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From the President's Desk

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An HSA is a Health Savings Account, a new tax-advantaged way to save for medical expenses. For anyone with a high-deductible health insurance policy, it can be one of the best financial services you will ever have.

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Introducing Kids to Money

Money gives people -- both young and old -- decision-making opportunities. Educating, motivating, and empowering children to become regular savers will enable them to keep more of the money they earn and do more with the money they spend. Everyday spending decisions can have a far more negative impact on children's financial futures than any investment decisions they may ever make. Here are 5 simple ways to help educate children about personal finance and managing money:

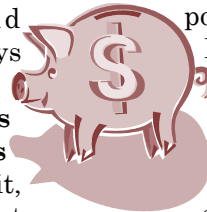
1. **As soon as children can count, introduce them to money.** Take an active role in providing them with information. Observation and repetition are two important ways children learn.
2. **Communicate with children as they grow about your values concerning money** - how to save it, how to make it grow, and most importantly, how to spend it wisely.
3. **Help children learn the differences between needs, wants, and wishes.** This will prepare them for making good spending decisions in the future.
4. **Setting goals is fundamental to**

learning the value of money and saving. Young or old, people rarely reach goals they haven't set. Nearly every toy or other item children ask their parents to buy them can become the object of a goal-setting session. Such goal-setting helps children learn to become responsible for themselves.

5. **Introduce children to the value of saving versus spending.** Explain and demonstrate the concept of earning interest income on savings. Consider paying interest on money children save at home; children can help calculate the interest and see how fast money accumulates through the power of compound interest.

Later on, they also will realize that the quickest way to a good credit rating is a history of regular, successful savings. Some parents even offer to match what children save on their own.

In order to encourage our young people to save money, Farmers State Bank would like to present a Piggy Bank to each minor who opens a NEW savings account at Farmers State Bank.



Newly Designed \$5 Bill

The new design for the \$5 bill was unveiled to the world in an Internet broadcast on September 20th, 2007, according to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The government is calling the occasion a "Wi-5" event. The new \$5 bill has changes similar to those of redesigned larger-denomination notes. Color has been added to the \$5 bill and

the images of Abraham Lincoln and the Lincoln Memorial have been updated.

While the new design is being shown on the bureau's Web site, the actual bill won't go into circulation until early 2008. It will be followed by a new \$100 bill. As of right now, the government has no plans to redesign the \$1 or \$2 bill. If you would like to see the new \$5 bill you can go to www.moneyfactory.gov.



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What to do if your Checkbook Doesn't Balance

The process of balancing your checkbook can be even more frustrating when the numbers don't add up. Following these steps can help you uncover errors:

Step 1: Double check for a missing item. Also, verify that you've made all adjustments for bank fees, transaction charges and automatic deposits and deductions.

Step 2: Determine the amount of the error. If the result is an even dollar amount, it is likely that you made an arithmetic error.

Step 3: Go back to the previous month's statement. It's possible that a check could

remain un-cashed for more than one month. Be sure to subtract in Step 2 any checks outstanding from last month's statement that do not appear on this month's statement either.

Step 4: Check that the correct balances carry forward. Leaf through your check register to make sure the balances you carry forward from the bottom of one page match those at the top of the next.

Step 5: Repeat the balancing process again on a new sheet of paper.



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<p>You may have recently received a letter in the mail pertaining to a price increase for your safe deposit box. <u>This letter is <i>not</i> to notify you payment is due.</u> Rents are due on the boxes on October 31, 2007.</p> <p>We strive to offer our customers the best possible service at the most affordable rate that we can offer. The price increase is for your next year of rent; not the previous year.</p> <p>If you have any questions or if you would like to rent a safe deposit box, please feel free to contact any one of our employees.</p>	<p>We will be CLOSED on Monday, November 12th, 2007, in observance of Veteran's Day.</p> <hr/> <p>Wyoming quarters are now available at either location.</p> <hr/> <p>Use your Visa Check Card from <u>September 1st through December 15th, 2007</u> and you will be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip to a NFL Playoff game, Super Bowl XLII, and the 2008 NFL Pro Bowl.</p> <p>You can also enter online at www.visa.com/NFL.</p>	<p><u>Change Your Customer ID</u></p> <p>We encourage you to change your Internet Banking Customer ID from your Social Security number. This can be done once you log into Internet Banking by choosing USER OPTIONS, then choosing CHANGE CUSTOMER ID. The only requirements of your new Customer ID is that it must be different than your last one and it must contain 6 to 20 characters.</p> <p><u>Update Your E-mail Address</u></p> <p>You can also update your e-mail address by choosing USER OPTIONS, then choose E-MAIL ADDRESS. You will be asked to enter your new e-mail address and then click on CHANGE E-MAIL ADDRESS.</p>