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SANDHILLS CONNECTIONS

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The Official Newsletter of Sandhills Credit Union

NO WINTER LASTS FOREVER; NO SPRING SKIPS A TURN.

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SANDHILLS IN THE COMMUNITY



WE ARE A PROUD MEMBER OF THE LEADER AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY.

SANDHILLS CREDIT UNION REMAINS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING LEADER AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES WITH SPONSORSHIP, DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEER TIME. SOME OF THE ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENTS THAT WE SUPPORTED IN 2021 INCLUDE:

THE CURE FOUNDATION \$150

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY BOOK \$270

LEADER AND DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL \$500

LEADER AND DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL BALLET PERFORMANCE \$2500

SANDHILLS MUSIC FESTIVAL \$250

RIVER RIDGE GOLF COURSE MENS NIGHT \$800

LEADER COMPOSITE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS \$3000

TERMINATOR RUN - DOOR PRIZE

MINOR HOCKEY - DOOR PRIZE

SANTA NIGHT - DOOR PRIZE



**BECKY ELLIS,
SANDHILLS' CEO
HAD THE
PLEASURE AND
OPPORTUNITY TO
BE A GUEST JUDGE
AT THE 4H PUBLIC
SPEAKING EVENT
IN FEBRUARY!**

**GREAT JOB BY ALL
PARTICIPANTS!**

AN UPDATE FROM OUR LENDING TEAM

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT WE ANNOUNCE PAM RISTAU HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO MANAGER OF LENDING, EFFECTIVE JAN 1,22.

PAM BRINGS OVER 40 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE TO THE ROLL WITH IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE IN COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL LENDING. PAM HAS EARNED STRONG AND LOYAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR MEMBERS BY PROVIDING SOUND AND TRUSTED FINANCIAL ADVICE. IN THIS ROLE, AND AS THE SENIOR LENDER IN THE BRANCH PAM WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE HER GREAT WORK WITH OUR MEMBERS. AS A NATURAL AND ENGAGED MENTOR, PAM WILL NOW HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO FORMALLY LEAD THE LENDING TEAM AND WE ARE SO EXCITED TO HAVE THE TEAM LEARN FROM THE BEST!



CARI WILKINSON,
TEMPORARY LENDING CLERK

CARI HAS BEEN WITH SANDHILLS CREDIT UNION FOR ALMOST 4 YEARS AS A MEMBER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE AND WAS RECENTLY PROMOTED TO OUR TEMPORARY LENDING CLERK COVERING A MATERNITY LEAVE. BEFORE JOINING SANDHILLS CARI HELD MANY ROLES WITH CIBC AND HAS A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE IN FINANCIAL SERVICES. CARI IS SEEN AS A LEADER AMONGST HER TEAM AND IS A STRONG TEAM PLAYER WITH A COLLABORATIVE MINDSET. CARI WAS BORN AND RAISED IN LEADER, LIVING IN MEDICINE HAT FOR A SHORT TIME BEFORE RETURNING TO RAISE HER KIDS IN HER HOMETOWN WITH CLOSE FAMILY. IN CARI'S SPARE TIME SHE ENJOYS SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS, LISTENING AND DANCING TO 80'S MUSIC. AS A DIE-HARD ELVIS FAN, CARI IS PROUD TO SAY SHE HAS VISITED GRACELAND WHICH WAS A LIFELONG DREAM OF HERS.

STAFF GARDENING TIPS

TO PREVENT ACCUMULATING DIRT UNDER YOUR FINGERNAILS WHILE YOU WORK IN THE GARDEN, DRAW YOUR FINGERNAILS ACROSS A BAR OF SOAP AND YOU WILL EFFECTIVELY SEAL THE UNDERSIDES OF YOUR NAILS SO DIRT CANNOT COLLECT BENEATH THEM.

THEN, AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED IN THE GARDEN, USE A NAILBRUSH TO REMOVE THE SOAP AND YOUR NAILS WILL BE SPARKLING CLEAN. IT IS THE PERFECT WAY TO KEEP YOUR HANDS LOOKING CLEAN AFTER A LONG GARDENING DAY.

THIS WOULD WORK PERFECTLY FOR TRANSPLANTING SEEDLINGS!

