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We’d like to recognize and thank Shirley Shea for her support to the Loretta M. Burd Scholarship Program. We are very grateful for such a great community partner!

Watch for more details to come available at the beginning of 2020.

www.centra.org/scholarships

2020 Loretta M. Burd SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications Open Jan. 10 - Feb. 29

Holiday Giving is coming soon!

Save the date for the Centra Foundation Holiday Giving Program! Donations will be accepted in all Centra Branches November 29th – December 14th. The Centra Foundation is the charitable arm of Centra Credit Union and was formed to extend the Credit Union mission of People Helping People. The Centra Foundation is Centered on Caring and aims to involve Centra Members and friends in supporting charitable efforts that help meet the needs of communities where Centra Members work and live.

One main focus is the Holiday Giving Program which focuses on providing monetary donations for local nonprofits who purchase gifts for children and families in need during the holiday season.

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Dear Members, We want to share how the changing rate environment is affecting your personal finances. The rates on some deposit and loan products are impacted by those set by the Federal Reserve (the Fed), which is the central bank of the United States. Last year, the Fed increased the rates four times, and economic forecasters predicted additional increases in 2019, but now that forecast has changed. In the third quarter of this year, the Fed lowered the federal rate, and we expect more rate decreases in the coming months. With this change, the increased rates that you might have seen on deposit and loan products will begin to lower. These changes could have an impact on your personal finances, so you should be prepared. Whether you are a borrower, a saver, an investor, or all three, now is a great time to visit with your Centra Team Members to discuss what these rate changes mean for you.

The rate environment also makes it a great time to review your long-term financial plans. Did you know that Centra Financial Services, LLC (CFS) is a wholly owned company of Centra Credit Union established in 1989 to provide products and services to Centra Members? CFS has a full range of options including Investments (mutual funds, stocks/bonds, securities, managed accounts), Retirement Planning, Education Savings Plans, and Insurance (life, auto and home), as well as Estate Planning, Trust Services, and Financial Planning. Our CFS Advisors have over 30 years of combined Centra experience (more than 80 years of combined experience in the financial services industry) and stand ready to help with your financial planning needs.

As we enter the Holiday Season, we look forward to many cheerful celebrations, but we also have to be aware of our security. As you plan your holidays, we encourage you to take a few steps to prepare and protect yourself against potential fraud. Visit Centra’s Fraud Awareness webpage, check that your contact information with us is up-to-date, register your debit card in our new MasterCard ID Theft protection, and set up your preferred transaction alerts to easily track your spending and account balances. Coming soon, you’ll also be able to control when, where, and how your cards are used with CardControl. If you have any questions, our Team Members are ready to help. Before we move into 2020, we also want to reflect on how 2019 has been another exciting year for Centra. We have continued to grow while consistently improving the value we return to our Members. This year we opened a new branch in Salem, introduced Interactive Teller Machines with extended hours for Members, significantly reduced the hold times at our Contact Center with a new call tree process and investments in our data lines, and worked diligently to assist over 150,000 Centra Members with their financial goals for spending, saving, borrowing, investing, and protecting their money. With all these Member benefits, there is a lot to be thankful for this Holiday Season, but you’re at the top of the list! We are already looking forward to 2020 and continuing to honor our commitment to being “Centered Around You.”

Sincerely,

- Rick Silvers

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Fraud Prevention

Fraud prevention is a lot like having insurance; you want it when you need it. You don’t think about the need for fraud prevention until you have been the victim of fraud. In the same way insurance can prevent the loss of an object, fraud prevention can help prevent the loss of your private information to fraudsters. There are different ways to monitor and protect your personal information from each type of fraud. All of them involve safeguarding such as passwords, account numbers, card numbers, and Social Security Numbers.

Protecting your personal information is an ongoing process and requires consistent action. You should always be aware of who has your personal information. Only share this information when you can confirm the identity and validity of the person requesting it. There is no such thing as asking too many questions when you need to verify that a phone call or email is not fraudulent. Even when you are cautious, these are professional scam artists, and they can be difficult to spot. Just remember—you can never be too careful when it comes to your private information.

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Going Places

Call Conway Tours at 812-379-9811 to learn more about how you can take part in these 2020 trips as a Centra Credit Union Member!

Switzerland and Germany with Oberammergau Passion Play
July 14 – 22, 2020
Oberammergau Passion Play, Wies Church, Neuschwanstein Castle, Black Forest, Chanteau de Chillon, Zermatt, Mattehorns Museum, Grimsel Pass, Lucerne.

Norwegian Costal Voyage
August 3 – 14, 2020

Canyon Country
September 29 – Oct 6, 2020
Scottsdale, Oak Creek Canyon, Kaibab National Forest, Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Choices on Tour, Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park, Las Vegas.

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