

# THE CLOTHES LINE

**APRIL  
2026**



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# SPRING INTO APRIL

Greetings CLS Team Members,

In Michigan, April is a transition month into spring, and while it can be rainy, the big changes in weather happen later in the month. While the saying "April showers bring May flowers" is a common one, it's not always accurate for Michigan, as April and May rainfall patterns can vary, and flowers bloom based on temperature, not just rainfall. The timing of flower blooms in Michigan is primarily determined by temperature, not rainfall. Early warm spells can trigger flowers to bloom, but if followed by a hard frost, they can die.

## TEAMWORK



Just like the changing seasons, progress doesn't happen all at once—it takes the right conditions and a collective effort. That's where teamwork comes in. Teamwork is essential to achieving our goals and moving CLS forward. It strengthens relationships, drives productivity, and sparks new ideas that lead to outstanding performance. No one here succeeds alone—we rely on each other every day. Like a bicycle chain, each Team Member plays a critical role, and it takes every link working together to keep us moving forward. Let's keep pedaling together.

*We are CLS!*

*- Sarah, Kurt, Ron*

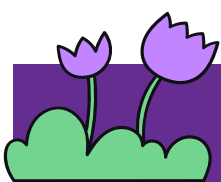


The CSC Network Annual Convention took place in Las Vegas on March 18–19, 2026, bringing together independent laundries for two days of learning, collaboration, and industry insight. CLS was proud to participate in sessions covering business trends, best practices, and supplier innovations.

Through CSC, CLS stays connected year-round by participating in multiple training groups and roundtable discussions focused on key areas like sales, operations, service, and HR. This ongoing involvement helps us stay sharp and continue delivering the best for our customers.

In recognition of our engagement, CLS was awarded a Gold Medal for participation in 2025. As CSC says, we're stronger together.

**Learn more about the event on page 8.**



# APRIL BIRTHDAYS


Oswaldo Cruz	April 1st
Martin Velasquez 	April 2nd
Jeremiah Sicher	April 2nd
Sofia Guzman Guzman	April 3rd
Santos Motino	April 5th
Philip Hopper	April 7th
David VanDyke	April 7th
Greg Robertson	April 10th
Yolanda de la Cruz	April 10th
Ramon Gomez	April 10th
Raquel Diaz Hernandez	April 10th
Wendy Ramirez Lucas	April 10th
Kamavi Whitlock 	April 11th
Demetrius Smith	April 11th
Tommy Enslin	April 12th
Maria Santiago Garcia	April 12th

Aidan Felker	April 12th
Tracey Williams	April 17th
Floralma Morales Mauricio	April 17th
Brad Bowers	April 19th
Dylan Schantz	April 21st
Joyce Burnett 	April 22nd
Marci Stephenson	April 22nd
Fidel Martinez Lopez	April 23rd
Ruben Guerra Veral	April 24th
Jon Crane	April 25th
Martha Santiago Martinez	April 25th
Maria Gutierrez Martinez	April 27th
Bryan Mueller	April 27th
Idalia Camacho Hernandez	April 28th
Isa Sanchez	April 29th
Gilman Cardona 	April 30th



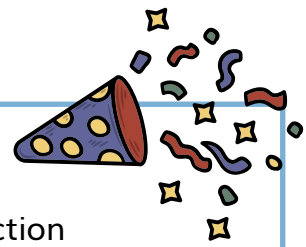
# APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



Ron Vander Meer	60 Years
Theodore Phillips	22 Years
Mirian Garcia 	21 Years
Greg Place	21 Years
Wally Roznowski	20 Years
Brandon Balbo	8 Years
Zack Dwyer	8 Years
Blanca De la Paz	5 Years
Lindsey Peters	5 Years

