



MONTANA EDUCATORS' CREDIT UNION

Everything we do, we do for you!

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A note from the CEO

Do you need to take steps to protect your identity? If you are like my husband and only use a flip phone, are completely unfamiliar with social media, don't have an email address and never venture out on the Internet you are probably safe. However, most of us enjoy an online presence and many have already had a taste of ID theft with a compromised card or hacked email. We love our members here at MeCU and want you to be safe as you engage in cyber activities so we have two great tools to use to protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft.

First up—KASASA PROTECT

This new service provides the tools you need to protect your identity!

- 24/7 Credit Monitoring
- Annual credit reports and monthly credit score tracker
- Dark Web Monitoring
- Lost wallet protection
- Email alerts
- Credit alerts
- Full service identity restoration

This protection can monitor your Social Security Number, phone numbers, email addresses, driver's license, credit and debit cards, bank accounts and routing numbers and even your medical identification numbers.

Similar services can cost up to \$30 per month, but we are offering this comprehensive product to Kasasa checking account holders for the low cost of **\$6 per month**. If you don't have a Kasasa account you can still sign up for the service for \$9 per month. Joint account holders can sign up for the service as well for only \$5 per month.

Members, this is a great deal—I signed up. Please go to our website mtedcu.org, click on Services & Tools and learn more about Kasasa Protect. Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Next—CardNav by CO-OP

Did you know your MeCU debit card can be controlled by your smart device using the FREE CardNav app? This is what you can do with the app:

- Turn your card on or off from your device—handy if you misplace your card.
- Set geographic areas where your card will work (travel alerts).
- Set alerts for transactions so you are notified when the card is used.
- Authorize International transactions and so much more!



Please note it is a good practice to turn off international transactions since so many fraud disputes originate outside of the US. You can always turn them back on for an international transaction that you initiate, then turn it back off.

Thank you for taking time to read this information and here's to a safe and secure 2020!

Leslie Womack, President/CEO



MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Orville Getz Scholarship Now Open

Montana Educators' Credit Union and the Getz family is proud to recognize Julie McCarthy-McClaverty, a principal at Hellgate Elementary and a long-time MeCU member, as the 2019-2020 Orville Getz Memorial Scholarship recipient. The \$1,000 scholarship is given annually to an educator who is pursuing a master's degree or an advanced administration degree at the University of Montana.

The scholarship is administered through the Phyllis J. Washington School of Education and Human Science. Applications for the 2020-2021 scholarship are being accepted through mid-February and is open to accredited teachers participating in master's level courses within College of Education and Human Sciences and are currently employed as a P-12 licensed teacher or school administrator. Recipients must be from Missoula, Sanders, Mineral, Ravalli or Granite counties and preference is given to current employees of Victor Public Schools and to members of the Montana Educators Credit Union.

MEET OUR NEW LOAN OFFICER JOHN MCEWEN

We are happy to introduce our new loan officer John McEwen. John is a veteran of the credit union industry and joined MeCU in October.

A native of Helena, John attended the University of Montana and has an associates degree in accounting from Helena College. He completed the National Association of Federal Credit Unions Management and Leadership Institute and is also a Certified Credit Union Financial Counselor. John is active with Montana's Credit Unions having served on the Governmental Relations Counsel and the Young Professionals Program.

John has held a variety of positions over the years at Rocky Mountain Credit Union in Helena and was the VP of Lending at Embark Credit Union in Great Falls.

An avid Griz football fan, John also spends his time as a pitching coach for Montana Warriors Softball in Helena. Welcome John!

2020 Holiday Closures

Martin Luther King Day	Jan 20
Presidents Day	Feb 17
Memorial Day	May 25
Labor Day	Sep 7
Columbus Day	Oct 12
Veterans Day	Nov 11
Thanksgiving Day	Nov 26
Christmas Day	Dec 25

Please look for early closures on July 3, November 25, December 24 and December 31.

