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Go Green

The rising cost of gasoline has put a strain on everyone's budget, forcing many of us to trade in our "gas guzzlers" for a more efficient vehicle. We have decided to reward our members for making this move.

So when you purchase a vehicle that receives at least 25 highway miles-per-gallon (www.fueleconomy.gov) we will

Bishop Guilfoyle Scholarships



ARC Federal Credit Union is happy to offer **two \$500.00 scholarships** to

students attending Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School during the 2008-09 academic year.

The awards will be based on scholarship, financial need, essay questions, and community activities.

Scholarship applications are available in our lobby. Please ask an MSR for an application or for more details.

All applications should be returned to ARC by August 22nd, 2008.

reduce the APR by 0.50%. You'll not only be saving on gas but on your interest rate too!

Some restrictions apply. Contact the loan department today for more details. 814-946-0857 opt 4.

Back to School Loans

Wondering how you are going to afford back to school costs this year. Whether you are looking for tuition costs or just a little extra cash for books, ARC can help!



ARC's fixed rate signature loans and fixed rate home equity loans are perfect loans to meet your specific back to school needs.

Contact the loan department today for more details. 814-946-0857 opt 4.

ARC Platinum Visa

4.99% APR*

*Special Rate APR is 5.00% less the base APR, through the last day of the billing cycle in March 2009. Thereafter the base APR will be applied to all balances. Base APR is determined by credit score. All decisions are subject to credit union approval.



Phone: Main Number (814) 946-0857
Toll Free (877) 946-0857

Option 2 Voice Response
Option 3 Member Service
Option 4 Loan Center

Fax: Loan Center (814) 946-4010
Member Service 946-0903

Email: memberhelp@arcfcu.org

Website: www.arcfcu.org
www.arcandme.com

Holidays

September 1 - **CLOSED**
Labor Day



Fixed Rate Home Equity Loans

as low as

4.99% APR*

* Home Equity Loan annual percentage rate (APR) of 4.99% available up to 80% combined loan-to-value, minimum loan amount of \$10,000, and max term of 5 years requires a monthly payment of \$18.87 per \$1,000 borrowed. Offer requires direct debit of monthly payment from an ARC account. Subject to credit approval. **No fees or closing costs will be charged; however, an appraisal may be required with a cost to the borrower of approximately \$275. Title insurance will be required, with the cost to the borrower, if loan amount exceeds \$250,000. Offer subject to change or withdrawal at any time.

America's Credit Unions: Strong, Secure

Credit unions are a safe harbor for consumer savings.

• Savings at credit unions so far this year have grown nearly 7%. In today's economy, consumers are increasing their savings in response to concerns about their economic future.

• People who are seeking to put their money in a stable source, offering good rates, are turning to credit unions.

• Consumers saved \$10.9 billion last year by using credit unions rather than banks. The savings come in the form of lower fees, higher savings rates and lower loan rates. That works out to about \$126 per credit union member or \$239 per household.

• As not for profit cooperatives, credit unions typically offer higher savings rates than banks.

Credit unions are healthy

• Credit unions are well capitalized. Their overall capital-to-asset ratio stands at a very solid 11.1% (compared to 10% for banks). In dollars, that's a capital cushion of \$90 billion.

• Credit union mortgage delinquencies at the end of the first quarter stood at only 0.7%. First mortgage charge-offs were a miniscule 0.06%.

• More broadly, credit union loan delinquencies have edged up, but still are at a very low 1.0%.

Credit unions have steered clear of the subprime mess.

• In the first four months of 2008, mortgages at credit unions grew faster than all other loans. This occurred at a time when mortgage losses have forced other lenders to scale back or close their doors entirely.

• Why? For one thing, credit unions operate more conservatively and tend to hold more of their mortgage loans (about 70% in fact) in portfolio rather than sell them to Fannie and Freddie on the secondary market.

• Secondly, credit unions are member-owned and not-for-profit cooperatives. We exist to serve our members, not profit from them. Unlike the banks and brokers, we're not out to force loans on our members just to make a quick buck.

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• Credit unions went into this with very strong balance sheets, and will still be in very strong shape when it's over.

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