



RIBBON CUT ON NEW DOTHAN FINANCIAL CENTER

Five Star officially cut the ribbon at its new Lincolnshire financial center in November along with the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce. State Sen. Donnie Chesteen (R) and State Rep. Steve Clouse (R) also joined us for the celebration. Five Star now has six financial centers in Houston County, AL. We look forward to being able to better serve our community.

The newest financial center is equipped with our most innovative technology including interactive tellers (ITMs) in the drive-thru and the lobby. This allows members to do transactions when it's convenient for them. The ITMs take deposits, allows you to check account balances, transfer money, and pay on Five Star loans. The drive-thru ITMs are open 24/7 so you can do business on your time.

This is the second financial center Five Star added in 2023, and 2024 shows no signs of slowing down. Stay tuned for more exciting news in the upcoming months.



Five Star Paints and Builds for Empty Bowls

Five Star staff, family, and friends had a great time making bowls for the Wiregrass Area Food Bank Empty Bowls fundraiser. Each bowl sold at the February event helps a family of four eat for one week. Five Star is the proud title sponsor for the Empty Bowls program and ensures there are enough materials to build and glaze each year. Thank you to the Wiregrass Area Food Bank for all you do to help make this event a success!

New Neighbor Loan

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5 Professional Goals to Set for the New Business Year



The new year is here, so now is the perfect time to take stock of your career and set new goals for the coming year. Setting well-defined and achievable objectives can help you reach new levels of success and growth in your career. Let's look at five professional goals you can set now.

1. Learn a new skill - Whatever your level of employment, there's always room for improvement and personal growth. Resolve to learn or improve a professional skill that can advance your career. Take time to analyze your current skill set to find room for improvement, and then find an online course or instructional video to help you learn something new.

2. Move up in your career - Don't be afraid to be ambitious. Review your current position and determine the best way to achieve real career growth. This can translate into a promotion at your job, striking out on your own or leaving your workplace for a new position. Write down your goal and then break it into the steps needed to make it happen. Set a timeline for each of your steps so you can review it throughout the year and make sure you're on track.

4. Increase your productivity - Boosting your productivity will turn you into a valued employee who gets more done in less time. Take stock of your current work practices, looking for areas to change to increase your productivity levels. For example, if you often get sidetracked while answering your email, you can resolve to answer messages only twice a day, or even once an hour. Blocking out time for this specific task can help keep your focus throughout the day. Also, consider taking steps to avoid distractions, like turning off social media notifications on your phone while at work.

5. Network more - If you struggle with meeting new people or just want to gain more professional goals, the easiest way is by attending networking events. Developing connections is important to make advancements in your career because you never know when a referral or advice will be useful. If you find it difficult to network, start by connecting with coworkers you don't speak to often. This is an easy way to build your confidence to attend events and meet others. To make your goal measurable, set a specific number of people to build relationships with throughout the year.

5. Say yes to opportunities - Don't be afraid to accept new career challenges! Try to say yes more often to new opportunities that you are offered. You may just find that taking more chances opens the door to career growth that is far beyond your dreams.

Good luck on the new and improved you in 2024!



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"Very satisfied. I have been using Five Star for years and I am very proud to be a member. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."
- Tony, Dothan Member.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Monday, January 15 | President's Day - Monday, Feb 19