

Ribbon Cut on New Downtown Dothan Branch



Five Star officially cut the ribbon at its new Downtown Branch in Dothan along with the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce. Dothan Mayor Mark Saliba, Alabama State Sen. Donnie Chesteen (R-AL 29), and Houston County Commission Chairman Brandon Shoupe were among the attendees.

The newest branch has the latest technology that Five Star offers. This branch is equipped with interactive teller machines in the lobby and in the drive-up lanes. The ITMs enable members to withdrawal cash, make deposits with cash and checks, research Five Star account balances, and make Five Star loan payments. The ITMs also offer on-demand live remote video assistance during business hours. The ITMs in the drive thru have the same functionality as the in-branch ITMs, plus they can be accessed 24/7.

2022 has been a busy year for Five Star, and it shows no signs of slowing down. Stay tuned for more exciting news in the upcoming months.



Five Star Pays Technology Fees for Young Students

Five Star recently held a Fitness Day at the Dothan headquarters to help a local elementary school. Five Star staff collected needed school supplies and raised money to cover the costs of all the technology fees for kindergarten and first grade students at Selma Street Elementary. Cheryl in HR and Rebecca in Marketing delivered the school supplies along with a check for \$3,000 to Selma Street Principal Dionne Blair. We hope this donation will brighten the future of these students and help them have a great start to the new school year.

Points of Interest

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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Five Days of Back to School

In August, Five Star held its third annual 5 Days of Back to School Facebook promotion. Each day, we posted a school-related question on our Facebook page, and a winner was drawn from all the answers. This year each daily winner received \$250, but they were also able to pick a local teacher to receive \$250 too. It was a fun way to engage with our Facebook followers, plus give a little something back to our local teachers.

Eight Holiday Shopping Hacks to Help You Save Big This Season

Ready, set... charge! The holiday shopping season is here, and between inflated prices, the rising cost of gas and the urge to splurge, it can be tough to stick to your budget. Here are eight holiday shopping hacks to help keep your spending under control.



1. Make a list and check it twice. When you shop with a list in hand, and you’re careful to stick to it, you can make responsible shopping decisions instead of buying every shiny thing that catches your eye.

2. Compare prices. All it takes is a few quick clicks or taps to check if the item you want is available somewhere else, and for less. You can also use a price-checking app, like ShopSavvy, to make the search for the hottest deal.

3. Don’t shop alone. Grab a friend to help keep you on track as you shop. Share your budget with them, or let them know which gifts you’ll be looking for on the trip. Ask them to gently remind you to stay within budget as you browse.

4. Take advantage of rebates and refunds. Want to get paid to shop? When you make a purchase through a rebate app, like Earny or Rakuten, you get cash back for every purchase you make.

5. Buy discounted gift cards. You can find discounted gift cards on sites, like Raise and CardCash, for big-name brands like Lowe’s, Starbucks, Amazon and more.

6. Shop with coupons. Before completing an online purchase, do a quick search of sites, like RetailMeNot, to check for available coupons that can bring down the price. You can also use a browser extension, like Honey, which will automatically find and apply coupons while you shop.

7. Shop early. This year, with anticipated delivery delays and supply shortages, it’s best to tackle your holiday shopping early. Shopping with a clear head, and when the stores are well stocked, will make it easier to stick to your budget.

8. Buy electronics on Black Friday. The Black Friday deals you’ll find on TVs, laptops, audio equipment and other electronics will likely be the best you’ll find all year.



Best of Bainbridge

Congratulations to our Bainbridge team for receiving the Post Searchlight’s “**Best Credit Union in Bainbridge**” for the ninth consecutive year. Their hard work and commitment to our members is evident in all they do.



5-STAR MOMENT:



“I wanted to refinance my car so I asked Jessica Shiver for help, she was able to get me a better rate, and it was done in no time. Thanks again Jessica for your help.” - Abel, Camilla Member

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Columbus Day - Mon, Oct 10 • Veteran's Day - Fri, Nov 11 • Thanksgiving - Thur, Nov 24