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LEAF raffle event sees another record profit

Laingsburg – The Laingsburg Educational Advancement Foundation netted more than \$11,600 from its sixth-annual Reverse Raffle fundraiser held recently at Eagle Eye Golf Club, its largest gross ever by more than \$2,600. The event – which was a sell-out for the first time this year with only 150 raffle tickets available – raises money for grants for Laingsburg Community Schools teachers, student groups and staff.

For the second time since the event's inception, the two finalists – Angela Clark-Pohlod and Mickey Putnam, both of Laingsburg – decided to combine and split their winnings. Instead of a grand prize of \$3,000 and a second place of \$500, each took home \$1,750. If the last two ticketholders decide to do this, explained LEAF Reverse Raffle Chair Dane Nichols, there is no need to draw the final numbers, and the event is over.

Several other winners took home a total of \$800 in cash or more than \$6,000 worth of non-cash prizes such as golf packages, artwork and crafts from area artists, gift certificates to local businesses, Lugnuts suite passes and a Detroit Tigers bus trip package. There were also side games, including 50/50 drawings and second-chance raffles.

The raffle has generated more than \$49,137 in its six-year run. This year, LEAF gave \$9,000 in grants to LCS, thanks to fundraisers like the raffle.

Emceeding the event were LEAF Past-President Carrie Rathbun Hawks and 2014 Laingsburg Community Schools' Wall of Fame Inductee Tom Turek. Along with Nichols, committee members were Clint Hawks, Emily Baynes, Lisa Shastal, Diana Carpenter and April Rowley. Several other LEAF Board and community members also helped sell tickets.

"We especially want to thank Eagle Eye's owners and managers who helped us tremendously by donating some of their fees," said Nichols. "Their entire crew was a joy and so helpful. We couldn't have had as much success without them."

LEAF will use the net proceeds of the raffle to continue to support innovative educational opportunities for Laingsburg students. For a list of funded projects, visit www.leaf4kids.com.

LEAF is a Michigan nonprofit corporation and a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that provides grants to teachers and students within the Laingsburg Community Schools. Since its inception in 1992, LEAF has given out more than \$220,000 in grants.