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SAGINAW COUNTY: Michigan's Republican Bellwether

Saginaw County has long been a bellwether for Michigan politics—
when we win here, Republicans win statewide.

That's why our work now matters more than ever.

After years of Democrat control, Michiganders are feeling the squeeze: rising prices, declining public safety, and out-of-touch mandates. Voters are ready for change—and it starts in Saginaw County.

THE WORK IS UNDERWAY

Across our townships, Republicans are showing up—organizing events, supporting candidates, and reconnecting with voters. Our upcoming **Lincoln Day Dinner on Monday, October 6**, is a key moment to rally together and build momentum.

Republican values like **fiscal responsibility, parental rights, and law and order** still resonate. We must lead with clarity, unity, and purpose.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **Attend events and bring a friend**
- **Volunteer your time or talents**
- **Support conservative candidates now—not just at election time**

LET'S LEAD THE WAY

*The path to turning Michigan **RED**
runs straight through Saginaw County.*

*Let's lead the charge—
and show the state what Republican leadership looks like.*

Visit us at 4607 Bay Road, in Saginaw Twp.

(across from Fashion Square Mall and Firestone --- same plaza as Coops Gym and Hunan's Restaurant)
Open Tuesday – Saturday 11AM – 5PM Closed Sunday & Monday 989-401-2733

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Strike up Family Fun Education Event

Stardust Entertainment Ctr.
Mon, Aug 4th 6-9pm

Saginaw GOP Online Prayer

Tues, Aug 5th, at 11:00

Leonard BBQ

Dewitt Riverside Park, Dewitt, MI
Sun, August 10th, 4pm

Executive Committee Meeting

(Closed Meeting)
Saginaw GOP HQ
Thurs, August 14th, 6pm

General Membership Meeting

Saginaw GOP HQ
Thurs, August 14th, 7:30pm

Murder Mystery Train Ride

Sat., Aug 16th

Saginaw GOP Online Prayer

Tues, Aug 19th, at 11:00

Free Food Distribution

Saginaw Twp
Mon, Aug 25th, 9am

Mackinac Republican Leadership Conference

Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island
Sept 19th-21st

Lincoln Dinner

Saginaw Country Club
Mon., Oct. 6th

Ladies' Christmas High Tea and Statesman's Pour

Saginaw Club
Saturday, Nov 22nd at 4pm

Message from the Chair:

It's truly encouraging to see the Saginaw County Republican Party working together. Our community is coming together around the values we share. We're seeing real growth, with new members stepping up and others returning to get involved again.

Now is the time to be part of something meaningful. JOIN US, and help build a stronger, united future for our county and beyond.

Lori Patterson, Chair

The Saginaw County Republican Party depends on dues, donations, fundraisers for financial support. Our leadership, staff, and workers are all volunteers. We work together toward one singular goal: to elect Republicans locally and statewide. We need to turn back to the conservative values Michigan was built on.

Attend fundraisers and volunteer when you can and/or click the link to

[PAY DUES OR DONATE](#)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OFFICERS

LORI PATTERSON	Chair
AMY CARL	Vice-Chair
DENNIS KRAJNIAK	Treasurer
KAREN ABATE	Secretary
REBECCA YAGER	Youth Chair

STATUTORY MEMBERS

STATE SENATORS

KEVIN DALEY (DIST 26)
ROGER HAUCK (DIST 34)
_____ (DIST 35)

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

BRIAN BEGOLE (DIST 71)
MATTHEW BIERLEIN (DIST 97)
TIM KELLY (DIST 93)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MARK PIOTROWSKI (DIST 1)
RICH SPITZER (DIST 3)
TRACEY SLODOWSKI (DIST 5)
DENNY HARRIS (DIST 6)
JOHN L. KACZYNSKI (DIST 7)

PRIMARY WINNERS

REP. ANNETTE GLENN	JASON WISE
JAMES M. GRAHAM	CHET ATKINS
HERB JANKOWSKY	JANE COLLINS
WALTER J. RIBBLE	JAMES SHEPLER
TERIE ELBERS	ROBERT ZELLE

