

Spotlight

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Welcome to the Spotlight!

We hope you like our newest newsletter and come to depend on it for information as you have your Communicator. Of course you will continue to receive your Communicator, but on a quarterly basis.

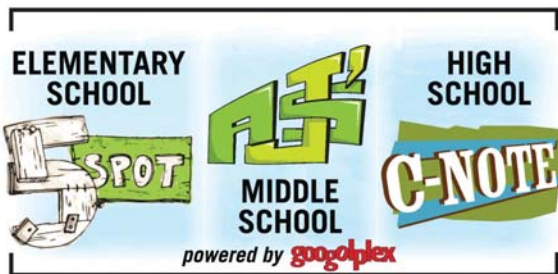
If you are seeing this online, **Welcome!** We are glad you found us. If you receive eStatements you will get a link to your Spotlight just as you have for your Communicator. If you picked this up in one of our lobbies, you don't have to wait until you visit us, you can get your Spotlight online on the first business day of each month your Communicator does not print. If you don't like going online, don't worry, we will print a few copies for the lobbies, and if you don't see it, ask your favorite member service representative to print a copy. They are always happy to help. **YOU** are why we are here.

The Spotlight is being introduced in conjunction with our exciting new web site, and we hope you will visit us at www.cpfcu.com to read your Spotlight and access other information about your credit union. As with all of our services, we have made these changes to better serve you, our members. If you have any concerns or ideas please be sure to let us know. You can contact your Marketing Department by sending email to cpfcu@cpfcu.com.

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Googolplex: Kids love it. Parents love it even more.



Personal finances are often an overlooked part of education. Sure, kids learn about counting money in school, but how much do they really learn about using money on a day-to-day basis?

With Googolplex®, they'll learn everything they need to know. These financial Web sites are geared to kids of all ages, with 5-Spot for elementary schoolers, AJ's for middle schoolers and C-Note for high schoolers. Because each level is written by kids, it speaks in a language your children will understand. And with games, stories, blogs and puzzles, they'll find plenty of fun too.

You can count on Googolplex being a safe Internet destination filled with accurate information. You can find Googolplex on the new www.cpfcu.com. Please remember, Cedar Point is not responsible for the content or update of this alternate site. The privacy and security policies may differ from those practiced by Cedar Point.

In the Spotlight

Free Seminars: College Funding - Wednesday, August 19, 2009 - 11:00 am
Federal Employee Benefits - Wednesday, August 26, 2009 - 11:00 am
The Facts of Retirement for Women - Wednesday, October 21, 2009 - 11:00 am

To reserve your seat call today 301-863-7071 ext. 227 or 232.

College Planning Basics

Saving for college is easier than ever. Here is a quick look at four college savings plans available.

529 College Savings Plan

With a 529 plan, you can save for anyone — your child or grandchild, a niece or nephew, a friend or even yourself.

- You can contribute up to \$13,000 (\$26,000 for married couples) annually without gift-tax consequences. Under a special election, you can invest up to \$65,000 (\$130,000 for married couples) at one time by accelerating five years' worth of investments.
- You can contribute until your account value reaches \$350,000.¹
- Earnings can grow tax-free.
- Withdrawals for qualified higher education expenses are free from federal tax. Withdrawals for non-qualified expenses are subject to ordinary federal income tax plus a 10% penalty on the earnings.
- There are no income limits. You can contribute no matter how much you earn.
- You maintain control of the assets.

Coverdell Education Savings Account

Education savings accounts can be used to pay for your child's qualified expenses from kindergarten through high school,² as well as for higher education.

- You can contribute up to \$2,000 a year.²
- Earnings can grow tax-free.
- Withdrawals for qualified expenses are free from federal tax.²
- There are income restrictions. If your income exceeds certain limits, you will not be eligible to contribute.
- You can change investment options as often as you wish.

UGMA/UTMA

UGMA/UTMA custodial accounts let you take advantage of your child's lower tax rate while saving for your child's education.

- There are no contribution limits.
- For children under age 19 and full-time students under age 24 whose earned income is less than one-half of their support, the first \$950 of earnings is tax-free. Earnings between \$950 and \$1,900 are taxed at the child's rate; earnings above \$1,900 are taxed at the parents' rate.
- There are no income limits. You can contribute no matter how much you earn.
- The beneficiary gains control of the assets at age of majority, which is age 18 or 21 in most states.

Parents' Investment Account

Saving for your child's education through a parents' investment account allows you maximum control of the assets.

- There are no contribution limits.
- Earnings are taxed to the owner.
- There are no income limits. You can contribute no matter how much you earn.
- You maintain control of the assets and decide when withdrawals will be made.

For a more detailed comparison of these four savings options plan to attend:

College Cost Savings Seminar

Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 11:00am.

To reserve a seat call 301-863-7071 ext. 227 or 232.

** Depending on your state of residence, there may be an in-state plan that provides tax and other benefits for investment in a 529 Plan. Before investing in any state's 529 plan, you should consult your tax adviser.**

¹ No more contributions will be accepted once the account value reaches \$350,000 through investments or growth.

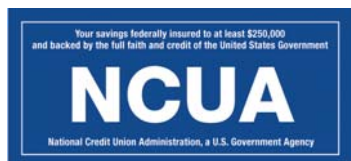
² This tax benefit is effective through 2010 unless extended by Congress.

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For Your Information

As of May 31, 2009

Loans \$153,476,838
Assets \$294,382,760
Shares \$261,249,329
Members 29,210



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