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Fun & educational ways to celebrate Earth Day
Earth Day is an annual holiday that has been celebrated since 1970. Despite somewhat humble beginnings, much of the globe now celebrates Earth Day, which this year takes place on Tuesday, April 22.
Earth Day has long drawn attention to issues affecting the planet and its climate. The effects of those issues have grown increasingly noticeable in recent years, which makes this Earth Day and all subsequent celebrations an ideal opportunity to celebrate the planet while learning about the many challenges it faces in the years to come. The following are some unique, fun and educational ways to celebrate the planet this April.
• Leave the car at home. Winter weather is a distant memory by late April in many places, making Earth Day an ideal time to travel by foot or by bicycle instead of by car. That's not only fun, but also a great opportunity to learn about carbon emissions. The United States Environmental Protection Agency reports that a typical passenger vehicle emits about 4.6 metric tons of carbon dioxide each year. Vehicles also emit a substantial amount of methane and nitrous oxide. This is why gas-powered vehicles are so often linked to climate change, much of which is driven by greenhouse gas emissions. A car-free Earth Day can be fun and serve as a catalyst for conversation about the effects of gas-powered vehicles on the health of the planet.
• Volunteer with a local environmental organization. Environmental organizations are committed to the ideals behind Earth Day all year long. However, each Earth Day many of these organizations sponsor eco-conscious efforts to help the planet and raise awareness about issues like climate change. Volunteering with a local beach or park cleanup or signing up to walk and raise money for a local environmental charity makes for a fun and educational way to spend your Earth Day.

PRE-K ROUND UP KINDERGARTEN

Last Names A-L: Wed., April 23
5:30 - 7:00 PM LINCOLN ELEM. 500 Elkenburg
Last Names M-Z: Thurs., April 24

Fall 2024 Enrollment for BOTH Lincoln & Maple Grove Elementary Schools

IR. Kindergarten & Kindergarten: Child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2025. Those born between Sept. 1st-December 1st will need to complete a waiver to enroll.
GSRP Preschool: Child must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2025 & must meet eligibility requirements set by the State of MI.
Schools of Choice Applications: If residing out of district, you may apply for your child to attend SHPS through Schools of Choice. **MORE INFO AT:** www.shps.org
Questions? Please call (269) 637-0500 or email enrollment@shps.org

For planning & scheduling purposes, students who enroll after Aug. 1, 2025 may experience a delay in receiving their teacher assignments.

Para fines de planificación y programación, los estudiantes que se inscriban después del 1 de agosto de 2025 pueden experimentar un retraso en la recepción de sus asignaciones de maestros.

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¿Preguntas? Por favor, llame al (269) 637-0536 o por correo electrónico: enrollment@shps.org

What to bring to Round Up:
• Your child!
• Parent/Legal Guardian Driver's License or State ID
• Student's Legal Birth Certificate or Certified Copy
• Record of Immunization
• Proof of Residency of Current Address (lease, utility bill, mortgage statement, or another official document showing current address)
• Proof of dental/vision/hearing screening if applicable

LLEVAR AL REDONDEO/EVENTO:
• Su niño/a
• Licencia de conducir del padre/tutor legal o identificación estatal
• Acta de Nacimiento Legal del Estudiante o Copia Certificada
• Registro de Inmunizaciones
• Prueba de domicilio de la dirección actual (contrato de arrendamiento, factura de servicios públicos, estado de cuenta de la hipoteca u otro documento oficial que muestre la dirección actual).
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Location: @ The Church
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Tuesday Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 pm
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Church Office - Friday

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Evening Service 6 pm
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269-628-9199 • northpointgobles@gmail.com
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Monday - Bible Study 7:00
Wednesday - Prayer Meeting 7pm

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10:30 am - Worship on Facebook Live
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5pm-7pm at TCMC
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Saturday - 1st of every month - Hands of Jesus
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Pastor Jim Robertson
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townlineumc.org

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55661 M-43 East P.O. 236, Bangor, MI
Phone (269) 427-7067
Sunday School 10:00 am
BBkids Church 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Monday Prayer & Praise 6:00 pm
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Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm

Horseshoe Community Bible Church
4950 104th Ave., Grand Junction, MI
Phone (269) 521-4580
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Evening Services 6pm
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30pm
Pastor Don Miller

Kibbie Christian Reformed Church
00479 CR 687 South Haven, MI 49090
269-637-6575
11am Sunday Worship Service-Pastor Vern Swieringa (vswier245@gmail.com)
Additional activities:
Children's Worship ages 4-8yrs old
AA Meetings every Thursday 7pm
Community Potlucks the 2nd Wednesday every month @ 6pm
Principe de Paz-Spanish Church
3 pm Sunday Worship Service-Pastor Alfredo De La Rosa (pastordelarosa72@hotmail.com)
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A brief history of Earth Day

The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970.