ELECTED MEMBERS

JODY BECKER	_____
JIM CONGER	JANET DENEEN
JIM FLINT	BRIAN FORBES
SEN. MIKE GOSCHKA	SUZANNE HALL
SEN. ROGER KAHN	NATE LIST
DAVID MAY	RANDY NORTON
BRAD PYSCHER	TOM ROY
RICHARD SMITH	COLE STARKE
JANET STONEY	JASON TUNNEY
EZEKIEL ZELLE	PHIL ZAROO

Over 200 Days Without Representation for the people of the 35th District

It has now been **more than 200 days** since the 35th State Senate District seat became vacant—yet Governor Gretchen Whitmer has still not called a special election to fill it. The seat, left open when Kristen McDonald Rivet joined Congress in January, represents over **270,000 residents** across Saginaw, Midland, and Bay counties.

This is now the **longest delay** for a special election under Governor Whitmer, far exceeding her past timelines. Even members of her own party, including Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist and Attorney General Dana Nessel, have joined the chorus calling for action.

Meanwhile, instead of addressing this growing concern at home, **Governor Whitmer recently traveled overseas**, turning her back on constituents who have gone more than half a year without a voice in Lansing. Residents of the 35th District are left without a senator to advocate for them on critical issues like education funding, infrastructure, and economic development.

Under Michigan law, the governor has the sole authority to call a special election—but she continues to delay. If no action is taken, this seat could remain vacant until **November 2026**.

Michigan citizens deserve leadership that puts people before politics. It's time to end the silence and ***call the special election now.***

AX MI TAX Petitions

are available for signing

at the Saginaw GOP HQ

4607 Bay Rd

<https://www.axmitax.org>

Let's Talk ... EDUCATION in MICHIGAN



Rep. Tim Kelly
Chair of School Aid &
Dept of Education Subcommittee



Nikki Snyder, RN
Member of the Michigan
Board of Education

Monday, August 4th, 6-9PM
Stardust Entertainment Center
VIP Room 3750 Bay Rd, Saginaw

\$30/adult
\$50/couple
\$15/kids
includes food,
soft drinks,
& bowling 7-9PM

Scan for
Tickets



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PO Box 698, Freeland, MI 48623
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HELP SAGINAW KIDS
START SCHOOL STRONG!

Donate School Supplies!

The Saginaw GOP
is collecting
school supplies
for local students
in need!

DROP OFF AT:
4607 Bay Rd
Tues - Sat 11-5



You can also bring your donations to Stardust when you
attend the Education Event on Monday August 4th

Saginaw Township and Birch Run Bond Proposals: Still Too Much for Taxpayers?



This November, Saginaw Township voters will again be asked to approve a massive \$169.2 million school bond—a proposal strikingly similar to one that residents already rejected. While the bond is being promoted as an investment in our schools, the price tag remains excessive and out of touch with the financial realities many families face.

As Republicans, we absolutely support the education of our children. Strong schools are vital to our community and our future. But support for education must be balanced with fiscal responsibility. We question

whether this proposal simply demands too much from taxpayers at a time when families are already stretched thin.

The bond includes costly renovations and upgrades, some of which may improve facilities but will not directly enhance student performance. These are not sudden needs. Many of these projects could and should have been anticipated and budgeted for over time. Instead, school leadership has chosen the easy route: ask taxpayers to hand over more money.

Let's be clear—this tax hike isn't minor. It's estimated to cost residents about \$11 per month for every \$100,000 of taxable property value. While that may not seem like much to some, for others, it could mean one less box of diapers for the month, a missed utility payment, or skipping necessary medication. Every dollar counts, and we can't ignore the burden this places on struggling families and seniors on fixed incomes.



A local group, **Vote No Nov 4th**, has already formed in response. They were successful in defeating the last bond attempt, and for good reason. They say this one may have a new coat of paint, but it's still too big, too expensive, and too poorly justified.

And it's not just Saginaw Township. Birch Run Area Schools is also pursuing a major bond proposal of \$17.8M. Voters across the region are being asked to dig deeper into their wallets, with little assurance these spending plans will deliver results.



