NEWSLETTER FALL 2024



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Our Badger \$mart Branch on the Amarillo College Campus is Now Open!

Our new branch is staffed with friendly, knowledgeable faces who are ready to assist you with deposits, loans, and more. Stop by and see us!

Lobby Hours Mon/Tue/Thur/Fri: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM Wed: 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM **Drive-up Hours** Mon-Fri: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Sat: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

512 SW 22nd Avenue Amarillo TX 79109

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DEVELOP YOUR GAMEPLAN

EducationCU.com/stores/ecu-badger-smart-branch/

No matter the goal, our financial coaches can help you achieve it

As a member, you and your family have access to our free financial coaching services. Plus, our coaches are certified through the Credit Union National Association.

Our coaches can assist with:

- Creating a healthy emergency savings
- Repairing or rebuilding credit
- Finalizing plans for retirement
- And more!

Let's get there together.

Schedule an appointment with one of our 25 certified financial coaches and discuss all things related to your finances.



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Settle Down Y'all!



A place to start your own traditions

Whether you're looking for a new home or refinancing for your current mortgage, our Mortgage Originators can assist you in finding a loan that fits your individual needs and financial circumstances.

ECU Home Loan options and benefits include:

- Competitive rates and closing costs
- Local approval
- Fixed rate
- Terms up to 30 years
- Low down payment options for first-time homebuyers
- Conforming and non-conforming loans

Add Joy To The Season!

Boost your holiday budget with our Holiday Loan and Skip-a-Payment options

Holiday Loans for added holiday cheer!

Rates as low as 8.5% $\ensuremath{\mathsf{APR}}^*$ with terms up to 12 months.

Skip-a-Payment options to stress less this year!

Take a payment holiday this season! Go to EducationCU.com, click on the "Borrow" menu and select Skip-A-Pay, ** then complete the quick and easy application.

*With approved credit. Rate based on creditworthiness. Offer good 10/1/24 through 12/31/24. Sample payment per \$1,000 borrowed for 12 months at 8.5% APY=\$87.22. Rate subject to change without notice. Maximum term on this loan is 12 months.

**Subject to ECU underwriting approval. Loan(s) must be current and in good standing. Interest will continue to accrue and skipping payment will extend the loan term.



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WELCOME SENIOR TEAM MEMBERS!



Michelle Wilson Senior Vice President of Human Resources

Michelle Wilson joins ECU with an impressive background in education and human resources, bringing twenty-eight years of invaluable experience in the public school system and higher education. Her career spans various roles, including teacher, counselor, assistant principal, and central office administrator.



Ty Cox Chief Financial Officer

Ty Cox brings to ECU a wealth of financial expertise, with over twentyfour years of experience in banking. His diverse career includes roles such as teller, credit analyst, Bank Secrecy Act officer, compliance officer, and commercial lender. Cox served as CFO of another local financial institution for ten years before joining ECU.

ENJOY FREE CHECKING + OUR BONUS RATE*

\$mart Checking is perfect for members looking for a checking account with no monthly fee. Plus, \$mart Checking holders can qualify for a bonus rate, too!

- No minimum opening deposit
- Access to over 67,000 surcharge-free ATMs nationwide
- Free instant issue VISA debit card

LEARN MORE! EducationCU.com/smart-checking-plus-bonus

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*APY = Annual Percentage Yield. APY is accurate as of 10/1/24 and subject to change. If minimum qualification requirements are met during the monthly qualification cycle, and maintain at least \$1,00 daily balance, 5.10% APY will apply to balances \$50,000.00 and below and 0.10% APY will apply to balances of \$50,000.01 or more. Fees may reduce earnings on the account. If all minimum qualification requirements are met except you do not maintain a minimum \$1,000 daily balance during the monthly qualification cycle, 5.00% APY will apply to your entire balance. If you do not meet minimum qualification requirements are met except you do not meter balance. If we apply to balance during the monthly qualification cycle, 5.00% APY will apply to be averaged adily balance during the monthly qualification cycle, 5.00% APY will apply to balance and their balance. If we average adily balance during the monthly qualification cycle, 5.00% APY will apply to be averaged adily balance during the monthly qualification cycle, 5.00% APY will apply to balance at the state of all cycles are averaged adily balance during the monthly qualification cycle, 5.00% APY will apply to be averaged adily balance during the monthly qualification cycle, 5.00% APY will apply to balance at the state are averaged adily balance at the state are av

