

Member CONNECT

Fall 2023 Edition

Small Business Spotlight: The Old School Trading Post



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to turn your passion into a business? To generate income from something that gives you joy? Have you considered working for yourself, but you weren't sure what it would take? You're not alone! Chris and Amie Corbin, owners of The Old School Trading Post, have

been in your shoes. They know what it's like to start from scratch, unsure how to build a business doing something they love. Twelve years ago, Chris and Amie took the plunge into business ownership and haven't looked back. They've put in hard work, countless hours, and most importantly, passion, which shows in their thriving small-town business in Linton, Indiana. We reached out to Chris and Amie to get an inside view of what it's like when a dream turns into reality. Take a look!



What inspired you to start this business?

I love the outdoors and saw a need for a full service outdoor sporting goods shop in our local community.

What has been your biggest success to date?

Our biggest success is the loyal customers we have accumulated over the years. We've been lucky to be a part of many family vacations and weekend outings. It's been great to watch kids grow up and carry on family traditions in the Greene-Sullivan State Forest. Being included in those

memories means a lot to us. Our customers are the reason for our success and 12 years of growth.

What advice would you give to someone who is thinking about starting their own small business?

Anything is possible if you set your mind to it. Be prepared to work twice as hard as a regular job would require, and be willing to roll with the times. Don't be afraid to make changes and try new things.

How has Crane Credit Union helped you over the years?

Crane has always been there when we needed funding for our crazy ideas. They have worked hard for us to help us grow and keep going. I remember when we were first looking at purchasing the property, a representative from Crane came with me to the site. He listened to my dream and helped make it a reality.



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Statement of Financial Condition

as of 07/31/2023

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| Members..... | 67,415 |
| Total Loans..... | \$734,922,445 |
| Total Shares..... | \$810,839,310 |
| Total Assets..... | \$978,513,500 |

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Annual Meeting Recap

On August 28, 2023 the Board of Directors, staff and members of CCU attended the 67th Annual Meeting. Chairman Gary Gray reviewed Director and Supervisory Committee Nominees and the election process. Bruce Cummings and Patricia Herndon were elected to serve three-year terms as Directors and Dr. Douglas Ranard, Susan Jones, and Quentin Hays were elected to serve one-year terms as Members of the Supervisory Committee in accordance with Credit Union By-Laws.

Gary Gray – Chairman
Dale Padgett – Vice Chairman
Bruce Cummings – Treasurer
David Frye – Secretary
Kenneth Greenwell – Director
Jeff Schafer – Director
Patricia Herndon – Director

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Columbus Day.....Oct 9
Veterans Day.....Nov 11
Thanksgiving Day.....Nov 23
Christmas Day.....Dec 25



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Little Steps, Big Savings

Saving regularly is important. Unexpected expenses can create hardships if you're not prepared. Taking little steps now will help lessen the burden later. Below are five ways to help you get started.

- **Automatic transfers:** Set up automatic transfers from Checking to Savings each month. They'll add up quickly without any extra effort on your end!
- **Delay purchases:** Give yourself time to think about an item that catches your eye. For online purchases, place the item in your shopping cart, then walk away for a few days. This helps with impulse purchasing, and in some cases, it might result in a coupon for the abandoned item!
- **Reduce energy usage:** Any reduction in energy will help save money over the course of a year. Using smart power strips and energy efficient appliances, along with being mindful of your energy usage, can go a long way.
- **Track spending:** Tracking your monthly cash flow (income minus expenditures) makes it easier to set and reach goals. Try using a budget app to visualize your progress.
- **Pay off high-interest debt:** Prioritize paying off high-interest debt. Then, put the money that was used for those payments in savings instead.

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