Earth Day is celebrated each April and draws attention to a range of issues affecting the environment. Earth Day aims to raise awareness in the hope of inspiring change.
Earth Day is observed on April 22. According to National Geographic, the first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970. Wisconsin senator Gaylord Nelson was inspired to begin a national celebration uniting the environmental movement after witnessing environmental activism in the 1960s. With the help of Denis Hayes, a graduate student at Harvard University, Nelson organized the first Earth Day. Twenty million people participated in events across the United States and strengthened support for environmental legislation like the Clean Air Act and the Endangered Species Act.
Earth Day was expanded to a global initiative in 1990 under guidance from Hayes. Nearly 200 million participants in more than 140 countries now join together in the name of protecting the planet. Awareness continues to be raised each year regarding renewable energy and climate change.

One of the hallmarks of Earth Day celebrations is the planting of trees. Researchers estimate roughly 15 billion trees are cut down each year across the globe. By planting a tree every Earth Day, people can make a difference. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen and bolster ecosystems for wildlife. Shade trees can reduce reliance on fans and air conditioning systems.
The main message of Earth Day 2024 is the need to commit to ending reliance on plastics, says EarthDay.org. The goal is a 60 percent reduction in the production of all plastics by 2040. Plastics are bad for the environment a growing body of research indicates they have an adverse effect on the major systems of the body, including immune, respiratory, digestive, and hormonal systems.
Everyone can do their part to promote the ideals behind Earth Day. For 54 years, millions of people have been advocating for change to benefit the planet and human and animal health, and that fight is ongoing. TF244831

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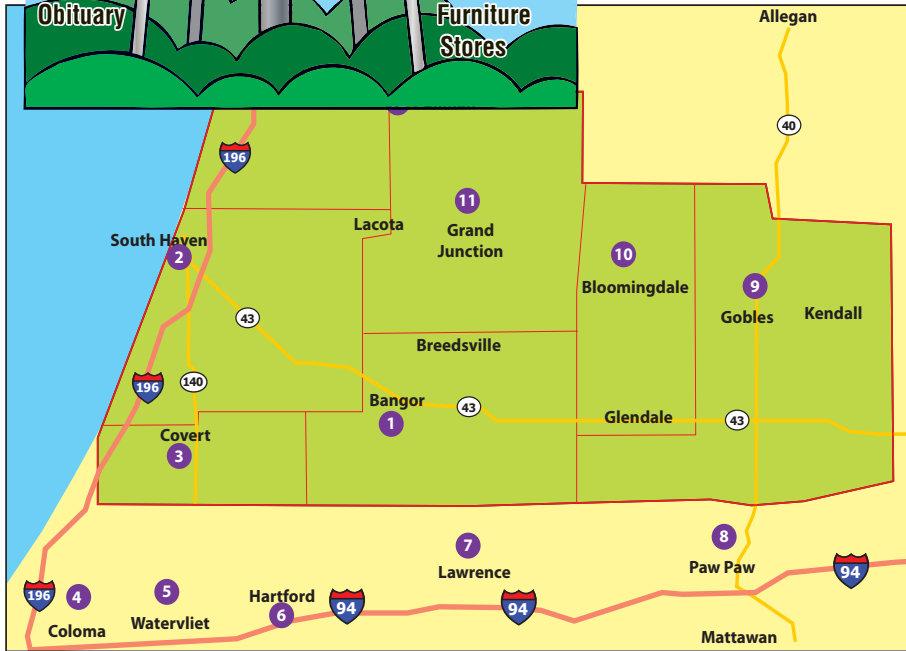
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The Van Buren Reminder's Easter Services Directory

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Information may be submitted using the form below. Mail to:

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P.O. Box 218
Bangor, MI 49013

Information may also be submitted by fax, (269) 427-5286 or email to reminder49013@aol.com. All requests must be received by Wednesday, April 16 by 3 pm for our April 20 issue. Please call (269) 427-7474 for further information or questions.