The Panhandle Gives

Save The Dates: November 25 - December 3, 2024

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ECU Foundation is excited to be a participating non-profit in this year's The Panhandle Gives campaign. It is a special opportunity to connect to our Panhandle community by supporting causes we truly believe in and help ECU Foundation positively impact our neighbors!

> 100% of the funds you donate to ECU Foundation will go to the Pocket Change Grant program, benefiting teachers and students throughout the Texas Panhandle.

You can help our Foundation meet its goals this year by planning to give November 25 - December 3.

LEARN MORE! myecu.info/ThePanhandleGives







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Give The Gift Of Membership This Season!

Open a \$mart Start Savings Youth Account for the savvy students in your life!

Reminder: \$mart Start Savings accounts have until January 31 to submit their 1st semester grades.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

LOCATIONS:

AMTECH BRANCH

BORGER BRANCH

BUFF \$MART BRANCH

BUSHLAND BRANCH

CANYON BRANCH

HILLSIDE BRANCH

PLUM CREEK BRANCH

STINNETT BRANCH

I-40 BRANCH

2100 4th Ave., Canyon, TX 79015

1801 S. FM 2381, Amarillo, TX 79124

1900 FM 2590 Canyon, TX 79015

6201 Hillside, Amarillo, TX 79109

4400 West I-40, Amarillo, TX 79106

102 N. Main St., Stinnett, TX 79083

5500 Plum Creek Dr., Amarillo, TX 79124

3615 SW 45th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79109

3601 Plains Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79102

512 SW 22nd Ave. Amarillo, TX 79109

500 W. Grand Street, Borger, TX 79007

BADGER \$MART BRANCH

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Branch **Holiday Closures:**

LOCATION HOURS:

LOBBY HOURS Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM Wed: 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

DRIVE-UP HOURS Mon-Fri: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sat: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

AMTECH HOURS Mon-Fri: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Summer Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

BUSHLAND HOURS Mon-Fri: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

STINNETT & BORGER HOURS 10BBY Mon-Fri: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM DRIVE-UP: Mon-Fri: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

CALL CENTER HOURS Mon-Sun: 24 hours Closed -Thanksgiving & Christmas Day

PHONE:

TELEPHONE (ALL ECU BRANCHES) Main: 806-358-7777 • 800-687-8144

TOUCHTONE TELLER 806-358-2776 • 866-415-0164



Columbus Day | Saturday, October 12 - Monday, October 14 Veterans Day | Saturday, November 9 - Monday, November 11

Thanksgiving | Thursday, November 28 and Saturday, November 30

Christmas | Tuesday Dec. 24 closing at Noon - Wednesday, Dec. 25 New Years | Tuesday, Dec. 31 closing at Noon - Wednesday, Jan.1 , 2025





Cathy Wilson | Certified Financial Planner at C.S. Wilson & Associates Benefits of a Financial Planner

> Katy Barria | Teacher at Palo Duro High School Budgeting for Back-to-School Expenses

Alissa Coffman | Assistant Branch Manager at I-40 Ways to Improve your Credit Score

Kelly Steelman | Director of Financial Aid at Amarillo College | Financial Tips for Recent College Graduates

Bryce Wiginton | ECU Buff \$mart Intern | Having Fun on a Budget

Meghan Williams | Program Coordinator of ECU Buff \$mart Program at West Texas A&M University | Navigating the Costs of College

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