Another point to consider, by putting this proposal out in a Special Election, the election alone will cost about \$113,000. They would not incur such a huge expense if this was done in an election year.

Perhaps it's time our school leadership learned to do more with less—just like the families they serve. Responsible budgeting, not repeated tax hikes, is the answer.

Door Knockers and other volunteers are being asked to continue to recruit friends and neighbors.
Volunteer Coordinators for Saginaw Twp: Jane Collins 989-274-9708 and Nicole Lee 989-326-7576
For Birch Run: contact David May at: david.may.m@gmail.com



2025 LINCOLN DINNER

SAVE
THE
DATE

PLANNING IS UNDERWAY FOR
OUR 2025 LINCOLN DINNER
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH
AT THE SAGINAW COUNTRY CLUB

CONTACT AMY CARL (989) 928-7059

LORI PATTERSON (989) 293-7949

OR KAREN ABATE (989) 274-1181

TO SPONSOR, DONATE, OR OFFER YOUR ASSISTANCE



Rep. Brian BeGole has extended an invitation....

Saturday, August 16th

**Representative Brian
BeGole has chartered
Locomotive 57 to take you
on a scenic ride across
Mid- Michigan!**

Owosso to Alma
80's MURDER MYSTERY
TRAIN RIDE



Shuttle Buses to train - 10:15A.M - 11A.M.

Depart Owosso - 11:15A.M.

Arrive Alma - 1:30P.M.

Depart Alma - 3:30P.M.

Arrive Owosso - 5:45P.M.

Experience Michigan's beautiful countryside as you enjoy an exciting 80's-themed Murder Mystery that will keep you guessing—then dive into Alma's "Alive" festival, filled with delicious food, unique shopping, an amazing artisan show, and live entertainment!



Club Car



Coach Car

Tickets - \$100/\$150

Purchase tickets at begoleleadershipfund.com

Paid for by BeGole Leadership Fund, 1731 Blue Grass Rd, Lansing, MI 48906

WHY MICHIGAN SHOULD SAY:

NO TO RANKED CHOICE VOTING

Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is gaining popularity in some states—but it's a bad fit for Michigan. Though it's promoted as modern and fair, RCV is confusing, unreliable, and threatens Republican victories.

What Is RCV?

Voters rank candidates in order of preference. If no one wins a majority, the lowest-ranked candidates are eliminated, and votes are redistributed until someone hits 50%. Sounds simple—but it's not.

Confusing and Discouraging

RCV complicates voting, especially for seniors, new voters, and busy workers. Many ballots end up tossed because voters don't rank enough candidates. In Alaska, over 11,000 ballots were discarded during their first RCV election.



Unpopular Candidates Can Win

RCV can elect candidates who didn't win the most first-choice votes. That means voters' top picks might be eliminated early—letting bland, middle-of-the-road candidates win by default.

Slow and Untrustworthy Counts

RCV delays results for days or weeks as ballots are manually retabulated. That fuels mistrust, legal battles, and voter frustration.

Hurts Republican Candidates

RCV favors liberal candidates, especially in urban areas. It dilutes bold conservative messaging and penalizes voters who don't rank every option. In 2022, RCV helped a Democrat win Alaska's House seat—despite a Republican majority.

Keep Michigan's Elections Simple

RCV is a confusing, flawed system that threatens voter confidence and Republican wins. Saginaw County Republicans must stand firm:

No to Ranked Choice Voting. Yes to fair, secure, and transparent elections.



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, NOV 22ND 4PM

Two Extraordinary Events bring the entire
Eighth Congressional District
Together at the historic
SAGINAW CLUB

Ladies of the Eighth High Tea

a festive afternoon of elegance
and conversation
enjoying fine teas, elegant delicacies
and gracious company
and featuring a guest
whose warmth, wisdom,
and behind-the-scenes glimpse
into her journey is an inspiration to many



**AND HAPPENING AT THE SAME TIME,
FOR THE MEN, IN AN ADJACENT AREA
OF THE SAGINAW CLUB**



The Statesmen's Pour

a gentlemen's gathering
with fine spirits and ales,
paired with thoughtfully prepared fare
and meaningful conversation
on the future of Michigan,
its leadership, and the path ahead—
featuring a speaker
with a unique perspective

STATE REP. MATTHEW BIERLEIN
invites you to participate in a

Summer
PHOTO
CONTEST



Photos must be taken in the 97th District
by the individual entering the contest.

