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### Shred Day takes aim at identity theft

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WARNER ROBINS — The semi-annual Shred Day at Robins Federal Credit Union on Watson Boulevard had people waiting in line Thursday, sometimes 15 deep, to get their documents securely shredded.

Garage bags full of documents, truck beds filled with boxes and file folders stuffed with papers were brought to be destroyed by Cintas Document Management.

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Robins Federal shredded and recycled 75.7 tons of paper in 2009, according to Traci Jolley, marketing manager at Robins Federal. Jolley said that the efforts Thursday brought in five tons of shredded material from the four-hour event.

Shredding will be available today in Macon at the Robins Federal branch on Zebulon Road from noon to 4 p.m.

The mobile shredding truck at Robins Federal on Thursday can hold up to 35,000 pounds of shredded paper, according to Cintas employee Bobby Wilson, who handled the shredding duties. Documents were loaded into a large gray bin, then suctioned into the shredder for destruction.

The credit union also received an Environmental Awareness Award from Cintas for its recycling efforts last year. The award is based on the number of tons an organization recycles.

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Robins Federal Credit Union, 5999 Zebulon Road, Macon, will host a Shred Day today from noon to 4 p.m. in the parking lot. Shredding is open to the public, not just for credit union members.



Bob Barringer of Warner Robins said he has been bringing his documents on Shred Day each year for the last seven years.

"We have (a shredder) at home but this is quicker," he said.

It would take him nearly a week to do it himself, Barringer estimated.

The overwhelming sentiment from most of the participants in Shred Day was they were doing it for information security.

Maryann Savas said "the main reason is identity theft" as to why she brought her documents. Savas stated the only thing that goes in her garbage can is the envelope the papers come in.

Ernest Johnson works for a shredding company and repairs shredders but laughed that it was just more convenient for him to bring it to the credit union.

Jolley said she saw some envelopes dating back to the 1960s and 1970s while helping people with their boxes.

The boxes will be taken to Happy Hour Recycling in Warner Robins and the shredded documents are taken to Macon Iron.

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