you are as excited as I am that together our version of a cooperative banking model is working well.

I also hope you swell with pride at the depth of "our" contributions (and believe me when I say our I mean YOU and Envision). Check out how "our" community involvement is impacting our communities! What an impact our Classroom Grants, School Grants, Tag-A-Teacher Supply Cakes are making (please don't forget about our others like our Swipe for School Program and the Best and Brightest Scholarships).

I promise we will continue to work hard on our part of this cooperative relationship by keeping your banking needs foremost. As you plan for your new year, please look to Envision first to help you budget and save. Please review your needs and allow us to assist you to meet your short and long-term goals. Please also look to us for all your lending needs. Our loan products have been specifically designed with our membership needs in mind. We offer great rates and flexible terms.

And lastly, please become familiar with all the ways that you can access your accounts. Our home banking and mobile products are robust. Our call center provides great care when you call or chat with us. AND in case you haven't noticed we have introduced a New Drive Thru Experience at most of our locations (7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday – Saturday)!

As always please know that we know you have choices and we are extremely grateful for your membership.

## "Where you bank matters"

Sincerely,



Darryl G. Worrell President/CEO



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# MEMBER APPRECIATION WEEK

During the week of February 11-15, everyone is a winner! That week marks our Member Appreciation Week celebration. There will be tables of FREE giveaways all week long.

But the winning doesn't stop there. Be sure to ask any one of our representatives about our Amazon<sup>TM</sup> Prize Pack. You can register on our website. We'd also be more than happy to get you registered. Please visit www.EnvisionCU.com/ MemberAppreciation for more details.

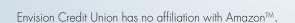




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### **OUR 2019 HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

MONDAY, MAY 27TH

THURSDAY, JULY 4TH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH through SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

PRESIDENTS' DAY

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COLUMBUS DAY

**VETERANS DAY** THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

**CHRISTMAS** 

Online Banking is available 24/7 at www.EnvisionCU.com and on the Envision Mobile App.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

# RECENT MEMBER CONTEST WINNERS!



Thank you to everyone who follows our Facebook page! Here are some of the winners we've had over the last few months.

# YOU'RE A WINNER!

## TAG-A-TEACHER SUPPLY CAKE WINNERS



MS. BELL Astoria Park Elementary



MS. McNEAL James A. Shanks Middle School



MS. HILL Riversprings Middle School







MS. AVALLO W.T. Moore Elementary

# HALLOWEEN COOKIE CONTEST





THANKS-GIVEAWAY



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## HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST



# HOLIDAY TRADITION CONTEST



#### **FIVE GOLDEN GIVEAWAYS**



WEEK 1



WEEK 2



WEEK 3



WEEK 4



**STEPHANIE** WEEK 5

## SWIPE, SIGN, AND WIN WINNERS

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NOVEMBER

## **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.



**BLAINE BROOKS** 



CHERYL FINKBEINER



CINDY CARNES Thomas County Central High School



**ERICA MENDOZA** 



**ERIKA RAE BETTINGER** The School of Arts



JENNIFER SPILEWSKI



**JAMIE COX** 



JON MIZELL Washington Middle School







Thomas County Middle School



LINDA KEAYS Medart Elementary



ARNEKUA JACKSON Hartsfield Elementary



LACACIA SWAN Springwood Elementary

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# THE VOTES ARE IN!

# OUR SCHOOL GRANT CONTEST WINNERS



Congratulations to the top three winners of our \$6,000 grant contest! With over 8,000 votes, the top three winners were chosen each received \$2,000 for their projects.



#### Cross Creek Elementary Thomasville, GA

Because of increased state and local pressure to succeed on standardized testing, American students are becoming more stressed; thus finding it harder to learn and becoming disconnected from the world around them. Most students are outside less than an hour a day. Cross Creek Elementary will be using their grant dollars to expand their outdoor classroom, providing a more engaging and natural learning environment for their almost 855 students, with the intention to share their space with neighboring schools and grades.



#### Whigham School Whigham, GA

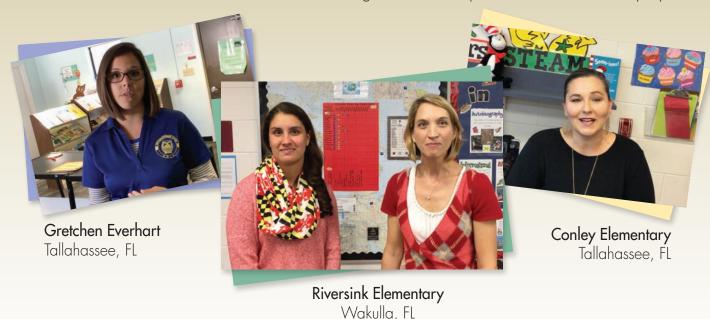
Whigham School's goal for the 2018-2019 school year is to focus on balanced literacy. Students are not always receptive to learning new vocabulary terms and academic language. With their grant, they will integrate Flocabulary into their curriculum to help accomplish this goal. Flocabulary is an online program that uses pop/rap music videos to explain difficult concepts to students. With Flocabulary, Whigham School's entire student population of approximately 470 students will have access to the benefits of interactive and energetic vocabulary practice.



