

## Why **GAP** Protection?

**It's** inevitable. You're sitting across from your Loan Officer going over the details of your car loan and the subject of protection comes up. "Would you like GAP protection," she asks? What you're about to learn is GAP protection is special, here's why.

GAP actually stands for 'guaranteed asset protection.' Meaning, GAP will pay up to 125% of the value of your vehicle if stolen or declared a total loss. For example:

Vehicle Purchased at: \$16,250.00.  
Vehicle Valued at: \$13,000.00.  
GAP would pay the difference up to 125% of the value at date of loss. In this example the payment amount would be \$3,250.00.

Additionally, if GAP Plus is purchased, the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) will cancel the first **\$1,000.00** of your replacement vehicle if financed through LFCU within 120 days after your primary insurance company issues a settlement check.

GAP protection will also provide you with Deductible Assistance. This includes a primary insurance deductible maximum per occurrence of **\$1,000.00** and includes multi-vehicle protection. There is a maximum occurrence

of no more than two in a twelve month period.

What does Gap cover? Let's take a look...

### ELIGIBLE ASSETS

#### MOTOR VEHICLE

- Private Passenger Cars
- Vans
- Light Trucks
- 20 model years or newer

#### POWER SPORTS

- Motorcycles
- All Terrain Vehicles
- Snowmobiles
- Personal Watercraft (e.g. jet ski)

#### WATERCRAFT

- Inboards
- Outboards
- Inflatables
- Jet Drives
- Houseboats
- Sailboats
- Stern Drives

#### RV

- Conventional Trailers
- Fifth Wheel
- Travel Trailer
- Folding Camping Trailer
- Truck Camper Units
- Type A, B, and C Motor Homes

**Non protected incidents include:**  
Loss or damage incidents are **NOT** protected if the protected vehicle

was repossessed by, or placed in the possession of, the credit union, its employees, or agents.

### GAP PROTECTION COSTS?

GAP is surprisingly affordable. For all the protection it provides, its cost remains one of its best attributes. At \$399.00 for the term of the loan, this member-friendly rate has become a must-have coverage.

*This article is intended to be an overview for LFCU members, not an exhaustive explanation of GAP Protection and its eligible and non-eligible protections. To learn more, contact one of our loan officers at (906) 341-3118 ext. 100.*

**"Didn't purchase GAP when you financed your vehicle? Don't miss out, call one of our loan officers and purchase today!"**  
**(906) 341-3118 ext. 100**

May 13<sup>th</sup>  
**CLOSED**  
Happy Mother's Day!

May 28<sup>th</sup>  
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In honor of Memorial Day



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## Emergency Fund **Start Smart. Think Big.**

Many people wonder how they can build an emergency fund when they're trying to pay off their debts. It isn't as hard as you might think. The strategy is to start small, change a few habits, and change your mindset.

If you're starting from scratch with your emergency fund, begin by saving one month's worth of living expenses while paying the minimum on your credit cards. When you have that first month of emergency funds started, turn your focus to your credit card debt and pay more than the monthly minimum. Once the credit card debt is paid off, go back to building your emergency fund.

If your credit card debt is very high and can't be paid in full within a couple of months, then alternate the extra payment every other month: The first month, add to your emergency fund and pay the minimum on your credit cards. The next month, pay more on your credit cards and skip the deposit to your emergency fund, etc.

Here are five ways to boost your emergency fund and change savings habits for life:

- **Treat savings as a bill.** Figure out what you can afford to save each month and stash away \$75, \$50, \$25, or even \$10 a month. No matter the amount, it adds up and can become habit-forming. As your financial situation improves, increase the amount.
- **Live one raise behind.** When you get a raise, don't begin spending more. Instead, apply the extra amount to your emergency fund.
- **Automate it.** Set up an automatic transfer to your emergency fund's account. When the credit union receives your direct-deposited pay check, you can have a portion of it put directly into your savings or emergency account. Out of sight, out of mind, but you know it's there if you really need it.
- **Give savings a garage-sale boost.** Go from room to room in your home and purge stuff you no longer want and need. Then schedule a garage sale. Both your house and your savings will look better.

### Rates of Dividends

	APR†	APY††
Shares	.10%	.10%
IRA's	1.50%	1.50%

6 month CD	.25%	.25%
12 month CD	.75%	.75%
18 month CD	1.10%	1.10%
24 month CD	1.25%	1.25%
30 month CD	1.25%	1.25%

### JUMBO CERTIFICATE RATES

12 month \$50,000	Min.	.80%	.80%
12 month \$100,000	Min.	.90%	.90%
18 month \$50,000	Min.	1.30%	1.30%
18 month \$100,000	Min.	1.40%	1.40%
24 month \$50,000	Min.	1.40%	1.40%
24 month \$100,000	Min.	1.50%	1.50%

† APR - Annual Percentage Rate

††APY - Annual Percentage Yield

**NOTE: Rates are subject to change without notice.**

Call for current rates and terms.

## Ron Provo - Running for Cloverland Board

Ron Provo, Chairman of Limestone Federal Credit Union, is seeking re-election for the Cloverland Electric Cooperative Board of Directors. Ron has the experience and knowledge needed to fill this position as he was an industrial electrician/supervisor for over 30 years at Inland Lime and Stone Co. He has also been serving on the Board of Directors at Limestone Federal Credit Union for the past 32 years. Ron would continue to be an excellent member of the Board of Cloverland Electric. He would be proud to serve the member/owners of Cloverland as he has served the members of Limestone Federal Credit Union.



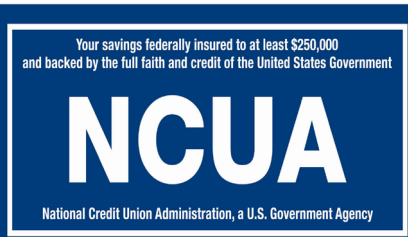
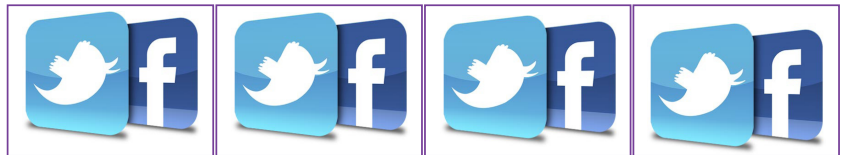
**Ron Provo**  
LFCU Chairman

Please watch the mail for your May/June issue of Michigan Country Lines from Cloverland Electric Co-op. Your postage-paid ballot will be inside the magazine. Please keep in mind, the only person able to vote in this election is the person named on your bill. If it is a joint named account, either person is able to cast the vote.

Thank you for your support in this election.

• **Think of it as a life jacket.** If you can't find that initial spark to get started, ask yourself how you'd pay your bills if you lost your job tomorrow. Having an emergency fund will help you keep "your head above water."

Remember, the professionals at LFCU are ready to help with all your savings needs. Call us at 341-5866 to set up short-term and long-term savings vehicles that fit your needs.



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