

## Community Shred Day sponsored Saturday at 1st Pioneer Nat'l Bank

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A "Community Shred" Day is being sponsored by First Pioneer National Bank Saturday, July 18 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The entire community is invited to take their boxes, bags or totes of papers to the north side of the bank and watch while their information is shredded. There's no need to worry about removing staples or paper clips.

With tax season completed, it seems like the perfect time to shred old files that are no longer needed.

Once the truck is full of shredded documents, they're done, so the bank requests each individual to limit the amount of shredding to 10 boxes or less so more people can take advantage of this great opportunity.

The process won't take long and will be time well spent for some peace of mind.

Consumers are urged to protect their identity and personal information by shredding everything—not just some documents while putting others in the trash.

Identity theft and information-based fraud are the fastest growing crimes in the United States.

The Fair Credit and Accurate Transaction Act (FACTA), is a relatively new federal law designed to reduce the risk of consumer fraud and identity theft created by improper disposal of consumer information. It applies to every person and business in the United States.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled an individual gives up ownership of information when it is casually discarded. Individuals must take reasonable measures to prevent unauthorized access to personal information.

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