Jessie Bachmann	3 Years
Anthony Smith	3 Years
Florencio Gomez	3 Years
Geoff Major 	3 Years
Mckenna Caldwell	2 Years
Jonairy Colon	2 Years
Tommy Enslin	2 Years
Idris Gonzalez Roblero	2 Years
Valentin Hernandez Hernandez	1 Year
Juana Benito 	1 Year
Bayron Colon	1 Year

# WELCOME NEW HIRES!



- Brandon Appling- Livonia RSP
- Michael Wooten- Livonia Route Specialist
- Andrew Baker- Alpena RSP
- Meghan Northup- HR Coordinator
- Martin Velasquez- Production
- Demetrius Smith - Production Wash Aisle
- Aaron Burks- Grand Rapids RSP
- Kamavi Whitlock- Saginaw RSP

# PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

- Brian Schneider - RSP Saginaw to Grand Rapids DSM

*Congratulation*



# MARCH MEMORIES







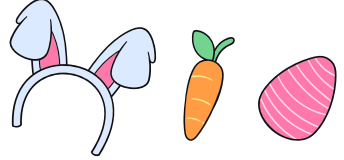
WELLNESS FAIR, MARCH 6TH



**SLAPPY  
SHOWED  
UP FOR A  
SUPRISE  
VISIT!!!**



# APRIL

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 5 EASTER SUNDAY	6	7	8	9	10	 11	
12	(Service) Spring Word Search	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	 22 EARTH DAY	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	



We're heading to a Kalamazoo Wings game as a company group on April 11th! Join us for a great afternoon of hockey, with private access to the 242 Bar and buffet.

**Doors open at 3:15 pm, come early, grab some food, and get ready to cheer on the K-Wings.**

**CLAIM YOUR SPOT AT THE GAME!**

**SCAN TO REQUEST TICKETS!**

*We hope to see you there!*



Confirm you'll be attending



MARCH

**Chad Gentry**

"Chad our delivery driver is the best! He always makes sure we have what we need and is always helpful and kind when he is here. Great asset to the CLS team!"

- Customer  
Google Review

**David Wojick**

"For his outstanding performance."  
- Jeremiah Sicher

**Mike Milliman**

"Mike is great. Always friendly and keeps us up to date with any changes."

- Customer  
Google Review

**Judy Franulic**

"Judy is a vital member of the Livonia team. She is always willing to jump in and assist management and the RSPs whenever needed. She has been instrumental in managing accounts on hold and has successfully collected payments on numerous occasions. Her efforts have been essential in maintaining both our high level of customer service and our revenue."

- Jeremiah Sicher

**Brian Schneider**

"Brian is amazing. Always smiling and in a great mood. He has always gone the extra mile to make sure that my location has all the cleaning supplies I need and to come up with options for things I would like to get in. He is the best!"

- Customer  
Google Review

**Dwayne Cotton**

"Dwayne is an extremely efficient, reliable and personable driver. 10/10 would recommend."

- Customer  
Google Review

**Nancy Flores**

"Willing to go above and beyond! Extremely helpful when the help is needed."

- Ian Barbo

**Nick Percival**

"Nicholas is an outstanding CLS delivery driver who consistently goes above and beyond. He takes the time to build strong relationships with our team and always maintains a high level of professionalism."

- Customer  
Google Review

**Great work doesn't go unnoticed at CLS. Nominate a coworker who's living our Core Values**

- Weekly winner gets \$25.
- Submit by Sunday at 11:59 PM.

**SUBMIT A NOMINATION HERE:**

<https://forms.gle/QwSFqFnMVojB5QAt8>





## WEATHER IMPACT UPDATE — Alpena & Cadillac



On Monday and Tuesday, March 16–17, our Cadillac and Alpena locations were significantly impacted by a severe snow and ice storm. Both areas received over 20 inches of snow, creating unsafe travel conditions that required routes to be closed.

In Cadillac, routes were able to safely resume on Tuesday as conditions improved. In Alpena, heavy ice accumulation caused a power outage at our branch for two full days, adding further challenges for the team.

