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Spring 2008

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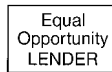
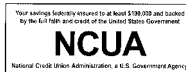
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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Where people are worth more than money.™

First Community And Columbia Regional Credit Unions Vote To Merge

We are all working hard to make sure the merger process goes as smoothly as possible. First Community will be the continuing credit union.

Three Convenient Columbia Locations

Once the merger is complete, you will have three convenient Columbia offices to serve you.



Midtown – 1623 Hatcher Lane just off of James Campbell next to Arby's



Westside – 5021 Trotwood Avenue in the Food Lion shopping center



Northside – 1025 Nashville Highway between Roberts Toyota and Parks Motors

Eleven Free Columbia ATMs

In addition, you will have eleven free Columbia ATMs and thousands of free MoneyPass ATMs nationwide.

More Products

First Community products, such as VISA TravelMoney and Gift Cards, free eChecking, free eBillPay and free interest-bearing Prestige Club Checking, will be available to Columbia Regional members. Columbia Regional products, such as monthly dividends on some CDs and Money Market Accounts, will be available to First Community members.

Saturday Hours, Early Weekday Hours

The drive-thru at the Hatcher Lane location will continue to be open on Saturday mornings and that office will open every weekday at 8:00 AM (8:30 AM on Wednesdays).

We don't expect the merger to be complete until this Fall. Please watch your mail and both websites for more information. Don't hesitate to call or stop by if you have any questions or concerns. We all look forward to continuing to provide the best credit union services possible to all our members.



Your Check Card Is Protected!

If you have a First Community check card, don't be surprised if your phone rings and it's one of our fraud analysts. With our brand new **FraudWatch Plus** program, we are electronically analyzing each transaction to determine if it may be fraudulent. Suspicious transactions are then sent to a fraud analyst who calls the cardholder if he or she suspects fraud. If you did not initiate the transaction, the analyst can request a refund, block your card and order you a replacement.

In any case, the analyst will never ask you for any personal information. Remember to always protect your identity by never giving account or identification information to anyone that calls or sends you an email.

Shopping For A New Vehicle? It's As Easy As The Two-step:



1. Visit the credit union. Take the hassle out of financing with a **pre-approved vehicle loan**. That way, you'll know how much you're comfortable spending and what your payments will be before you go shopping.
2. Visit www.fccu.us. You'll be able to get the **dealer invoice** cost on new vehicles; **used vehicle values** as well as the current **customer** and **dealer incentives**. Simply scroll down the **Home** page to **Online Resources** and click on **Buying a Car?**

To Roth Or Not To Roth? That Is The Taxing Question.

Many members have asked us whether they should start a Traditional or Roth IRA. Two questions provide the answer:

1. How long do you have before you retire?
2. Do you want to pay taxes now or later?

If you qualify for a **Traditional IRA**, you can make **tax-free contributions**. All withdrawals are taxed as current income. In addition, a 10% penalty applies to withdrawals made prior to 59½.

If you qualify for a **Roth IRA**, you can make **tax-free withdrawals** once you've had the account for five years and reached 59½. However, all contributions are taxed as current income.

Generally, younger people, with a longer time span to retirement, benefit from the Roth IRA and older people, in higher income tax brackets, benefit from the Traditional IRA. If you want to see what's best for you, visit www.fccu.us, click on **Calculators**, scroll down the page to the list of **Retirement Calculators** (don't click on the first **Retirement Calculator** link) and select the **Roth IRA Comparison Calculator**.

Traditional and Roth Contribution Limits

Year	Standard	With Catch-Up
2007	\$4,000	\$5,000
2008	\$5,000	\$6,000

2008 Traditional IRA AGI Deduction Limits (If covered by employer-sponsored plan)

Filing Status	Full Deduction	Phase Out	No Deduction
Single Head of Household	\$53,000 or Less	\$53,000 - \$63,000	\$63,000 or More
Married Filing Jointly	\$85,000 or Less	\$85,000 - \$105,000	\$105,000 or More
Married Filing Separately		Less Than \$10,000	\$10,000 or More

2008 Roth IRA AGI Limits

Filing Status	Full Contribution	Contribution Phase Out	No Contribution
Single	\$101,000 or Less	\$101,000 - \$116,000	\$116,000 or More
Married	\$159,000 or Less	\$159,000 - \$169,000	\$169,000 or More

You can imagine the rules that apply to contributions and withdrawals are complex (after all, it's the IRS). We can hit the highpoints, but your tax advisor is your best source for complete tax advice.

Kid's Roth?

You bet! Kids qualify as long as they have taxable income equal to or greater than the amount of their contribution. Check this out:

- a. Your child begins making a \$50 monthly contribution when they're 10 and never increases that amount.
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- b. Assuming a modest 5% investment return, they would have \$174,642.19 at 65.
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- c. Their actual contribution of \$33,000 would earn a tax-free return of \$141,642.19.

