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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Saturday, Aug. 7, credit union members are invited to bring documents such as cancelled checks, old receipts and other outdated documents with personally identifiable information to the parking lot of Ascend's Shelbyville financial center located at 1900 N. Main St..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 Aug. 7, members can sign up for e-statements and register for a chance to win a personal shredder to be given away Aug. 9.

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 Shelbyville financial center until Aug. 7. Ascend employees, officials and any of their family members are not eligible to enter the drawing.

Ascend Federal Credit Union is a full-service financial institution with 15 financial centers in Middle Tennessee. Federally insured by the NCUA, membership is limited.

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