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**FIGHT IDENTITY THEFT WITH FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING SERVICE
AT 'COMMUNITY SHRED DAY' OCTOBER 3 IN DOWNTOWN
COLLINSVILLE**

Collinsville, Ill., August 31, 2009 – Home Federal Savings & Loan is sponsoring a free Community Shred Day at its downtown Collinsville parking lot on October 3, 2009 to help the public fight consumer identity theft. Residents of Collinsville, Maryville and surrounding areas are invited to dispose of unwanted personal documents securely and at no charge via a commercial shredding truck stationed in the bank's parking lot at 100 East Clay Street from 9:00 a.m. – Noon.

This will be the second Community Shred Day held this year at Home Federal.

"The community's response to our first Shred Day in May was much bigger than we expected, and we feel it is in the public's best interest to offer this again," said Nancy Lochmann, President of Home Federal Savings & Loan. "The best safeguard against personal identity theft is to regularly destroy confidential personal and business documents that are no longer needed. We want to help protect everyone in our community from the devastating consequences of identity theft."

Materials that can be shredded include old tax records, medical information, bills, unsolicited credit card applications, old bank statements, credit cards, CDs and other financial records. Materials may be stapled, paper clipped or bound, including large 3-ring binders.

"We're encouraging people to bring all the personal and confidential documents they no longer need," Lochmann added. "We will provide free refreshments and consumer information on identity theft prevention for all participants."

For more information, call Home Federal at 345-1121.

Home Federal Savings & Loan offers a full range of savings accounts, checking accounts, home loans, property improvement loans, IRAs and CDs for individuals and families. Founded in 1887, Home Federal has two locations in Collinsville and Maryville.