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Uniting to Build a Stronger Community

Saginaw County has always been a place where hard work, faith, and community spirit run deep. From bustling neighborhoods in Saginaw City to the quiet roads of St. Charles and Birch Run, the people of this county know the value of standing together when times are tough — and lifting each other up when it's time to rebuild.



We face real challenges today. Economic uncertainty, rising crime, struggling schools, and a growing sense of division have left many wondering who will step up to lead.

But the truth is clear:

*It's not about waiting for
someone else... it's
about us.*

The *Saginaw County Republican Party* believes that solutions start at home, and leadership starts with the people. We are committed to building stronger families, safer communities, and a government that listens and serves. But we cannot do it alone. **We need neighbors, friends, and citizens from every walk of life to rise up — not in anger, but in service.**

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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!

Prayer Committee Online Prayer

Tues, June 3rd, at 11:00

Belmont Stakes Party

Fri, June 6th, 6pm
H2O Waterside Grill, Bay City

Executive Committee Meeting ONLY

(Closed Meeting)
Thurs, June 12th, 6pm

Volunteers Needed

Saginaw County Senior Picnic
Fri, June 13th, 9:30am-1pm
Haithco Park

PATRIOT'S PICNIC

Sat, June 14th, 12noon-3pm
Imerman Park, Pavilion #1

Prayer Committee Online Prayer

Tues, June 17th, at 11:00

General Membership Meeting

Wed, June 18th, 6pm

Ladies of the 8th High Tea

Thurs, June 19th, 5:30pm
Clio Country Club
13141 N. Linden Rd, Clio

"Together for Saginaw" continued...

Just imagine what we can accomplish together:

- Support local schools and youth through mentorship and community programs
- Restore pride in our neighborhoods through cleanup projects and local investment
- Stand up for conservative values like personal responsibility, limited government, and fiscal accountability
- Encourage civic engagement through voter registration, public meetings, and grassroots organizing
- Promote economic growth by championing small businesses and local entrepreneurs

We aren't here to talk about problems — we're here to roll up our sleeves and solve them. And *you* are a critical part of that mission.

Whether you're a lifelong Republican, a new voter, or just someone who wants to see Saginaw County thrive, **now is the time to get involved.** Join us in volunteering, organizing, and advocating for the future we all deserve.

A great place to start? Attend one of our upcoming events, like the **Patriot's Picnic** honoring Veterans on Flag Day, July 14th.

If you believe in faith, family, freedom, and a brighter future for our county— we invite you to stand with us.

Because when we work together,

Saginaw County doesn't just survive,

Saginaw County *leads!*

Join the Saginaw County Republican Party today.
Be part of the solution!

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SAGINAW COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

presents

PATRIOTS PICNIC



Honoring Veterans

Sponsored by
Sen. Roger Hauck,
Rep. Timmy Beson,
& Rep. Bill G. Schuette



Join us to celebrate

FLAG DAY

SATURDAY

JUNE 14TH 12-3PM

Imerman Park - Pavilion 1

3495 Midland Rd

Full cookout meal complete with
BIRTHDAY CAKE

Happy Birthday President Trump!

DOOR PRIZE:
AL KALINE
"Mr. Tiger"
Detroit Tiger Jersey
Just RSVP to enter



Donation:

Adults \$10

Kids 5-12 \$5

under 5 Free

RSVP HERE!

