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LAFCU's Shred Day set for April 27

Credit union to host free, public event for secure document shredding for identity theft prevention

LANSING, Mich. —The National Council on Identity Theft Protection says that about one-third of Americans will be victimized by some type of identity theft in their lifetime. Documents that contain a signature, account or social security number, or personal information significantly elevate the risk of fraud. In response,



LAFCU offers a free event to safeguard the public from such threats.

As part of the credit union's annual Shred Day, a mobile shredding truck will be at LAFCU's headquarters/West Lansing Branch, 106 N. Marketplace Blvd., Lansing, April 27 from 10 a.m. to noon, for on-site, secure destruction of personal documents. The event will provide attendees with peace of mind and protect their personal information.

For optimal protection, LAFCU recommends shredding documents that contain identifying information about financial, medical, and Social Security accounts. This includes receipts, address labels, bills, insurance claims, tax forms, and checking, savings, and loan statements. Each person is welcome to drop off up to four banker's boxes of these materials.

"It's a good practice to review old billing statements and documents containing sensitive details and shred them if they are no longer needed, as this significantly reduces the risk of identity theft and fraud," said Alyssa Troub, LAFCU marketing and communications specialist. "LAFCU is committed to ensuring everyone's safety from the dangers of fraud and theft while supporting the financial well-being of our community."

About LAFCU

Chartered in 1936, LAFCU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative open for membership to anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Michigan and to businesses and other entities located in Michigan. The credit union serves 74,000 members and holds over \$1 billion in assets. Named a Best Credit Union to Work For, LAFCU offers a comprehensive range of financial products and services as well as an expanding complement of financial technology solutions. Members enjoy benefits such as low fees, low interest rates on loans, high yields on savings, discounts, knowledgeable employees and nationwide access to fee-free ATMs. A recipient of the national Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award for credit unions, LAFCU enriches the communities it serves by supporting many organizations and causes. To learn more about LAFCU, visit <u>www.lafcu.com</u>

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