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## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

**Friday, April 10, 2020**  
*Good Friday*

Lobbies Close at Noon &  
Drive Ups re-open 3-6p.m.

**Monday, May 25, 2020**  
*Memorial Day*  
Closed

**Saturday, May 23, 2020**  
Downtown office lobby  
will be closed

**JOIN US AT THE HERITAGE DAYS PARADE ON SATURDAY JUNE 20TH!**

## How Not to Become a Victim of Social Security Fraud



You've probably received one: A recorded call warns of a problem with your Social Security number. To fix it and avoid legal action, you're told, you must call back immediately — and pay up.

Many people know to ignore these calls. But the criminals can be so convincing that some people fall victim to the schemes and end up losing money

It's not clear whether the volume of calls is increasing, but the government is getting thousands of complaints about them, Gail Ennis, the Social Security Administration's inspector general, said in a call this week with reporters. The office has received about 250,000 online complaints since unveiling a new, dedicated digital reporting form in November.

Other regulators report a flood of reports as well. The Federal Trade Commission says its fraud network received more than 166,000 complaints last year about fraudulent Social Security calls, with individual losses averaging about \$1,500. And the Senate's Special Committee on Aging said Social Security impersonation schemes were the most-reported on its fraud hotline last year.

But stopping the calls is challenging.

Congress last year passed the TRACED Act (for the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act), which requires telecommunications companies to adopt technology to identify "spoofed" calls — calls that criminals make using phone numbers that mimic legitimate calls on your phone. But the Federal Communications Commission must set rules for how the law is carried out, which will take time.

Here are some questions and answers about fake Social Security calls:

### What should I do if I think a call is fraudulent?

Don't answer calls from unfamiliar numbers. Instead, let them go to voicemail — or an answering machine, advised Kathy Stokes, director of fraud prevention programs with AARP. Then listen to the message, and delete it if it's suspicious.

If you do answer the phone and the caller demands money, hang up — don't give out personal information.

Report the call to the inspector general's office at the Social Security Administration, online at <https://oig.ssa.gov/>

Anyone can get a Social Security fraud call, but older people may be more vulnerable because they are more likely to rely on benefits for living expenses, and some schemes threaten a suspension of benefits.

### How can I avoid getting spam calls?

It's hard to eliminate robocalls, but some tools may help reduce them. The Federal Communications Commission suggests, to contact your cellphone company about screening tools or filters that can help block or reduce spam calls. You can also register your phone number on the Federal Trade Commission's Do Not Call List, which won't stop illegal calls but can help reduce calls from telemarketers.

## *Congrats to the 2020 Winners of the annual “Swipe to Win” Competition*



Susan Brown owner of Ideal Securities received her \$500 check from Marketing Director, Amanda Stroup.

Andrew Roberts was presented his \$500 check from Marketing Assistant, Morgan Miller.



## *Senior Expo 2020*

The operative words are “free, “fun” and “informative” when the Huntington County Council on Aging presents its **16th annual Huntington County Senior Expo** on May 16th, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Huntington University Field House.

Featuring free admission, the expo includes free breakfast, free lunch and free snacks, encouraging visitors to stick around for a while to experience some fun and get some information about your community.

***We can't wait to see you there!!***

## *Meet the Staff*



***Julia Bazur Eichler***

Julia Bazur Eichler is the Branch Manager for the Maysville office in Fort Wayne. Julia has been with First Federal Savings Bank since May of 2015. Julia worked as a Teller and New Accounts Representative before her promotion to branch manager in September 2019. Julia graduated with her Bachelor of Science Degree in December of 2019 from Purdue Fort Wayne. While attending PFW, Julie studied Organizational Leadership with a Human Resource concentration.

Julie and her husband, Chase, will be celebrating one year of marriage at the end of September. The newest member of their family is a seven-month-old Australian Shepherd puppy, named Harper. Julie and her family are also members of St. Jude Catholic Parish in Fort Wayne.

Don't Miss the Annual Shareholders meeting on  
Tuesday April 28, 2020 starting at 1 pm at  
First Federal Savings Bank on 100 Frontage Rd in Huntington.