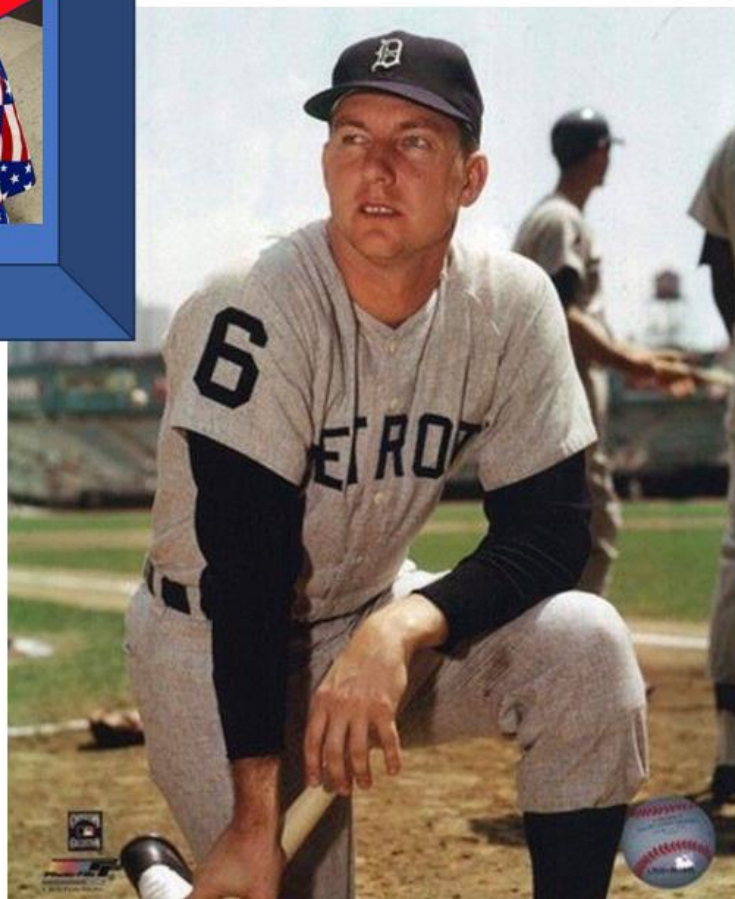


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This Door Prize will be given away at our Patriot's Picnic
on Flag Day, July 14th, RSVP to the picnic now!
Detroit Tigers Hall of Famer **Al Kaline** Jersey could be yours!

"Mr. Tiger"

RSVP HERE!



“From the Front Lines to the Food Line: A Veteran’s Story”

Just outside Saginaw, Michigan, Marine Corps veteran Lisa Harper keeps her kitchen cabinet neatly organized—though many days, it’s nearly empty. After serving eight years and two deployments overseas, Lisa came home to Mid-Michigan proud of her service, ready to rebuild. But with rising costs, limited VA support, and the challenge of transitioning to civilian life, the struggle to make ends meet became all too real.

“I didn’t fight for this country expecting a thank-you,” she says, “but I never thought I’d be rationing cans of soup to feed my kids.”

Lisa’s story isn’t rare — and it’s not right. Veterans across Mid-Michigan are facing food insecurity in silence, often too proud to ask for help. **These are our neighbors. Our heroes. Our responsibility.**

*Help us honor those who fought bravely
to defend our freedoms.*

Veterans Food Drive

They have had our 6, now is the time that we have theirs.

**The Saginaw Republican Party
Is collecting non-perishable
foods to honor and support
Veterans in Need.**

**Drop-off during
the month of June at
Saginaw GOP HQ
4607 Bay Rd, Saginaw**



All Donations will go to the YMCA Veteran’s Pantry for distribution.

As Republicans, we believe in country, community, and caring for those who’ve sacrificed for our freedoms.

**Supporting the
Veteran’s Food Drive
is a way to
live those values.**

It’s not about charity — it’s about honor. It’s about saying to Lisa and every veteran like her:

You are NOT forgotten.

Let’s show the strength of our convictions with action.

**Stand with
OUR VETERANS.**

**Donate to our Veteran’s
Food Drive during the
month of June — because
no hero should go hungry
in the country they helped
defend.**

The third event in The Triple Crown events presented by Our 8th Congressional District is this month! What fun the first two Derby events were! This last gathering will, no doubt, be the just as entertaining as the first two! The Belmont Stakes Party in Bay City will be at the H2O Waterside Grill on Friday, June 6th. Wear your finest "Going to the Derby" Outfit and Hat! The Best Dressed contest has been a hit! Maybe you will take home the prize this time.



**MICHIGAN'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT PRESENTS**

The Triple Crown

The stakes are high for 2026! Join us for fun, networking,
appetizers & cash bar. Best derby dressed man & woman contest!

Belmont Stakes Party

Friday, June 6 **H2O Waterside Grill**
6:00pm - 7:30pm **Bay City**



Tickets: \$50 each
Sponsorships Available



★★★★★ For more information: ★★★★★
www.mi8gop.com/baystakes

WE ARE STILL LEFT WITHOUT A VOICE:

How the 35th Senate District Vacancy Is Hurting Real People



It's been nearly 6 months since Michigan's 35th Senate District lost its voice. Senator McDonald-Rivet stepped down in January to take her seat in Congress, since over 270,000 Michiganders were left without representation in Lansing.

Since then, Governor Whitmer has not called a special election to fill the vacancy. And while political arguments continue, families and small businesses in mid-Michigan are paying the price, every single day.

