# THE CENLA CIRCULAR

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# IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME! Apply today!



## CLASS OF 2023 Register for your chance to win one of four \$500 scholarships from CenLA Federal Credit Union

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 14** 





O NO ESSAY! Random drawing from qualifying entries\*
Visit cenlafcu.org for contest rules and to register

\*Student and/or parent must be a CenLA FCU member Questions? Call 318.445.7388



## Welcome, Stacy Ward!

CenLA FCU welcomes Stacy Ward as a part-time teller at the Pineville branch. Stacy comes to us with prior banking experience having worked at Union Bank. She is a delight and we are thrilled to have her on the CenLA FCU team.

Stacy has been married to Obie Ward for 25 years and they have two children. Their daughter is in college at LA Tech and their son is a junior at Pineville HS. Stacy enjoys cooking/baking, watching movies, reading and shopping. She is an Executive Board Member for the Alexandria Mardi Gras Association (AMGA) and co-founder of the Krewe of Sirena.

# WELCOME

## Are you drowning in high interest rates on credit cards or other debt but own your house?



Consider lowering your interest rate by borrowing against your house! HELOC rates as low as 8.50% APR.

Call a MSR today @ 318.445.7388

# Upcoming ClosuresApril 7Good FridayApril 8Saturday - Easter WeekendMay 29Memorial DayJune 19Juneteenth Day

#### What is your favorite Easter candy?

Malted Milk Eggs (Robin Eggs) - R. Harvey

Sweet Tarts - H. Zimmerman

Reese's Peanut Butter Eggs - C.Smith

Turtles - Ms. B. Dozier

Cadbury Eggs - B. Jenkins

## What does your family do over Easter weekend?

Egg Hunt - Ms. B. Dozier

Go to church - M. Crawford

Sunrise Service - R. Harvey

We dye eggs with my two brothers and their families and let the kids find them. - H. Zimmerman

Crawfish Boil - B. Jenkins

#### What's for Easter lunch?

Pot roast with potatoes, carrots, and onions - H. Zimmerman

Deviled eggs and ham - Ms. B. Dozier

Ham, broccoli rice and cheese, butter beans and coconut cake - R. Harvey Jor Your Juformation... Do you ever "PAY AHEAD" on your CenLA FCU loan? If so, please make note of two important policy rules related to your payments.

- Your loan due date can not be more than 90 days into the future.
- Even if you do not pay your monthly payment, interest continues to accure on your loan.



# IS MY MONEY SECURE?



#### **Consumers Deposits are Safe at Credit Unions**

The collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) on Friday, March 10, 2023, was the second largest failure of a financial institution in U.S. history. Late Sunday afternoon, the \$110 billion New York-based Signature Bank was closed by the New York Department of Financial Institutions. While credit unions were NOT involved in the failures, it is important to be reminded that credit unions remain strong and viable.

- SVB was heavily concentrated in tech startup companies, entrepreneurs, and venture capital firms, while Signature Bank was heavily focused on banking crypto companies. These unique business models are not representative of most banks and credit unions in the U.S. financial ecosystem.
  - Both banks had a specific, limited customer base, which significantly increased its risk profile.
  - Today's credit unions have a wide membership base, which strengthens our financial position.
- All Louisiana credit unions offer a safe place for members to save their money. All deposits up to \$250,000 are protected and insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund – the same as any other federally insured financial institution (e.g. FDIC).
  - Visit MyCreditUnion.gov for more information about the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund coverage for consumers.
- All Louisiana credit unions are regularly examined by financial regulators to ensure proper management and maintain the safety and soundness of members' money within the institution.
- Louisiana credit union members have never lost a penny of insured savings at a federally insured credit union.

If you have questions or concerns about financial issues you hear in the news, please feel free to reach out to our staff. We are more than happy to discuss these issues with you. *Give us a call at 318.445.7388.* 

# Did you miss the AUTO FLASH SALE in March? Don't worry! It returns JUNE 1-30!



1% APR OFF YOUR AUTO LOAN RATE!



# **CenLA FCU Privacy Policy**

#### WHAT DOES CENLA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION?

Why? Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.

What? The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:

- · Social Security number and income
- · Account balances and payment history
- · Credit history and credit score

When you are no longer our member, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.

How? All financial companies need to share member's personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their member's personal information; the reasons CenLA FCU chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information	Does CenLA FCU share?	Can you limit this sharing?
For our everyday business purposes - such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus	Yes	No
For our marketing purposes - to offer our products and services to you	Yes	No
For joint marketing with other financial companies	Yes	No
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes - information about your transactions and experiences	No	We don't share
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes - information about your creditworthiness	No	We don't share
For nonaffiliates to market to you	No	We don't share

#### Who we are

Who is providing this notice?

CenLA Federal Credit Union

What we do		
How does CenLA FCU protect my personal information?	To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.	
How does CenLA FCU collect my personal information?	<ul> <li>We collect your personal information, for example, when you:         <ul> <li>Open an account or deposit money</li> <li>Pay your bills or apply for a loan</li> <li>Use your credit or debit card</li> </ul> </li> <li>We also collect your personal information from others, such as credit bureaus, affiliates, or other companies.</li> </ul>	
Why can't I limit all sharing?	<ul> <li>Federal law gives you the right to limit only: <ul> <li>Sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes - information about your creditworthiness</li> <li>Affiliates from using your information to market to you</li> <li>Sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you</li> </ul> </li> <li>State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.</li> </ul>	

Definitions		
Affiliates	Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies. • CenLA Federal Credit Union has no affiliates	
Nonaffiliates	Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial or nonfinancial companies. <ul> <li>CenLA Federal Credit Union does not share with nonaffiliates so they can market to you</li> </ul>	
Joint Marketing	A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you <ul> <li>CenLA Federal Credit Union's joint marketing partners include insurance companies</li> </ul>	

## **Board Members**

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**Newsletter** Mrs. Christie Smith, Marketing

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## **Pineville Branch**

105 Griffith St. Pineville, LA 71360 Phone: 318.445.7388 Lobby Hours: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Drive Thru: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM (Mon-Fri) 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (First and last working days of the month) 9:00 AM - 12 Noon (Saturday)



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