April 20 Easter Services Directory

The Easter Services Directory can also be found online at www.vanburenreminder.com

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| First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) Palm Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m. Easter - 10:30 a.m. 651 Phoenix Street South Haven 269-637-3804 | Bangor Church of Christ Easter Service Sundays, April 1 at 10:30 a.m. Easter Hymn Sing, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast, April 1 at 9:30 a.m. 214 N. Walnut • Bangor 269-206-3370 | St. Jude Parish Holy Thursday Mass: March 29 - 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service: March 30 - 12:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass (Saturday): March 31 - 6:30 p.m. Easter Sunday Mass: April 1 - 9:00 a.m. 13809 M-40 N. • Gobles, MI 269-628-2219 |
| Casco United Methodist Church Good Friday Service March 30 - 7:00 p.m. Easter Service Easter Sunday Celebration Service at 10 a.m. 880 6th Street • South Haven 269-227-3328 | Trinity Lutheran Church Palm Sunday with Procession of Palms at 10:15 am Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 pm. Good Friday Worship at 7:00 p.m. Easter Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship at 10:15 a.m. 115 E. Monroe Street • Bangor 269-427-7102 | Kendall United Methodist Church Kendall Sunrise Service 7:30 am Gobles Church Service 9:30 am Kendall Church Service 11:15 am 26718 CR 388 • Kendall 269-628-2303 |
| Peace Lutheran Church | First United Methodist Church | Calvary Baptist Church |



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FAQ about taxes as the filing deadline nears

Some people look forward to filing their tax returns, while others recoil at the thought of paying what they owe. Regardless of which camp taxpayers are in, come April most people have a question or two related to their returns.

As the deadline to file tax returns draws closer, taxpayers hoping to make the process as smooth as possible can consider these frequently asked questions and answers, courtesy of the Internal Revenue Service.

When is deadline day?
Though taxpayers periodically get an extra day or two to file their returns when April 15 coincides with a holiday or lands on a weekend, there's no such reprieve in 2025. This year all taxpayers who are not requesting an extension must file their income tax returns by April 15, 2025.

What if my address has changed?
The IRS urges all taxpayers to use their new address when filing their returns. Additional ways taxpayers can update their address with the IRS is through the filing of Form 8822, Change of Address or Form 8822-B, Change of Address or Responsible Party-Business. Written statements or oral notifications are additional ways to notify the IRS of an address change, and these methods must include personal information, including the old and new address as

well as the taxpayer's Social Security number, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) or Employer Identification Number (EIN).

Is there an age limit on claiming my child as a dependent?
A child must meet either the qualifying child test or the qualifying relative test in order to be claimed as a dependent. To meet the qualifying child test, your child must be younger than you or your spouse if filing jointly and either younger than 19-years-old or be a "student" younger than 24-years-old as of the end of the calendar year.

There is no age limit to claim a child as a dependent if a child is "permanently and totally disabled" or meets the qualifying relative test.

In addition to meeting the qualifying child or qualifying relative test, you can claim that person as a dependent only if these three tests are met:

1. Dependent taxpayer test
 2. Citizen or resident test, and
 3. Joint return test
- Taxpayers who remain uncertain about their eligibility to claim a child as a dependent are urged to contact the IRS or a tax preparation professional for clarification before filing their returns.

What should I do if my W-2 is incorrect?
Employers must provide employees with a W-2

by January 31. If the W-2 is incorrect and has not been fixed by the end of February, taxpayers can contact the IRS and request to initiate a Form W-2 complaint. When such a request is initiated, the IRS sends a letter to the employer and requests that they furnish a corrected W-2 within 10 days. The IRS also sends a letter to the taxpayer with instructions and Form 4852, which can be used to file a return if a corrected W-2 is not provided before the filing deadline.

How can I file for an extension?
There are three ways to request an automatic extension of time to file an income tax return.

1. You can pay all or part of your estimated income tax due and indicate that the payment is for an extension using your bank account; a digital wallet such as Click to Pay, PayPal, and Venmo; cash; or a credit or debit card.
 2. You can file Form 4868 electronically by accessing IRS e-file using your tax software or by using a tax professional who uses e-file.
 3. You can file a paper Form 4868 and enclose payment of your estimate of tax due (optional).
- Tax day arrives on April 15. Taxpayers who have lingering questions about their returns are urged to contact the IRS via irs.gov or work with a certified tax professional.
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Uniform Response and the Detectives from our CID Unit handled a Shooting/Homicide in the City of Hartford. I cannot go into details being it's an open pending case with the suspect in custody. I can disclose an altercation took place, and ultimately the wife was lodged for the incident. It was an isolated incident with no danger to the public.

Uniform Response Assisted in a Pursuit of a Stolen Vehicle/Felonious Assault with South Haven PD. A Deputy was in the area when it started and was able to set up stop sticks as the vehicle was approaching. Right after hitting the sticks, the suspect driver's evasive reaction caused him to lose control, hence crashing in a ditch. It should be noted that when tires run over stop sticks, it deflates them steadily and doesn't blow out a tire and allows the driver to stop prior to the tire going flat.

