

STAY ALERT: PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FRAUD

Fraudsters are constantly finding new ways to impersonate financial institutions, businesses and even people you know. Their messages may look legitimate and often create a sense of urgency to get you to act quickly.

Remember: Fort Financial will never call, text or email asking you to provide your card number, PIN, digital banking password or one-time authentication code.

Be cautious of unexpected links, requests to move money or messages pressuring you to act immediately. **If something doesn't seem right, stop and verify before taking action.**

SEASONED MORTGAGE PROFESSIONAL JOINS FFCU

We're excited to welcome **David Wingate, NMLS# 444700**, to Fort Financial as a dedicated **Mortgage Loan Originator** serving our Indiana branches. With over 20 years of credit union and mortgage experience, David brings the knowledge and guidance to help make the homebuying process easier from start to finish.

Whether you're just beginning to explore your options, ready for a pre-qualification or pre-approval, or looking to compare financing options, David and our experienced mortgage team are here to help you find the right path forward.

If you believe your account information may be compromised or you notice suspicious activity, please contact us at **260.432.1561** or visit your local branch.

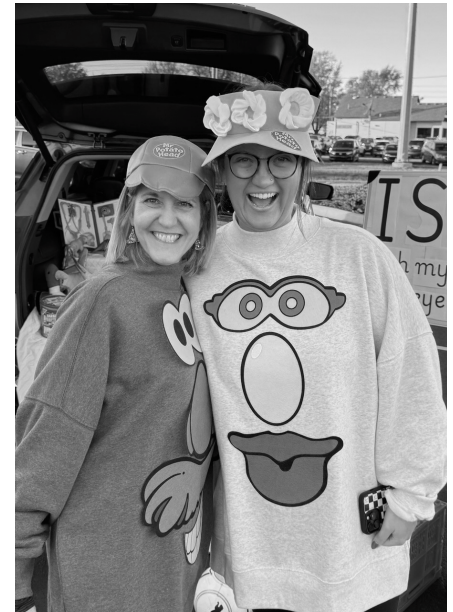
Be prepared to provide details about what you noticed and continue monitoring your accounts closely.

The sooner we're notified, the faster we can help protect your account. Learn more about common warning signs and ways to protect your accounts at fortfinancial.org/security or check out our blog post at fortfinancial.org/money-knowledge-center.

Our mortgage team offers:

- A convenient application process by phone, in person or online
- A variety of mortgage terms and financing options
- Clear guidance and information throughout the process

Visit fortfinancial.org/mortgage for more information or contact David at **260.435.5275** or at david.wingate@fortfinancial.org to get started.



FALL FUN WITH FORT FINANCIAL

Fort Financial is **excited to be participating in a number of community events** this spooky season! Be sure to come out and see us at these family-friendly activities!

- **Thursday, October 15 | 6–8 PM**
Fort Financial Trunk or Treat Fort Financial Corporate Office 8815 Lima Road, Fort Wayne, IN
- **Tuesday, October 20 | 5:30–8 PM**
Corinth/Alcorn County Parks & Recreation Annual Trail of Treats 309 South Parkway Street, Corinth, MS
- **Saturday, October 24 | 1–3 PM**
St. Joseph Township Truck & Treat 6033 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, IN
- **Saturday, October 31 | 11:30 AM–7 PM**
Churubusco Halloween Fest 204 North Line Street, Churubusco, IN



2026 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS SELECTED

Taya Turner, Zoey Kingsolver, Emma Vachon and Austen McGlothlin were selected as recipients of the 2026 Fort Financial Scholarship Program.

Taya is a 2026 graduate of Snider High School, where she ranked eighth in a class of 439 students and earned a 4.89 grade-point average. She is attending Eckerd College (FL) to pursue a degree in Marine Biology, with a particular interest in shark conservation and marine ecosystems.

Zoey is a 2025 Bishop Dwenger High School graduate and a sophomore at Clemson University, where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. She made the President's List her first semester spent the summer working at the Fort Wayne YMCA as a sports camp counselor.

Emma is a 2026 graduate of Norwell High School, where she ranked fifth in a class of 196 students and earned a 4.59 grade-

point average, in addition to a decorated career on the volleyball court. She is continuing her academic and athletic career at Aurora University (IL), where she is studying psychology and playing volleyball.

Austen is a 2026 graduate of Central Noble High School and is attending Purdue University to study Theatre and Creative Writing. She graduated in the top 10 of her class with an Academic Honors Diploma and received numerous recognitions for her work in theater, music and athletics. Her accomplishments include earning Central Noble Theatre Company's Best Actress award in both 2025 and 2026, serving as a varsity captain on the basketball team and receiving several Indiana State School Music Association honors.

Read more about our scholarship recipients online at fortfinancial.org/scholarships and be on the lookout next spring for our 2027 Scholarship Program.

HOLIDAY BRANCH CLOSURES - ALL LOCATIONS

COLUMBUS DAY

Monday, October 12th

VETERANS DAY

Wednesday, November 11th

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th

CHRISTMAS EVE

Branches will close at 12 pm (noon) Thursday, December 24th

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25th

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Branches will close at 12 pm (noon) Thursday, December 31st

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Friday, January 1st, 2027



Fort Financial Credit Union is a part of the CO-OP Shared Branch Network. Members have access to more than 5,000 locations nationwide. Learn more at fortfinancial.org/shared-branching.



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