We want to sincerely thank everyone who worked hard to keep things moving — from adjusting schedules and communicating with customers to supporting one another and prioritizing safety. Your flexibility, teamwork, and commitment during these difficult conditions truly reflect the strength of our CLS team.

**We appreciate the extra effort shown across both locations.**

## March Madness Results Are In

Our March Madness service promotion has officially wrapped up, and the results were strong. Thank you to everyone who stepped up and made it happen—your effort and execution showed. These promotions aren't just for numbers, they push us to stay sharp, create opportunities, and keep raising the bar with our customers.

*Great work all around.*





## CLS RECOGNIZED AT CSC NETWORK CONVENTION IN LAS VEGAS

A few members of our team, including ownership, recently traveled to Las Vegas for the annual CSC Network Convention.

The CSC Network is a group of independent laundry and linen companies from across the country that work together to share ideas, improve operations, and stay ahead in the industry. Being part of this network helps us bring new ideas and better solutions back to our customers here in Michigan.

While there, the team attended sessions and walked the expo floor to learn about new equipment, processes, and ways we can continue to grow and improve what we do every day at CLS.

One of the highlights of the trip was being recognized with a Gold Award for our participation and contributions to the CSC Network over the years. CLS was apart of the board that started the CSC Network, and this recognition is really a reflection of the effort our entire company puts in every day.

We're proud to represent CLS on a national level and bring back ideas that help us keep improving and delivering for our customers!



**A quick update on our branch Google ratings. Big thanks to our service team, your day-to-day effort is what drives these results.**

4.3	★★★★☆	<b>Kalamazoo</b>
4.9	★★★★★	<b>Grand Rapids</b>
4.9	★★★★★	<b>Cadillac</b>
5.0	★★★★★	<b>Alpena</b>
5.0	★★★★★	<b>Saginaw</b>
4.8	★★★★★	<b>Livonia</b>



## **Safety First!**



Safety is our top priority, and knowing how to read and use Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) is a big part of keeping our workplace safe. These documents aren't just paperwork; they are important tools that tell us everything we need to know about the chemicals we use every day.

### **What Are Safety Data Sheets?**

Safety Data Sheets (SDSs), once called Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs), are detailed guides made by the chemical's maker or importer. They list a chemical's characteristics and properties, like its flash point, toxicity, and health effects. SDSs also cover how to handle first aid, storage, disposal, protective gear, and what to do if there's a spill.



#### **How to Access and Use SDSs**

At our Manchester location, you can find the SDS outside the supervisor's office. Here's how to use them effectively:

- **Familiarize Yourself Regularly:** Don't wait for an emergency. Keep checking the SDS for the chemicals you work with to stay sharp on safe handling and what to do in an emergency.
- **Follow All Recommendations:** Always use the personal protective equipment (PPE) listed in the SDS. Follow all the safe handling and storage instructions to keep you and your coworkers safe.
- **Emergency Response:** If there's an emergency, look at the SDS for that specific chemical. It will tell you what to do first and how to deal with a spill safely.
- **Ask Questions:** If you're unsure about anything in an SDS or how to handle a chemical safely, talk to your supervisor or safety manager. It's always better to ask than to guess and possibly make a mistake.

#### **Why Are SDSs Important?**

- **Health and Safety:** SDSs explain the dangers of chemicals like detergents and bleaches, including potential health risks and how they react with other substances.
- **Emergency Procedures:** If there's an accident like a spill, SDSs give clear steps on how to handle it safely, reducing health and safety risks.
- **Proper Storage and Handling:** SDSs tell you the right way to store and handle each chemical, helping to prevent accidents from wrong storage or mixing.
- **Legal Compliance:** Following SDS guidelines keeps us in line with safety laws, protecting both you and our organization from legal issues.

**Safety Data Sheets are a fundamental part of our safety culture. By familiarizing yourself with SDSs and following their guidelines, you contribute to a safer workplace for everyone.**



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