#### DeSoto Trail Tallahassee, FL

Desoto Trail will be using their grant money to go towards adding technology enhancements to their already established Sensory Room. This unique space helps students get into a frame of mind through which they can pay attention, focus, cooperate, and develop their social skills... This project prioritizes the needs of students with disabilities while providing a resource that all 689 of their students may use on an as-needed basis.

Congratulations are also in order for the other three finalists who made it into the top six. Each of these schools will receive an honorable mention gift of \$200 to put towards their school projects.



Thank you to all of the schools that participated in our contest. If you are an educator and would like to find out more about our ongoing Classroom Grant program. Visit us at www.EnvisionCU.com/ **Educators** for more information

### THERE'S A LOT TO KNOW ABOUT MONEY



Most people look at financial literacy as another language and something that can be too difficult to discuss...but it doesn't have to be! We are excited to announce a calendar packed with financial education workshops all across North Florida and South Georgia, both online and in person. With so many workshop opportunities, you are sure to gain the tools you need to accomplish your 2019 goals. Find a workshop online or in your area now at www.EnvisionCU.com/workshops.

CHECK OUT ONE OF OUR FREE WORKSHOPS!

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# ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF

# OUR NEW DRIVE THRU EXPERIENCE!



Here's a few details and tips to help you navigate our New Drive Thru Experience

- Convenient hours Monday Saturday 7am 7pm EST
- 24/7 availability as a smart ATM
- Please touch the screen to speak with the teller
- Debit card is not necessary if you want to speak with
- Machines take up to 30 checks or bills at one time Please endorse items prior to deposit. Tellers can't provide pens

#### It pays to try new things!

Thanks to all our contest winners! They each won a brand-new Apple iPad mini, just for trying out our New Drive Thru Experience!







Russell

## VISIT US AT THE HOME SHOW FEBRUARY 8-10TH

Envision is excited to be a part of the 28th Annual North Florida Home Show February 8th - 10th. This event is a home owner's paradise! With vendors from every facet of the home industry, visitors are sure to find ideas and resources to help them accomplish all their goals. From new construction and remodeling, to landscaping, lighting, heating and air conditioning, financing and more! Financing is our specialty. We'll be the very first booth on the right when you enter. Come see us and be entered for the chance to win a \$100 Home Depot Gift Card. Visit www.EnvisionCU.com/homeshow for details and a coupon for \$2.00 off admission.







# YOUR ENVISION DEBIT CARD!

Everyone loves winning, and the key to victory is right in your pocket. Envision Credit Union offers a great debit card with reward points to all checking accounts. While shopping for groceries, toys, clothes, gas, online monthly subscriptions, and everything else you'll earn uChoose points simply by swiping and signing your Envision Credit Union VISA debit card. Earn points in more ways with your Envision Credit Union debit card and choose from millions of rewards you truly want. The choices are endless. Every purchase made with your debit card earns points redeemable for gift cards, merchandise, vacation packages, hotels, and cruises. Earning points is easy and free! It's as easy as swiping or inserting your debit and signing for your purchase.



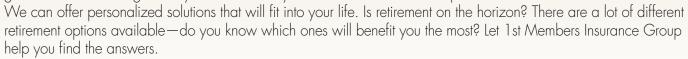
With every swipe/insert and sign, Envision donates money to feed students in North Florida and South Georgia. We call this our Swipe For Schools program. Also, you could be entered to win a \$100 Visa™ gift card through our Swipe, Sign, & Win program. All you have to do is swipe and sign 25 in a month and you're automatically entered.



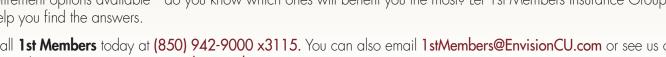
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\*APR: Annual Percentage Rate. Minimum Loan Amount is \$10,000 and must be the current or previous model year with less than 15,000 miles. Terms of up to 72 months at 2.99% Annual Percentage Rate are available to qualified applicants who meet normal credit worthiness criteria; have a minimum credit score of 730; have an open and current Envision credit card and checking account with automatic payments. All rates and terms are based on credit analysis and loan to value of collateral as determined using Envision Credit Union's collateral criteria. This is a Limited Time Offer. Not available on existing auto loans at Envision Credit Union and the Credit Union reserves the right to change the terms of or discontinue this offer at any time without notice.

# SPRING INTO SAVINGS WITH

# LOVE MY CREDIT REWARDS!

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## DOWNTOWN FINANCIAL CENTER UPDATE



Construction of our new Downtown Financial Center at 600 North Monroe, is coming along nicely. With that said, the drive-thru is

open and fully functional! Please come enjoy the wonders of our new drive thru experience: extended hours. paperless transactions, and 24/7 smart ATM access.



## TAXES GOT YOU DOWN?





You can get prepared by checking these off your list:

#### ☐ GATHER YOUR INFORMATION

Gather any important receipts, paperwork, and financial statements early. To access your Envision statements, simply use your Online Banking account to download your past 12 months of eStatements.

#### ☐ CALCULATE YOUR DEDUCTIONS

When you're preparing to file your taxes, don't forget to account for deductions! Things like IRA account contributions, mortgage interest payments, and charitable donations can all serve as tax deductions if you meet the appropriate criteria.

#### ☐ FILE EARLY

As we move deeper into the digital age, tax fraud is on the rise. Limit your risk of falling victim to tax fraud by filing early. Check this off your list ASAP and you'll feel great!

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