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NAVIGATING VEHICLE PURCHASES

IF YOU'RE IN THE MARKET FOR A NEW VEHICLE, YOU'LL BE FACED WITH LOTS OF CHOICES AND DECISIONS.

It's nice to have choices, but when it comes to picking the right vehicle and the right financing options, they can be confusing or downright expensive.

There are a variety of choices for vehicle financing. Some choices you see advertised by dealers and commercial banks seem pretty attractive. But they may not be the best deal for everyone.

Some promotions offer cash-back rebates or low rate loan options that may have a shorter term. For example, one may offer 1.9% financing, but only on two-year loans. A new \$20,000 car with a \$2,000 down payment will require \$18,000 financing. That translates to an astounding \$765 monthly payment—way out of reach for most buyers.

Or, if you choose the dealer's rebate plan, you forego the low interest rate loan but get a \$1,500 cash rebate. Adding the rebate to your down payment can make Telco financing very attractive, because the larger down payment reduces the amount you need to finance.

Which option is best? Calculate your total finance charge and monthly payment after you deduct your down payment plus the rebate. Then compare your results with the same figures if you take the dealer financing but finance the higher amount. A Telco Loan Officer can help you do this comparison.

Or, if you own your house you may have another option. A home equity loan with Telco might look even better. The reason, of course, is that home equity loan interest payments can be 100% tax deductible (consult your tax adviser to see if you're eligible).

So, don't be smitten to quickly by low rate commercial loan advertising—visit or call your local Telco branch first, to explore your financing options.



* Certain Restrictions May Apply



Saving your money isn't always easy, especially when you don't have a lot to spare. After paying all your usual expenses, there may be very little "fun" money at the end of the month. When we do find ourselves with some extra cash, like a tax refund, many of us rush out to buy those shoes or that electronic gadget we've been eying for months instead of putting it into our savings.

Why do we do that? Why do we spend the money we planned on using for our future? We can blame it on our brains. Behavioral science has shown that humans are hard-wired to act on impulse and that it takes conscious thought to delay gratification. It's also much easier to focus on the present than our future.

To help you save for your future, behavioral science suggests visualizing yourself as you might look when you're older. For instance, if you want to save for retirement, imagine yourself at age 67, living comfortably, maybe travelling the country, or having the time and the means to do something you've always wanted to do. According to a study done in 2014, this technique works. The researchers took photos of 50 college students and digitally altered each person's photo to make them look 70 years old. The participants were instructed to study the photos. Then they were told to imagine receiving \$1,000 and were asked how they'd like to use the money: buy something now for a special person or for extravagant night out, or put that money into a retirement fund. After seeing a photo of themselves at 70 years old, the majority allocated more of the money to their retirement fund than to the other options.

Another way to help you save for your future is by making it a habit. Start with small goals. For instance, commit to putting a certain amount, say \$10, into a savings account every week. If you have direct deposit, you might want to consider setting up an automatic transfer of \$10 into your savings account every time your paycheck is deposited. Over time, you can gradually increase the amount by a dollar or two.

Teach Your Children How to Save

To help your children get into the savings habit, start by having them cut out pictures of something they'd like to have someday and post the images where they'll see them often. Then help them open a savings account at Telco. You can open an account with as little as \$5. Encourage your child to make regular small deposits each week. Tell them their money will earn interest while it's in their account. If they keep this routine going, they'll quickly see their savings grows.

This April, we're celebrating Youth Month and Telco will be participating in the National Youth Savings Challenge to encourage good saving habits, giving folks 16 and younger a chance to win a \$25 gift card.

All youth can enter to win by doing one of the following:

- Open a savings account with a minimum of \$20
- Deposit a minimum of \$20 in an existing Telco savings account
- Complete a drawing entry card in one of our branches

There's going to be a winner at each branch, so that means we'll have 8 winners! Stop by your local branch in April to get them started saving... and enter to win \$25.

Branch Locations & Business Hours

Asheville - Leicester Branch

710 New Leicester Highway Asheville, NC 28806 828.225.5919

Asheville - Tunnel Rd. Branch

36 Tunnel Road Asheville, NC 28805 828.252.6888

Skyland Branch

1871 Hendersonville Road Asheville, NC 28803 828.210.2090

Candler Branch

1141 Smokey Park Highway Candler, NC 28715 828.633.6604

Weaverville Branch

34 Northcrest Road Weaverville, NC 28787 828.645.6003

Hendersonville Branch

1452 7th Avenue East Hendersonville, NC 28792 828.595.9841

Morganton Branch

127 West Parker Road Morganton, NC 28655 828.433.0016

Hickory Branch

355 US Highway 70 SW Hickory, NC 28602 828.322.8566

Branch Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Friday: 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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WNC Rescue Mission is a local charity that Telco has supported throughout the years and now our Hendersonville branch will be ioining the Hendersonville Rescue Mission! Maria Alvarez. the branch manager and her staff will be spending time preparing meals and serving those in need throughout the year. We are proud to be a part of the WNC Rescue Mission and now the Hendersonville Rescue Mission, to be able to help those in need in our communities.

JOIN THE FOURTH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

WESTERN CHAPTER OF THE CAROLINAS CREDIT UNION NETWORK

Spend an enjoyable day on the course while raising much needed funds in support of Meals on Wheels!

When: Friday May 11, 2018

Where: Cummings Cove Golf Course Time: Sign-in starts @ 11:00 am Shotgun start @ 12:00 pm

Cost: \$320.00 per team or

\$80.00 per player

Register NOW to reserve your team's slot! Deadline to register is Friday, May 4, 2018.

To register please visit your branch today and ask for a registration form.

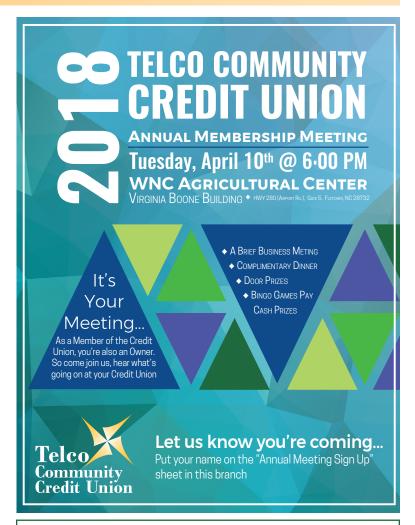
Hole-in-one prizes available on every Par-3!

Hole 10: 24-Month Lease on a 2018 Chevrolet Colorado

Hole 16: \$20k Harley Davidson

Not a golfer but would still like to support Meals on Wheels, visit a branch to purchase tickets for a chance to win a Yeti Cooler, all proceeds will go to Meals on Wheels.





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