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First Independent Helps Deter Identity Theft With Free Community Paper Shred and Electronic Recycling Events

First Independent will host four free paper shred and electronic recycling events in April and May to help community members dispose of personal information in a manner that is safe and environmentally friendly.

To deter identity theft, First Independent strongly recommends shredding confidential paper documents and carefully disposing of certain electronic devices, such as PC towers and gaming systems, which may contain confidential user information.

Paper brought to the First Independent events, which are free and open to the public, will be shredded on site. Electronic devices will be trucked to and recycled by Technology Conservation Group in Portland.

The events take place at the following First Independent branches from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on these dates:

- May 1 - Battle Ground, 601 W Main
- May 15 - Fisher's Landing, 1408 SE 164th
- May 22 - Orchards, 10705 NE 4th Plain Rd.

"We all need to be mindful of identity theft. Helping families in the community to safely dispose of sensitive paper and electronic information is just one of many ways that First Independent can help," said Renee Newman, Senior Vice President and Director of Retail Banking. "We hope people will take advantage of one of these free events."

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A full service community bank with assets of nearly \$1 billion, First Independent is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. The bank serves SW Washington and Portland residents and businesses from 20 branches and offices in the region and a variety of online and mobile banking services. Headquartered in Vancouver, WA, with a long tradition of supporting local community organizations, First Independent is committed to enhancing the economic vitality and quality of life in the Pacific Northwest. Member FDIC.