I would like to Thank Everyone who Participated this past week in the Free Adoptions at the Shelter. I am pleased to announce every available dog was adopted but one. I believe that dog is going to be adopted right after I send out this update. To go further, we always appreciate the citizens adopting animals out of the shelter.

Our Office Participated over the last Few Weeks at Numerous Schools for Career Day. These are always great events and interactions with the kids to enlighten them on what we do and what a great career it can be.

Uniform Response and a Member of Our Drone Team Assisted MSP with a Fatal Traffic Crash involving a Motor Vehicle vs. Horse and Buggy. I'd ask that you keep the Family and Amish Community in your Prayers as they deal with this tragedy.

Uniform Response took 2 Different Assault Calls in the City of Hartford. After the investigations where completed, the reports were sent to the Prosecutors Office for review for charges.

Uniform Response handled a Reckless Shooting complaint in Lawrence Township. After the initial investigation, a search warrant was obtained for the residence as the subject from Illinois shooting could not be in possession of firearms. After executing the search warrant, 3 AR rifles, 4 handguns, and ammunition was seized. The report was sent to the Prosecutors Office for charges.

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100 Years Ago This Month: Historical events from April 1925

- The month of April has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in April 1925.
- King Yeta III of Barotseland and the Lozi people in what is now Zambia abolishes the corvée on April 1 in the British colony of Northern Rhodesia. The corvée is a system of forced labor that is considered the last vestige of slavery in the colony.
 - On April 2, Harry Pierpont is arrested in Detroit for a string of bank robberies across Indiana and Michigan. Pierpont escapes from prison eight years later and ultimately joins John Dillinger in committing numerous additional bank robberies.
 - Henry Ford begins running a private air freight service between Detroit and Chicago on April 2.
 - On April 4, Field Marshal Paul von Hindenburg agrees to run in the second round of the German presidential election in place of Karl Jarres, who had won the first round. Jarres withdrew his name prior to the second round, paving the way for Hindenburg's candidacy and ultimate victory.
 - Several men working for criminal Al Capone severely assault investigative reporter Robert St. John on April 6. St. John had previously authored several pieces exposing Capone's criminal empire in Cicero, Illinois.
 - Adolf Hitler formally renounces his Austrian citizenship on April 7. Hitler would remain stateless and ineligible for public office until being granted German citizenship in early 1932.
 - In conjunction with the British Colonial Office, the Australian government announces a plan on April 8 to encourage nearly half a million British citizens to relocate to Australia. The government offers low-interest loans and skills training to entice people to move.
 - A demonstration against Lord Balfour in Damascus ends with two people dead and 11 wounded on April 9. The protests were a response to Balfour's promotion of Jewish interests in Palestine. Balfour would depart Damascus in haste a day after the demonstration.
 - F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel The Great Gatsby is published on April 10.
 - Police in Denver, Colorado, carry out a raid on Good Friday on April 10. More than 200 people, including bootleggers and gamblers, are arrested. The raid was ordered by Denver Mayor Benjamin F. Stapleton, a member of the Ku Klux Klan. The KKK had benefitted from many of the institutions targeted during the raid, which prompted the organization to strip Stapleton of his membership months later.
 - The James Simpson-Roosevelt Asiatic Expedition departs New York City on April 11. The expedition aimed to collect wildlife species from mountainous regions in Asia, and would ultimately return with thousands of specimens.
 - Women are granted the right to vote in the Dominion of Newfoundland on April 13.
 - Anarchists open fire on the vehicle of Tsar Boris III of Bulgaria on April 14. Though King Boris is grazed by a bullet and two of his companions are killed, the assassination attempt fails.
 - The Caterpillar Tractor Company is founded upon the merger of Holt Manufacturing Company and the C.L. Best Tractor Company on April 15.
 - After consuming an excessive amount of hot dogs and soda, Babe Ruth undergoes surgery on April 17. Ruth had collapsed on a team train 10 days earlier and is treated for what doctors characterized as an intestinal abscess.
 - The Communist Party of Korea is founded in Japanese-ruled Korea on April 17.
 - The use of a sign shaped like a shield is standardized as the way to identify federally funded highways in the United States on April 20.
 - The entire crew of the Japanese cargo ship S.S. Raifuku Maru perishes when the ship sinks in a storm on April 21. The ship was transporting wheat from the U.S. to Germany but rescue efforts failed due to stormy conditions.
 - Franz Kafka's novel, Der Prozess (later translated in English as The Trial), is published posthumously on April 26. Kafka, a relative unknown at the time of the book's publication, died of tuberculosis roughly nine months earlier.
 - France begins air raids on Morocco as part of the Rif War on April 27. The raids would continue intermittently for the next nine years. TF254768

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