### **BRAZOS STAR CU NEWS**

### Your Quarterly Newsletter — September 30, 2024



Cornerstone Resources is conducting a verification of member accounts. Compare your records and report differences to <u>verification@cornerstoneresources.coop</u>. Please state your name and credit union.

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#### October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!



Our Annual Shred Day Event is scheduled for

October/22/2024

From 9:00AM - 1:00PM at The Credit Union

## The 50th Anniversary of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act!

On October 28, 2024 will mark the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Equal Credit Opportunity. The ECOA was passed at a time when discrimination against women applying for credit was common. For example, mortgage lenders often discounted a married woman's income, especially if she was of childbearing age. Things weren't much better for single women, either. Organizations that lobbied for the passage of ECOA also claimed that mortgage lenders were more likely to deny credit to single women relative to other applicants. It was a turning point for women's rights!



Mortgage loans are now offered through Brazos Star and Tru Home Solutions. We make home ownership and home refinances a breeze.

Answers to your questions are just a phone call or text message away.

# SHRED! SHRED! SHRED!

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Accessibility Notice—Documents Available to Members: Upon request, a member is entitled to review or receive a copy of the most recent version of the following credit union documents: Balance Sheet • Income Statement • Summary of the most recent Annual Audit • Internal Revenue Service Form 990 • Written Board Policy (regarding access to the articles of incorporation, bylaws, rules, guidelines, board policies and copies thereof)



# 10 Auto Buying Tips for a successful purchase experience!

- 1.Get pre-approved from the credit union
- 2. Used Vehicles may provide the best value—call us to check the value!
- 3. Timing is everything
- 4. Get educated on the model you want
- 5. Determine the value of your trade-in
- 6. Sell your old car yourself
- 7. Negotiate the vehicle price first
- 8. Realize everything is negotiable
- 9. Shop online to check pricing
- 10. Sometimes you might have to walk away from a deal

## Ready to Start Holiday Shopping?

The holiday rush is on! Think super sale events like Amazon Prime Days, Walmart Flash Deals, Holiday Deals, and Target Circle Week. All add up to encouraging early shopping with some great market-place opportunities for savings.

Make plans now to create a budget for holiday shopping and gifting. Brazos Star offers an annual interest rate discount on our VISA credit cards, with a prommotional rate of 4.99% APR on retail purchases made between October 1— January 5, 2025 and valid through July 5, 2025\*.

Almost half of holiday shopping will be done online this year. Make sure your credit line is sufficient to meet your needs. Do you need an increase in your line of credit? Simply apply for an increase on our website or give us a quick call! We can help!



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Complaint Notice— If you have a problem with the services provided by this credit union, please contact us at:

Brazos Star Credit Union 701 Harvey Road College Station, TX 77840

Telephone: (979)846-7456 or email: help@brazosstarcu.com

The credit union is incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas and under state law is subject to regulatory oversight by the Texas Credit Union Department. If any dispute is not resolved to your satisfaction, you may also file a complaint against the credit union by contacting the Texas Credit Union Department through one of the means indicated below: In person or by U.S. Mail:

914 East Anderson Lane Austin, Texas 78752-1699

Telephone: (512) 837-9236 Fax Number: (512) 8320278 email: <a href="mailto:complaints@cud.texas.gov">complaints@cud.texas.gov</a> Website: <a href="mailto:www.cud.texas.gov">www.cud.texas.gov</a>