Joe M., is a small business owner in Saginaw who runs a family-owned auto repair shop. He's been pushing for legislation to provide relief on rising energy costs and expand small business tax credits. "Without a senator to take those concerns to Lansing, we're just shouting into the wind," Joe says. "I'm not asking for special treatment. I just want my business to be heard." Or take Sarah D., a mom of three in Bay County who has been trying to navigate the state's special education resources for her child. "I called the Senate office and there was no one there to help. They said the seat is vacant. So what do I do? Wait for months while my son goes without the services he needs?" These are not isolated cases. Without a state senator:

- **Constituent services are at a standstill**, residents with urgent state-level issues have nowhere to turn.
- **Local priorities are sidelined**, from infrastructure funding to school support, key voices are missing at the table.
- **Business interests go unheard**, small and mid-sized companies lack advocacy on regulation and economic development.

In the absence of a senator, nearby state legislators have tried to step in and help cover the district, but it's an unfair and unsustainable situation. State Representatives Bill G. Schuette, Timmy Beson, Matthew Bierlein, and Tim Kelly have been fielding concerns from constituents outside their own districts, stretching their resources thin. And Senators Kevin Daley and Roger Hauck have also stepped up to support the unrepresented district.

Note: Some of our legislators will be at the Patriot's Picnic, join us & speak to them yourself.

Governor Whitmer needs to recognize this isn't about political advantage, it's about democratic responsibility. **Representation isn't a perk, it's a right!** The people of the 35th District deserve to have a voice in the laws that affect their lives, just like every other Michigander.

It's time for Governor Whitmer to put people over politics and call a special election. Every day that passes is another day that residents like Joe and Sarah go unheard, and another burden unfairly placed on the shoulders of other legislators who are doing their best to cover a gap that should not exist.

What can we do? Call, email, or write a letter to Gov. Whitmer expressing your concern about the lack of representation. Be respectful and specific about how it affects your community or family. Where do I start? What do I say? On the next page are suggestions to get the ball rolling.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, Michigan 48909

517-335-7858 (Constituent Services)
governorwhitmer@michigan.gov

You might begin by saying something like:

My name is _____ and I live in Michigan's 35th Senate District. I'm writing to respectfully ask that you call a special election to fill our vacant state Senate seat.

A farmer might say:

As someone who works the land every day, I know firsthand how decisions made in Lansing impact our lives—whether it's access to rural broadband, infrastructure funding for farm-to-market roads, or support for small agricultural operations facing rising costs.

Right now, we have no voice in the Senate to bring those issues forward. That's a serious problem, not just for me, but for my neighbors, my local suppliers, and the broader rural economy. We don't expect special treatment—we just want fair representation, like every other district has.

A parent might say this:

As a mother/father of [number] children, I'm deeply concerned about what this lack of representation means for our schools, our healthcare access, and our community. I want to know that someone is in Lansing advocating for our local teachers, making sure special education programs are supported, and ensuring safe roads and clean water for the families who live here.

Right now, no one is officially representing us in the Senate—and it's affecting real people. I've already experienced how hard it is to get answers or help on state-level issues with no one to call. That's not how government is supposed to work.

I know other legislators have tried to help, but they're already stretched thin. It's unfair to ask them to take on more, and it's unfair to my children and neighbors to be left without a voice.

From a business owner:

Running a business in today's economy is already challenging—whether it's supply chain disruptions, rising utility costs, or navigating new state regulations. But trying to do it without any state Senate representation makes it even harder. When issues come up that affect my business or employees, I have no direct line to someone who can advocate for our interests in Lansing.

We've been without a senator since January. That's over half a year with no voice for our region in critical state-level decisions that impact jobs, infrastructure, and economic recovery. While neighboring lawmakers have tried to help, they're doing double duty and can't fully represent a district they weren't elected to serve.

Small business owners like me aren't asking for special favors. We just want fair representation—the same as every other community in Michigan. The longer this seat goes unfilled, the more harm is done to our local economy and our confidence in state government.

A senior citizen could add:

At this stage in life, I depend more than ever on state services—whether it's access to affordable healthcare, reliable transportation, or support for caregivers. But since January, my district has had no one in the state Senate to stand up for us, answer questions, or make sure our needs are being addressed. It's deeply unsettling to know that, for nearly half a year, my voice and the voices of thousands of seniors in this area have been missing from the decision-making table.

End with something like:

Governor Whitmer, do the right thing. Call a special election. Restore representation to the people of our district, we have this right, do not deprive us of it.



