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ASCEND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION HOSTS SHRED DAY

Helping members avoid identity theft is the idea behind Ascend Federal Credit Union's Shred Day.

From 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, credit union members are invited to bring documents such as cancelled checks, old receipts and other outdated documents with personally identifiable information to the parking lot of Ascend's Manchester financial center located at 1929 McArthur St.

"Shred Day is part of a broader effort to ensure our members have the tools they need to protect their identities," Ascend President and CEO Caren Gabriel said. "For even more protection against identity theft, we encourage them to use our free electronic services."

Those services include e-statements, which allow members to receive their monthly statements online; E-BRANCH, which members can use to view and download their cancelled checks; and E-PAY which enables members to pay bills online.

Now through Feb. 13, members can sign up for e-statements and register for a chance to win a personal shredder to be given away Feb. 15.

The credit union asks that Shred Day items be limited to no more than two small boxes. No newspaper or cardboard will be accepted.

No purchase is necessary to register or win the shredder. Registration forms will be available inside the Manchester financial center until Feb. 13. Ascend employees, officials and any of their family members are not eligible to enter the drawing.

Ascend Federal Credit Union has a financial center on 1929 McArthur St. in Manchester, on 1611 N. Jackson St. in Tullahoma, and on 452 N. Hap Arnold Drive at Arnold Air Force Base. Federally insured by the NCUA, membership is limited.

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