PAM RISTAU,
MANAGER OF LENDING

BUY FAKE PLANTS

COLLEEN SIEWERT,
MEMBER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

I SAVE MY EGG SHELLS, DRY THEM OUT AND CRUSH THEM THEN IN THE SPRING WHEN I START MY PLANTS. I ADD SOME SHELLS TO THE DIRT AND THEN I ADD MORE WHEN PLANTING INTO THE GARDEN.

THIS COMING SPRING I AM ALSO GOING TO SOAK EGG SHELLS IN WATER TO USE WHEN WATERING. THE EXTRA CALCIUM IS GREAT, ESPECIALLY FOR TOMATOES AND PEPPERS.

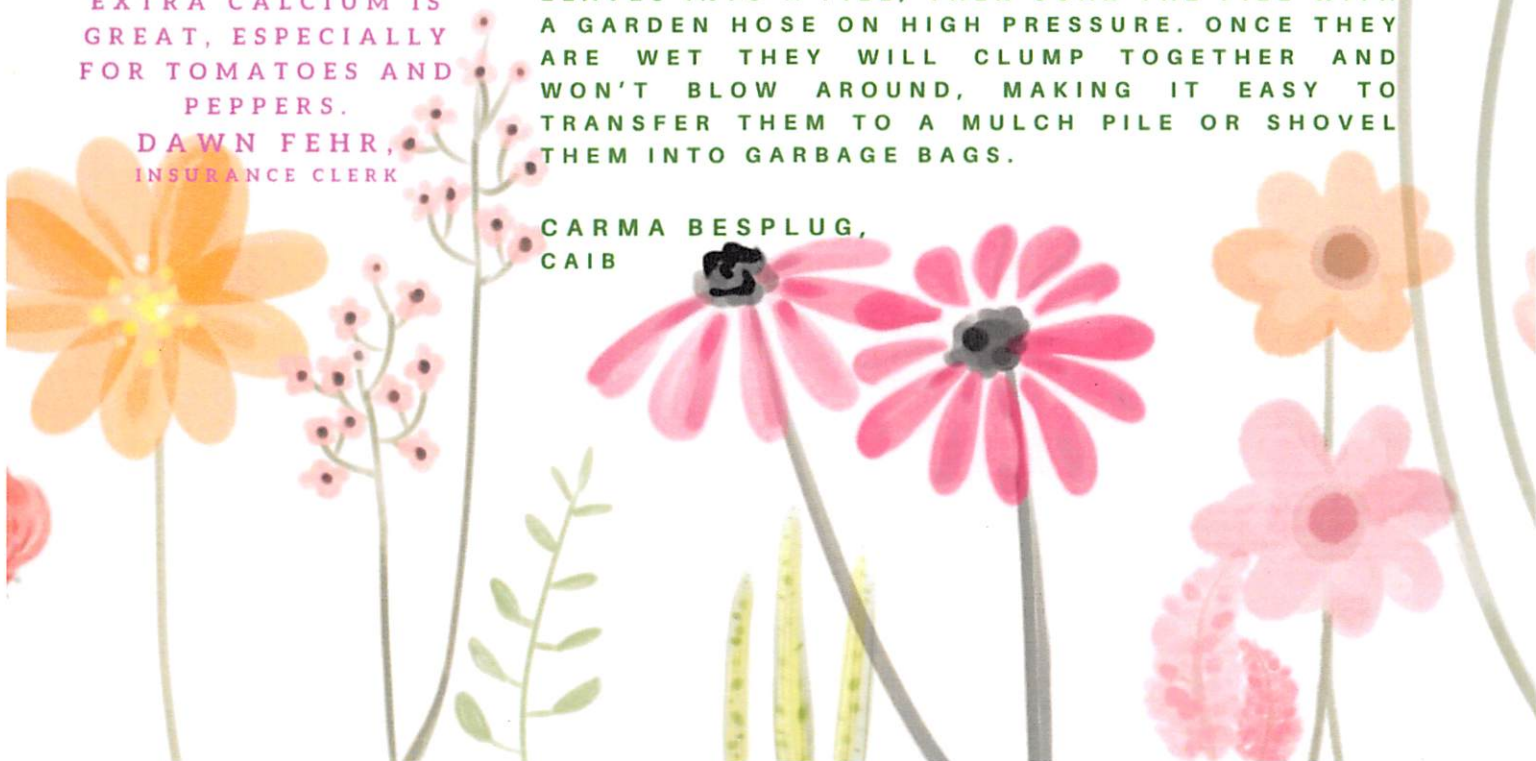
DAWN FEHR,
INSURANCE CLERK

MIX GREENERY: COMBINE FLOWERS AND PLANTS OF DIFFERENT SHAPES, YOU CAN ADD INTEREST TO A BACKYARD BORDER EVEN WHEN LITTLE IS BLOOMING.