You are cordially invited to the *Ladies of the 8th High Tea*

TICKETS
\$25 pre-registered
\$30 at the door

ATTIRE
Colors, Florals & Hats*
are encouraged but are
not required
*Hats available for rent \$5.00

PRIZES
Door Prizes & Games
Silent Auction
Prize for BEST DRESSED

Thursday, June 19th
at half past 5 o'clock
Clio Country Club
13141 N. Linden Rd, Clio
Just off of exit 131 on I-75

RSVP online: GeneseeGOP.org

Special Guest Speakers:
Senator Ruth Johnson
Kristi Rogers

A variety of delicious teas,
soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and
dessert will be served



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Ladies from all county parties kindly RSVP online at:

<https://www.geneseeGOP.org/events/ladies-of-the-8th-high-tea>

Those in Saginaw or areas north interested in carpooling, email your interest along with any other questions to Karen at: saginawgopsecretary@gmail.com

From our Prayer Committee...



*When we rely upon organization, we get what
organization can do;
when we rely upon education, we get what education can do;
when we rely upon eloquence, we get what eloquence can do.
But when we rely upon prayer, we get what God can do. (A.C. Dixon)*

For the first 50 years of my life, I believed in prayer; I occasionally prayed (especially when I needed something!), but mostly I “subcontracted” my prayer needs. I found “prayer people” who would partner with me to “do the prayer part”. But as America continued to deteriorate—and worse & worse people got into office—I sought help. I found a prayer guide (“Desperate for Change—40 Days of Prayer for America”, David Butts). This little booklet taught me how to pray for America & how vital prayer is to all of life. As the LORD began to direct me into more & more prayer (time with Him), I discovered a world I never knew existed. A landscape more vast, beautiful and significant than I’d ever dreamed. What I missed by starting so late! It is this discovery that fuels my desire to inject prayer & prayer teams into every nook & cranny of our society that I can.

More things are wrought by prayer
than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.
Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

The SCRP needs to be bound to the feet of God by gold chains of prayer. **He wants our time with Him to be the fuel that empowers what we do!** And the SCRP Prayer Committee exists to add links to that chain. We are using this wonderful prayer guide as a “firestarter” for our prayer times. We are meeting ONLINE to pray for our party, county, Michigan & the U.S. We meet the **1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays at 11:00AM for 30 minutes**. If you’d like to join us, contact Nicole Lee (989-326-7576 or nicole.bill.lee@gmail.com) for the meeting links.

Have you figured out how amazing & vital prayer is? Whether you have or have not, **join us...**it’s never too late to begin this adventure.

I’m not afraid of failure.
I’m afraid of being successful in the wrong things.
(William Carey, 1761-1834)

In the Michigan State Senate...

From the 34th Senate District:

SB 324, introduced by Sen. Roger Hauck, would restore requirements for the MPSC to authorize a shared savings program for energy waste reduction.

“The message has been loud and clear: People cannot afford and did not support the overly burdensome, partisan mandates that were passed last term,” said Hauck, R-Mount Pleasant. “This is an important part of the larger effort to reel in these requirements that put radical ideology ahead of the very real concerns people have with cost increases on their monthly bills as a result of these policies taking effect.

“We should be focused on restoring local control, saving money and improving reliability for consumers — and that’s what this package will ultimately do.”

From the 26th Senate District:

SB 327 introduced by Sen. Kevin Daley, would prohibit agricultural property enrolled in Michigan’s farmland preservation program from being rented for the installation of massive solar operations.

“We cannot allow Michigan’s invaluable agriculture industry to become the unintended casualty of an extremist climate agenda,” said Daley, R-Lum. “Our farmers help to feed our state and our nation, and we must ensure these protected farms are protected from destruction in the name of an overly aggressive progressive green energy agenda. Solar power isn’t going to be worth a lot if we are going hungry to pay for it.”



From the 35th Senate District:

NOTHING!

The 270,000 citizens who live in the Great Lakes Bay Region have no State Senator to represent us and our interests in Lansing.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Join us for a few hours chatting with seniors
at a lovely picnic at Haithco Park. Those
interested,
contact Karen at saginawgopsecretary@gmail.com**

2025 Saginaw County Senior Picnic



**FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025 - 10AM TO 1PM
AT HAITHCO PARK
Gates Open 9AM (no early admittance)**



AX MI TAX Petitions

Petitions are available to be signed
at the Saginaw GOP HQ
4607 Bay Rd

<https://www.axmitax.org>



WE REMEMBER OUR HISTORY...

