

NEWSLETTER

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75 YEARS ... AND GROWING

Our story started in October 1949 when the Charter was received, and the Credit Union opened its door to serve the first members. Follow along as we highlight a few interesting facts.

We didn't buy our first safe until 1957 – and for only \$25. In the same year, we purchased a second-hand adding machine. We quickly upgraded to a walk-in vault with security doors in 1959. Today we have a state-of-the-art security system safeguarding your assets.

Our investment in staff started as early as 1961 when the manager was authorized to attend the Western Co-op College and continue until he had received his certificate. Today we still place the same emphasis on developing our staff. We celebrated the successful completion of our current CEO's Master of Business Administration (MBA) earlier this year. Our investment in the learning and development of our staff and board members makes us an employer of choice in our communities.

Our office in Biggar moved around often before we found our current location. We rented an office in the Co-op building before we purchased the Campell building (now

Angie's Hair Salon). The office was fully renovated in 1963. We soon ran out of space and in 1966 the Board of Directors recommended we build a new credit union office. Construction at 302 Main Street started on August 15, 1966. In 1975 and 2010 we needed more space, so we extended our office space.

In 1960 we amalgamated with Lydden Credit Union. In 1997 we opened a branch in Perdue and amalgamated with Landis Credit Union in 2019 .

Ensuring that essential services are available in our communities is very important to us. In 2009 we bought a share of the H.M.Bielby Agency (with offices in Biggar and Landis), and in 2022 we purchased Perdue Agencies. We changed the name to Biggar & District Insurance Services and now provide insurance services in Biggar, Landis, and Perdue. In 2020 we started Biggar & District Accounting Services and provide accounting services to the community.

Throughout the last 75 years, our focus has always been on you, our member. Thank you for supporting us.

Together we are building better communities!

SPREADING THE WORD ON FINANCIAL LITERACY

Jocelyn Poletz and Alyssa Williams visited St. Gabriel Catholic School where they joined the grade 8/9 class and helped them create a budget for their pizza party. They shared valuable information on how to earn and spend money.

They also talked to grade 10 students at Perdue School about how credit unions are different than banks, and how your money beliefs play a role in how you make decisions on spending and saving money.

We believe that an investment in our youth, is an investment in our community's future.

The more we know about how to earn, grow, spend and save money, the better financial decisions we make. Reach out to us if you are interested in a financial literacy presentation at your school or organization.





AND THE LONG-TERM SERVICE AWARDS GO TO...

We are so proud of our amazing staff! The following staff members received long-service awards this year: L-R: Bryce Kramer - 20 years, Ian Hawkins - 15 years, Cherry Dalisay - 10 years, Alyssa Williams - 5 years and Peggy Lake - 5 years. Missing: Carlene Genis - 5 years and Jenna Scott - 5 years. Congratulations everyone!



Our Credit Union Family is growing

Congratulations to:

- Jenna and Alex. It's a boy...and a girl - Austin & Margot
- Lyndsey and Bryan on the birth of their baby girl Elly
- Jade and Braden on the birth of their baby girl Kali

Don't miss out on our 75th Anniversary Celebrations Buy your tickets today

Perdue - Saturday, April 6th.

The evening will start out with cocktails, followed by dinner and entertainment by the Dueling Pianos. The Dueling Pianos Show guarantees a high energy 'sing-out-loud' kind of event. Sing, dance and clap along to your requested songs. Everything from oldies to the today's newest hit.

Landis - Saturday, April 13th.

Our Landis celebration starts with cocktails, dinner and entertainment by comedy magician Matt Gore, more commonly known as "The Ginger Ninja". With over 17 years' experience performing around the globe, his cheeky character and sharp sense of humor you are guaranteed to have a fun evening.

Tickets are limited for these events. They are on sale for \$25 per person; \$15 for children 10 years and younger. Available at any of our Biggar & District Credit Union locations.

Safe Rides provided from both events by Gallardo Liner