DON'T TRANSPLANT ON A SUNNY DAY: WAIT FOR A CLOUDY DAY OR EARLY DUSK SO THE PLANTS WON'T DRY OUT. NEW TRANSPLANTS NEED TO BE WATERED IMMEDIATELY TO KEEP THE ROOTS FROM DRYING OUT AND WITHERING. WATER EACH PLANT AS YOU GO ALONG.

QUICKLY CLEAN UP FALLEN LEAVES: RAKE THE LEAVES INTO A PILE, THEN SOAK THE PILE WITH A GARDEN HOSE ON HIGH PRESSURE. ONCE THEY ARE WET THEY WILL CLUMP TOGETHER AND WON'T BLOW AROUND, MAKING IT EASY TO TRANSFER THEM TO A MULCH PILE OR SHOVEL THEM INTO GARBAGE BAGS.

CARMA BESPLUG,
CAIB



MEET THE SANDHILLS' MEMBER SERVICES TEAM

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

PROVIDING EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL SERVICES THAT ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY



CORA WALKER, MEMBER SERVICES SUPERVISOR

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Cora has been with Sandhills Credit Union for over 20 years, starting as a Member Service Representative and now she leads the Member Service team as the Member Service Supervisor. Cora has accreditations in Member Services, Deposits Services, Fraud Prevention and Cyber Security. Cora leads her team with enthusiasm, compassion, and positivity and is a respected leader amongst her team. Cora and her family are long time members of the Leader Community and Cora is a strong community contributor and advocate, participating in many community boards and organizations over the years.

CYNTHIA SMITH, MEMBER SERVICE REP

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Cynthia has been with Sandhills Credit Union since 2017 as a Member Service Representative. Cynthia is very knowledgeable in financial services and provides our members with an excellent member experience in every interaction. Cynthia also lends her expertise to other service areas and operations of the branch and is a true team player. Cynthia also leads the Fat Cat program for our young members. Prior to her work with Sandhills Credit Union Cynthia spent 17 years working with Canada Revenue Agency. Cynthia is known for spreading positivity and well-being amongst the team with a kind and generous heart. Cynthia enjoys spending time with her husband, kids, and grandkids.



MEET SANDHILLS' MEMBER SERVICES TEAM



PENNY SHELDON, MEMBER SERVICE REP
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Penny has been with Sandhills Credit Union for almost 4 years as a Member Service Representative. Penny also worked in the financial services industry with CIBC prior to coming to work in the Credit Union system with Sandhills. Penny brings absolute joy to our members and team with her incredible positive outlook and infectious laughter. She and her family are long time members of the Leader community, moving to Leader 20 years ago. As a wife, Mom and Grandma Penny doesn't have a lot of free time, but when she does, she likes to spend it planting flowers, camping, painting, doing cross stitch and being outside with her fur-baby.

COLLEEN SIEWERT, MEMBER SERVICES REP
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Colleen is the newest member of our Member Service team. She has been with Sandhills Credit Union since 2021 as a Member Service Representative. Colleen has been an excellent addition to the Sandhills team bringing a fantastic energy and an infectious enthusiasm. Providing an excellent member experience is only one of Colleen's talents. She is also a skilled baker and perogy maker. In her spare time Colleen enjoys spending time with her family, camping, listening to music and watching her favorite TV shows.



Fraud Prevention Seminar

Presented
By:
Sandhills
Credit Union

March 29
6pm at The
Friendship
Centre



Join Our Seminar

Light supper will be provided.
RSVP appreciated but not
required.

Email Nicole Stimson to RSVP
nicole.stimson@sandhillscu.com

What You Will Learn:

- Common frauds and threats
- How to protect yourself
- What to do if you have been a victim of fraud
- Tips and tricks and much much more!