Each submission should include:

- Participant's Name
- Location of where the photo was taken
- Address
- Contact information
- Date photo was taken

Email photo entries now through
Labor Day (Sept. 1) to:

MatthewBierlein@house.mi.gov



FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN SAGINAW TWP BECAUSE THE END OF THE MONTH CAN BE DIFFICULT

back-to-school expenses, utility bills, September tax deadlines
HELP IS HERE!



On Monday, August 25th starting at 9:00 AM, there will be a **drive-thru food distribution** at **McDonald GMC (State & Center Roads)**. Over 20,000 lbs of food will be boxed and given out to those who need a little extra help. This effort is being made possible thanks to a great team: Bill McDonald, from McDonald Auto Group Diane Keenan from the East Side Soup Kitchen, the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, and Tom Roy.

No questions asked. No ID required. Just come and receive.

Open to everyone — Saginaw Township residents included!

Volunteers also needed to pack boxes – come lend a hand if you can!

Let's continue to show what community really means.
Please spread the word so those in need can get a helping hand!

ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED!

State law requires that election inspectors (also known as election workers) be hired in equal numbers from the two major political parties. For the 2024 Presidential Election, Detroit hired 4,500 inspectors. However, **only 12% of them were Republicans**. Why so few? While the law requires party balance, that balance can only be achieved if enough qualified applicants from each party are available.

Despite strong recruitment efforts in 2024, too few Republicans applied, completed training, and showed up to work. **The bottom line: If we want election oversight, we have to show up and provide it.** Those who work as election inspectors in 2025 will be given priority for hiring in the critical 2026 election. **This is a paid position, with daily pay ranging from \$300 to \$600.**

To apply click here: [Detroit Election Inspector Application](#) By using this link we will be able to maintain a record of who has applied so that we can accurately track of the number of Republican applicants. Let's keep the pressure on and do our part to ensure clean and fair elections. **Questions?** call or text **Marian Sheridan** at **248-225-1846**.



A STRONG SAGINAW COUNTY DELEGATION HEADS TO MACKINAC

From **September 19–21, 2025**, Republicans from across Michigan will gather at the iconic Grand Hotel for the **Mackinac Republican Leadership Conference**—and **Saginaw County will be there in force**.



Our Executive Committee officers, members of the Executive Committee, and our Youth Vice Chair are confirmed to attend, making sure our county has a strong and visible voice.

This is more than a gathering—it's a pivotal moment for the future of our party. As Michigan prepares for critical statewide elections in 2026, **Saginaw County must lead the way in turning this state red**. With our mix of rural, suburban, and urban voters, **we are a political microcosm of Michigan**—and what works here can win across the state.



At Mackinac, we'll showcase our momentum, connect with top leaders, and gain tools that will help us win locally—and contribute to a Republican comeback statewide. From building partnerships to shaping the message, our presence helps set the tone for **Victory in 2026**.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Congresswoman Lisa McClain, House Republican Conference Chair
 Congressman Tim Walberg, Chair of the House Education & the Workforce Committee
 Congressman John Moolenaar
 Congressman John James
 Congressman Jack Bergman
 Congressman Tom Barrett
 Congressman Bill Huzienga (Invited, Not Confirmed)
 Representative Matt Hall, Speaker of the House
 Chairman Michael Whatley, Republican National Committee
 Senator Aric Nesbitt, Republican Senate Leader
 Rob Secaur, Political Director, Republican National Committee
 Brendan Jaspers, National Republican Senatorial Committee
 Theresa Vaccaro, National Republican Congressional Committee
 And Many More!

YOU ARE INVITED TO

THE LEONARD'S ANNUAL

SUMMER

BBQ

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
4:00-7:00PM

DEWITT RIVERSIDE PARK

405 S BRIDGE ST. DEWITT, MI 48820



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No cost to attend, but contributions are welcome

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