The Berlin Olympics officially opened on August 1, 1936. 18 African American athletes competed, but **Jesse Owens was the most successful athlete—of any race.** Between August 3 and August 9, the 22-year-old Owens won 4 gold medals: the long jump, the 100- and 200-meter dashes, and the 4 x 100-meter relay. He became the 1st American track & field athlete to win 4 gold medals at a single Olympic Games.



Said Owens: I was treated marvelous by everyone. Anything any of the American athletes, including myself, wanted they got for us. My biggest thrill was when the American flag was raised after my victory in the 100 meters.

Hitler did not shake hands with Owens. In fact, he did not congratulate any gold medalists after the 1st day of competition on August 2, 1936. On that 1st day, Hitler met & shook hands with all the German gold medalists & with a few Finnish athletes. But, that night, Hitler left before African American high jumper Cornelius Johnson won his 1st gold medal. The head of the IOC (Henri de Baillet-Latour) told Hitler that he could either congratulate all the gold medalists or none. Hitler chose to honor no one.

How did President Franklin D. Roosevelt (D) respond to Owens legendary victory? By refusing to invite him to the White House! A month after the Olympic Games, Owens told a crowd, Hitler didn't snub me— it was FDR who snubbed me. The president didn't even send me a telegram. President Truman (D) also ignored Owens.

NOTE: Roosevelt never publicly acknowledged Owens's triumphs—nor those of any of the 18 African Americans who competed at the Berlin Olympics. Only white Olympians were invited to the White House in 1936. Most likely, Roosevelt did not want to risk losing the support of Southern Democrats by appearing soft on the race issue.

But when President Dwight Eisenhower (R) became President, he made Owens his Ambassador of Sports. He also asked Owens & several other former U.S. Olympic champions to attend the 1956 Summer Olympic Games (Melbourne, Australia) as his personal representatives. In 1971, President Richard Nixon (R), sent Owens to the Ivory Coast (West Africa) to lead the running clinics and to promote U.S. economic & political freedoms. And in 1973, Nixon appointed Owens to the board of directors of the U.S. Olympic Committee where he pushed for funding to equip & train U.S. athletes.

In 1976, President Gerald Ford (R) presented Owens with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor given by the U.S. government. And, in 2016, the 1936 Black Olympians were finally recognized by the White House when President Barack Obama (D) invited their relatives to an event celebrating their lives & accomplishments.



In his memoir, *Blackthink: My Life as a Black Man and White Man* (1970), Owens criticized the tactics used by African-American militants as being counterproductive. Though he had suffered discrimination as an athlete, his message was that anyone could achieve his dream through hard work & perseverance—and that is a message that we, as Republicans, must work together to promote & teach all Americans—especially our next generation of Republicans.



Do you know what County Boards do?

Each Michigan county has a county board of commissioners that serves as the legislative and fiduciary (financial decision-making) body. The board is responsible for setting policy (passing resolutions, its main device for stating its policies), as well as providing legislative oversight and constituent services.

Among its powers, a County Board may:

- Purchase or lease real estate for the site of a courthouse, clerk's office or other county that county.
- Determine the site of, remove, or designate a new site for a county building.
- Authorize the sale or lease of real county estate belonging to the county and prescribe the manner in which a conveyance of the real estate is to be executed.
- Erect the necessary buildings for jails, clerk's offices, and other county buildings and prescribe the time and manner of erecting them.
- Borrow money and raise funds through taxes as authorized by law.
- Provide for the repayment of a loan made by the board, by tax upon the county.
- Prescribe and fix salaries and compensation of employees of the county if not fixed by law.
- Direct and provide for the raising of money necessary to defray the current expenses and charges of the county and the necessary charges incident to or arising from the execution of the board's lawful authority.
- Pass ordinances that relate to necessary county affairs and do not contravene law, the general laws of this state or building in interfere with the local affairs of a township, city, or village within the limits of the county.
- Require a county officer whose salary or compensation is paid by the county to make a report under oath to the county board.
- Establish rules and regulations in reference to the management of the interest and business concerns of the county as the board considers necessary and proper.
- Enter an employment contract with an appointed county manager or other appointed chief administrative officer of the county controller.
- Remove an officer or agent appointed by the board.
- Decide appeals under the Freedom of Information Act.
- Appoint members of the County Board of Road Commissioners (in counties in which the Road Commissioners are not elected).
- Appoint members of the Board of County Canvassers, which canvasses election results and conducts recounts