SANDHILLS NOMINATIONS, AGM AND INTEREST RATE UPDATE

SANDHILLS CREDIT UNION IS LOOKING TO FILL THREE (3) POSITIONS ON ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

NOMINATIONS FOR THESE POSITIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED, DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS, AT THE OFFICES OF THE CREDIT UNION, BEGINNING TUESDAY MARCH 8, 2022, UP UNTIL THURSDAY MARCH 31, 2022. IF MORE THAN THREE (3) NOMINATION ARE RECEIVED, A VOTING PERIOD WILL BE HELD FROM THURSDAY APRIL 7, 2022, UNTIL CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THURSDAY APRIL 14, 2022.

INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A DIRECTOR FOR THE CREDIT UNION MAY PICK UP THEIR NOMINATION PAPERS AT SANDHILLS CREDIT UNION. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

CEO, BECKY ELLIS @ (306) 628-3687
OR GORD KUNTZ NOMINATION COMMITTEE CHAIR @
(306)628-7779



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**SANDHILLS CREDIT UNION
CORDIALLY INVITES ITS' MEMBERS TO THE 25TH ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD:**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2022
LEADER COMMUNITY HALL
REGISTRATION: 5:30PM
SUPPER: 6:00PM
MEETING: 7:00PM**

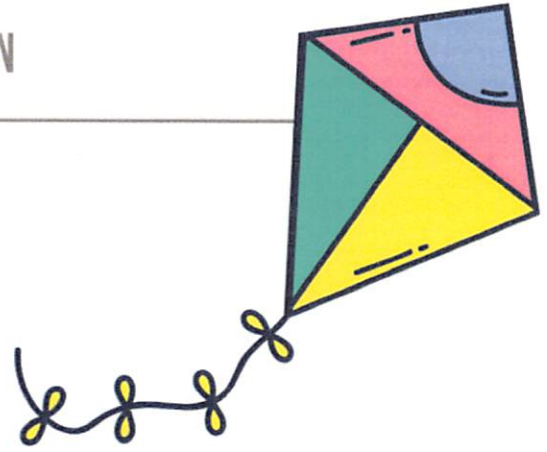
AGENDA ITEMS WILL INCLUDE:

- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
- **CEO'S REPORT**
- **AUDITOR'S REPORT**
- **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**
- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTIONS RESULTS**
- **PRESENTATIONS**
 - **LONG SERVICE AWARDS**

**OUR RATES HAVE
CHANGED!!!
DEPOSIT RATES HAVE
INCREASED AND
BORROWING RATES
HAVE DECREASED!
CALL US OR COME IN
FOR DETAILS!
306-628-3687**



JUST FOR FUN



Q: WHAT DO YOU CALL A RABBIT WITH FLEAS?

A: BUGS BUNNY!

Q: WHY IS SPRING A GREAT SEASON TO START A GARDENING BUSINESS?

A: BECAUSE IT'S WHEN YOU CAN REALLY "RAKE" IN THE MONEY!

Q: HOW EXCITED WAS THE GARDENER ABOUT SPRING?

A: SO EXCITED HE WET HIS PLANTS!

Q: EVERYONE HAS THESE ON THEIR FACE. WHAT ARE THEY?

A: TULIPS!

Q: WHAT KIND OF SOCKS DOES A GARDENER WEAR?

A: GARDEN HOSE!

BACK YARD

SCAVENGER HUNT

-  ant
-  brown leaf
-  butterfly
-  clover
-  cloud
-  purple flower
-  pinecone
-  ladybug
-  bird
-  grass
-  green leaf
-  yellow flower
-  feather
-  rock
-  sticks



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OUR VALUES

VISION STATEMENT

Built on Trust. Committed to Excellence.

MISSION STATEMENT

Providing Excellence in Financial Services That Enrich our community

Holding true to our Vision and Mission is something very important to us at Sandhills Credit Union. The input of our Membership and the Community is something we value and is important to us as we plan for the future.

If you would please take the time and answer a few questions, it would be greatly appreciated. Your feedback is valued!

If you already do business with us at Sandhills Credit Union:

- What do you love about banking at SCU?
- What can we improve on?
- How can we earn more of your financial business (i.e. become your primary financial institution)?

If you don't do business with us at Sandhills Credit union:

- What can we do to earn your business?

Please return survey via email to becky.ellis@sandhillscu.com or drop it by our branch at 202 1st Ave West in Leader by March 25, 22. As a thank you for completing the survey you will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a prize basket made up of goodies from our local Leader businesses!

Name:

Contact Number or Email address:
