

KIDZ QUARTER

SUMMER 2011

Only a Few Weeks of Summer Left!

Here are some ideas for making the most of it:

1. Visit your library. You'll find great books to read, plus games, CDs, and videos, too.
2. Learn something new. Ask a grown-up to help you find a free or low-cost class being offered in art, music, science or other area you want to know more about.
3. Give your time. Volunteer to help out at church or a community center. Ask around to see what jobs need doing or go to www.volunteermatch.org or www.serve.gov and search for a volunteer job that suits you.
4. Earn some cash. Check with neighbors to find out if they need help with gardening, lawn mowing, or other chores. If your family or neighbor is having a yard or garage sale, ask if you can join in to sell the things you no longer want or use.
5. Have fun. Run a race, enter a triathlon, catch a fish, make a craft project. Or just spend an afternoon with your friends figuring out cloud pictures.

Your credit union hopes you have a great summer learning new things and having fun with your friends!

Money Measurement Fun Facts

1. Did you know that a mile of pennies laid out would add up to \$844.80? Using pennies as a measurement, America is about \$2.5 million wide, east coast to west coast.
2. The approximate weight of a currency note (regardless of denomination) is one gram. There are 454 grams in one pound; therefore, it takes 454 notes to make one pound. Therefore, a million dollars in ones would weigh approximately 2,202.65 pounds.
3. A stack of currency notes one mile high would contain over 14 1/2 million notes.
4. If you had a million dollars in pennies, they would weigh around 246 tons.
5. Currency notes today are 2.61 inches by 6.14 inches with a thickness of 0.0043 inches. Before 1929, they measured 3.125 inches by 7.4218 inches.

Watch Your Savings Grow

If you like to spend money, then you will like saving it, too. That's because when you save money in your share account at the credit union, it will be there when you want to buy something special. Make it a habit to save a part of all the money you get. How much is up to you. But let's say you spend half of it and save half of it. Then when you really need something, you will probably have enough money in your share account to buy it. If you save less, you may need to wait a little longer before you can buy it. So next time you get money for your birthday or for doing extra chores around the house, remember to put some in your share account at the credit union. When it comes time to spend it, you will be glad you did.



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The Common Octopus

Considered the most intelligent of all invertebrates, the common octopus is found in the tropical and temperate waters of the world's oceans. They have long term and short-term memories and learn to solve problems by trial-and-error and experience. Here are more interesting facts about the common octopus:

- They have characteristics like a chameleon. Because of pigment cells and specialized muscles in their skin, they are capable of matching textures, colors, and patterns to perfectly match their surroundings so they can hide in plain sight.
- The common octopus reaches 2 to 3 feet in length, but they can grow to about 4 1/2 feet in length and weigh up to 22 pounds.
- Their meals consist of lobsters, crabs, crayfish, mollusks, and other shellfish.
- They use their sucker-bearing arms to catch prey, which in turn become paralyzed and partially digested from venomous saliva, and then chewed with beak-like jaws. These jaws are also very useful in their line of defense.
- As a line of defense, it squirts a cloud of dark ink to hide behind, confusing the enemy as to its actual whereabouts. If this fails and in order to make an escape, an octopus is capable of losing an arm and can regrow it later.
- The head of an octopus is called the "mantle" or body and contains all of the octopus's vital organs - including three hearts.
- There is no internal bone structure or external shell, making it very easy to fit into extremely small cracks and crevices. And, the only hard part of their body is a parrot-like beak located at the bottom of their head, between their eight arms.
- They have wonderful eyesight and a complex sense of touch and taste. However, they are deaf because they lack hearing organs.
- Their life span is between one to three years, with an average of three years.



CHANGE YOURSELF!

Need some extra money? Why not try rounding up all of your loose change and bringing it to the change machine at Towpath Credit Union? Located in our Fairlawn Branch at 2969 Smith Drive, the change machine sits in the lobby and is easy to use. Members pay only 3% to use the machine and non-members pay 9%. Be sure to visit our website, towpathcu.com, because we often have special days where the change machine is FREE!

There are plenty of places to search for lost change that can add up quickly. For instance, how many times have you seen a penny lying on the ground and not picked it up? Remember, even a penny is money! Pick up a hundred of them and you have \$1.00.

Try looking for change in some of these places:

1. Under your bed.
2. In the cushions of a sofa or chair.
3. Under car seats.
4. The floor of your closet.
5. Desk drawers you haven't opened in a while.
6. The pockets of clothing you haven't worn lately.

Keep your change in one place, like a jar or bank.

Then when you have accumulated a substantial amount, bring it in to Towpath and exchange it for bills!

Just for Laffs

Q: Why were the strawberries so upset?
A: Because they were in a jam!



We're growing!

We are proud to announce that as of June 1, 2011 Towpath Credit Union and TeleCommunity Credit Union will now operate as one. As one credit union we will bring more viable growth that can only be viewed as a major asset to our members. TeleCommunity Credit Union and Towpath Credit Union are two great financial institutions individually, so imagine what we can do together. Our new credit union has nearly 21,000 members, over \$115 million in assets, and 42 employees. Our new size will allow us to offer more products and services, more branch locations and ATMs, making your credit union more convenient.



North Hill Branch

645 N. Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44310

Lobby Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9am—5pm

Friday 9am—6pm



Fairlawn Branch

2969 Smith Road, Fairlawn, Ohio 44333

Drive Thru Hours

Monday - Thursday 8am - 5pm

Friday 8am - 6pm

Saturday 8am—Noon

Website:towpathcu.com Email:info@towpathcu.com

Phone:330.664.4700 • 866.634.4700



Portage Lakes Branch

2500 N. Turkeyfoot Road, Akron, Ohio 44319

Lobby Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

9:00am - 5:00pm

Wednesday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday 9:00am - Noon

Drive-Thru Hours:

Monday - Thursday 7:00am - 6:00pm

Friday 7:00am - 7:00pm

Saturday 9:00am - 12:00pm

Phone 330.645.2700 • Toll Free 800.257.6835

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