Nomination Committee Report

The following persons have been nominated to stand for election at Wildfire Credit Union’s Annual Meeting to be held on February 27, 2021:

Board of Directors (Three Positions)

Other nominations to stand for election for the Wildfire Credit Union Board of Directors may be made in writing by petition. Petition forms are available from the credit union office. One percent of the Wildfire Credit Union membership (approximately 490 members) must sign the petition for nomination. Completed petition forms must be filed with the President/CEO at the credit union office no later than January 12, 2021.

Shred Day

As we continue to navigate through the many COVID 19 challenges we are currently facing, we find it necessary for the health and safety of our members, staff and the staff of Shred Experts to cancel our Shred Day scheduled for October 15th. We are planning to be able to offer our Shred days again in 2021.

Christmas Club

Christmas Club funds will be deposited into savings accounts on October 15, 2020. Didn’t have a Christmas Club account this year? Just stop in or call our call center to open one for next year. It’s a great way to save and not have to worry about your holiday gift giving.

Wildfire is the Greatest of the Great Lakes Bay!

Wildfire Credit Union has been selected “Greatest of the Great Lakes Bay” for credit unions for the 2nd year in a row!! Readers of the Great Lakes Bay Magazine chose Wildfire as the best credit union in the region. Thank you to all our members for making us the Greatest of the Great Lakes Bay!
Be Aware!

Facebook, it’s a great way to stay in touch with old friends, former classmates, and family that may be miles away. This great way to stay connected has not gone unnoticed by scammers, who now are using Facebook Messenger as a means to create fraud.

The scams usually begin with someone impersonating your old friend, former classmate or family member via Facebook Messenger. The scammer strikes up a conversation to create trust. Once they have your trust they will likely inform you they have information on how to obtain grant money, prizes or maybe even government stimulus funds. They will ask you to send a text message to a number that they control, you will then receive a text asking you to pay an upfront fee and/or supply personal information to collect your money or prize. You will never receive this money or prize and you will be out the money.

There are some simple ways to reduce your risk of becoming a victim:

• No one should be asking for money from you so that you can get money.
• Don’t assume that the person contacting you is who they claim to be.
• Test them. Ask a question they would only know the answer to (maybe something like what was my childhood dog’s name?).
• Ask yourself why they want to take the conversation off Facebook Messenger. This is a big red flag.
• Turn on two-factor authentication and encourage your friends to do the same. This would require anyone trying to log in to your Facebook account to supply a special code. This is usually provided via text message before they can log in.

Again, Facebook is a great tool for communicating and catching up, just always, Be Aware!

Community Spotlight

It’s back to school time, and though that may look different this year, there is still a need for supplies for our school kids. This year through our Wildfire Facebook page we asked our Facebook followers to nominate teachers who they would like to see have a chance to win one of three $1,000 Visa gift cards to help with this year’s school expenses. We had an overwhelming response. Six finalists were chosen and the voting for the winners was also on Facebook. Our $1,000 winners were teachers from Meridian Elementary, Meridian Early College and Bush Elementary in Essexville. We were also happy to award our other 3 finalists a $500 Visa Gift Card. Those winning schools are, Arthur Hill High School, North Saginaw Charter Academy, and Bangor Lincoln Elementary. Thanks to these teachers and all the other dedicated teachers who educate and care for our children so they can continue to learn and grow.