



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2026

Settling In: A Message From Brandon

I think Spring is finally here. As we all start to emerge from our houses after a long winter, I am really enjoying the friendly hello's as we meet on the street, or the wave from the oncoming steering wheel. These are some of the things that make rural Saskatchewan so great, and Lafleche and area has certainly delivered on that.



Now though, we turn our eyes to the fields as we await the start of seeding. The excitement of a new season is in the air. Although for some of you it might have already started, for others it's just around the corner. I want to wish each and every one of you a safe and productive spring!!

As the outdoors become much more friendly, I look forward to meeting more of our membership as I explore Lafleche Days, the Trans-Canada Trail, the Museum, Thomson Lake, and the golf course. If you see me, please come and introduce yourself, I am eager to get to know and become part of our community.

Here at Lafleche Credit Union, we have been busy supporting our members through what we hope is an extremely productive year, both in the fields and in town.

We are here for the long haul and even when our competition is moving out, we are digging in to serve our members right here locally. We continue to remain a strong and viable supporter of our communities because at Lafleche Credit Union we are "Community Minded, just like you".

*-Brandon Carter
General Manager*

Patronage

We are paying back over **HALF A MILLION DOLLARS** to our members from our 2025 profits!

Patronage is our way of saying thank you for choosing to do business with us! Each year, our Board of Directors reviews the Credit Union's overall financial performance and considers a patronage allocation. Your patronage payment is calculated based on the interest paid to you on deposits, as well as the interest you have paid on loans.

It's paid by direct deposit and may be issued as a combination of a cash deposit into your chequing or savings account, and a contribution to your equity account.

14% dividend paid on 2025 deposit interest earned and loan interest paid.

It pays to be a member!

YOU'RE INVITED!

Member Appreciation Lunches

Lafleche **Thursday June 11th**

📍 Wood River Memorial Hall

Glentworth **Friday June 12th**

📍 Glentworth Community Hall

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Please join us for a free lunch to celebrate you, our valued members!



“Receiving the scholarship at the beginning of my last year of my undergraduate degree was an immense help, allowing me to feel more financially secure wrapping up that degree.”

-ASPEN BLAKE 2024 RECIPIENT

Year One - Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree
Western College of Veterinary Medicine



Scholarship

Scan our QR code to

APPLY NOW!



Four students will be drawn for a

\$5,000

scholarship! There will be two draws at each branch; one for a Grade 12 student & one for an existing post secondary student.

TO QUALIFY, STUDENT MUST BE AN ACTIVE LCU MEMBER. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR INQUIRE IN BRANCH FOR MORE INFORMATION *TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY.

Staff Service AWARDS

We celebrate our staff for their outstanding years of service with Lafleche Credit Union!



Lori McLean
Manager of Lending & Branch Services
15 years



Jill Starke
Member Services Representative
10 years

CASUAL FRIDAY STAFF FUND

Funds collected through our staff casual Friday Fund were donated to the following organizations:

\$250 Swift Current SPCA

\$250 Moose Jaw Humane Society

\$250 Telemiracle



Fraud Awareness: Staying Safe Together

Fraud attempts continue to affect communities like ours, and staying informed is one of the best ways to protect yourself. Scammers often pose as trusted organizations such as financial institutions, government agencies, or even local businesses, to pressure people into sharing their personal or financial information.

Common fraud tactics used include phone calls, texts, or emails that create a sense of urgency, ask you to “verify” account details, or request payment through e-transfers, gift cards, or cryptocurrency.

Remember:

Lafleche Credit Union will never ask for your full card number, login details, or one-time passcodes by email, text, or phone.

Don't click on links, open attachments, or send money unless you've independently confirmed the request. When in doubt, contact us directly using a phone number you trust, not one provided in the message. **If something feels off, trust your instincts.**

Fraud prevention is a shared effort. By staying cautious and reporting suspicious activity promptly, you help protect not only yourself, but your entire community.

As spring approaches, be on high alert for scams related to tax refunds, government benefits, farm machinery and equipment for sale, home repairs, job opportunities and online buying and selling. Scammers use these timely opportunities to convince you and appear legitimate.

If you're ever unsure about a message or request involving your money or accounts, contact Lafleche Credit Union first, we're here to help.

STOP. CHECK. TALK.

STOP: *Pause before you respond to unexpected calls, messages, fraud alerts, and requests. Especially those creating urgency or pressure.*

Check: *Verify the request using trusted contact information.*

Talk: *If you're unsure, talk to someone you trust or contact us before taking action. Scammers count on quick reactions.*

Taking a moment to **stop, check, and talk** can help prevent fraud before it happens.



Lafleche
CREDIT UNION
Community minded...just like you!

Community Fund
\$50,000 in available
funding for 2026.



Apply Now!

www.laflechecu.com

Lafleche Credit Union will NEVER ask for your online banking login information, one-time security codes, or full account number.

Please be aware that scammers can spoof our phone number, making it look like it's really us calling, when it isn't.

If you're ever unsure:

Hang up.

Take a moment.

Call us back directly using our trusted phone number.

Board Service
AWARDS

**YOUR BOARD.
YOUR COMMUNITY.
YOUR CREDIT UNION.**



Larry Wall
9 years



Kathy DeWulf
12 years



Trent Packet
6 years

We gratefully acknowledge the service of our Board members and their commitment to the credit union! Kathy Dewulf has signed on to serve another term. We also thank Trent Packet for his 6 years of dedicated service, as he retires from our Board.

Lafleche Credit Union's Board of Directors is made up of local members who understand rural Saskatchewan and the needs of the people who live here. As volunteers, they provide leadership, oversight, and long-term direction to keep the credit union strong, sustainable, and focused on delivering exceptional service to our members. Our board's commitment is simple: local leadership, working for local people.

New Board Member!

Treena Blake

I was born and raised south of Mankota. I went to college in Medicine Hat and then moved south of Glentworth, where I reside with my husband, Danny. We have three kids, Braylen (Carlie), Aspen (Carson) and Kohan and two grandbabies, Waylon and Emmet. We raise purebred Black Angus cattle as well as some commercial. I worked at the Glentworth School as an EA for twelve years, then as the Administrative Assistant for ten, and have been a part of many local boards including my position as 4-H leader of the Mankota Beef Club. In the winter months, I like to curl and in the summer I enjoy the outdoors. I am looking forward to being a part of the board at Lafleche Credit Union.



2026 Lafleche Credit Union Board of Directors

President:

Bren Keenan

Vice President:

Larry Wall

Directors:

Kathy DeWulf

Brekke Masse

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Treena Blake