

SAGINAW COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

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Lincoln Day Dinner Soared — Now Get Ready for the Tea & Pour!

If you joined us for the Saginaw County **Lincoln Day Dinner**, you already know — it was **one for the history books**. The energy in the room was electric, our speakers were inspiring, and the sense of unity was undeniable. From heartfelt conversations to unforgettable moments, it was more than a fundraiser — it was proof that **Saginaw County Republicans are fired up and ready to lead**.

And now... we're keeping that momentum going. Next Up: ***The Tea & Pour — Nov. 15th at The Saginaw Club for all in the 8th District!!***

This lively event will feature **two unforgettable experiences in one venue**:

- **Ladies' High Tea in the Ballroom**
— refined, charming, and delightfully indulgent
- **Statesmen's Pour in the Card Room**
— bold conversation over burgers and brews

Special guests **U.S. Senate candidate Mike Rogers and his wife Kristi** will be joining us, making this a premier gathering you won't want to miss.

**Buy your ticket without delay
to get the best price!**

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

The Ladies of the 8th
Congressional District

Christmas High Tea

fine teas, elegant drinks, delicate savories, & sweet confections

for the Men of the 8th

A Statesmen's Pour

brews & robust beverages and a hearty Pub Burger Bar

Saturday

Nov 15th at 4pm

SAGINAW CLUB

219 N. Washington Ave, Saginaw



<https://secure.anedot.com/saginaw-county-republican-party/0249a478-5761-4578-a606-9f466efd8a37>

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!
\$45/person & \$80/couple

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After Nov 10TH: \$55/person & \$100/couple



featuring
KRISTI ROGERS
AND
MIKE ROGERS
FOR U.S. SENATE



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UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sex Education in MI

Saginaw GOP HQ

Nov 11th, 5:30pm

Executive Committee Meeting

(Closed Meeting)

Saginaw GOP HQ

Thurs, Nov 13, 6pm

General Membership Meeting

Speaker: Amir Hassen

Saginaw GOP HQ

Thurs, Nov 13, 7pm

Ladies of the 8th Christmas High Tea

and

for the Men of the 8th A Statesman's Pour

Saginaw Club

Saturday, Nov 15th at 4pm

Saginaw Christmas Parade

Saturday, Nov 22nd, 11am

Meet & Greet the Candidates

Monica Yatooma, MI SOS

Kevin Kijewski, MI AG

Tuesday, Dec 2nd, 6:30pm

Governor Candidates' Forum

SVSU Conference Center

March 5th, 2026

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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_____ (DIST 35)

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MATTHEW BIERLEIN (DIST 97)

TIM KELLY (DIST 93)

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PHIL ZAROO	DARRIN CUMMINGS

WHEN TAXES RISE, COMMUNITIES STRUGGLE

Across Mid-Michigan, one issue continues to hit close to home—literally. Property taxes keep rising, and for many families, the burden is becoming unbearable. Even those who worked hard to pay off their homes are finding themselves taxed right back into financial stress. For seniors on fixed incomes and working families already stretched thin, every increase feels like a step closer to losing the very security they've earned.

Just because some can afford another tax hike doesn't mean everyone can. A healthy community looks out for one another, recognizing that our neighbors' struggles are just as real as our own. Voting "yes" to every new proposal might seem harmless, but each added millage, fee, and levy chips away at someone's ability to stay in their home.

We must ask hard questions before approving new taxes. Are these increases necessary? Are they being spent wisely? And most importantly, are we protecting the people who built and sustain our communities?

The heart of Mid-Michigan has always been its people, hard-working, responsible citizens who believe in fairness and common sense. That means voting not just for what benefits us personally, but for what keeps our community strong, stable, and livable for everyone.

Our homes should be where we find peace, not anxiety over the next tax bill. It's time to stand up for responsible spending, transparency, and compassion, because when taxes rise too high, we all pay the price.



A Revival Through Tragedy

The assassination of Charlie Kirk was a shock to us all, but out of this tragedy has come a renewed energy. Across Michigan and here in Saginaw County, people are recommitting themselves to conservative values and a return to faith, courage, and conviction. Voices that had been quiet are rising again, determined not to let this moment pass without purpose.

This is the time to stand together. We invite every Republican who has stepped back from party involvement to return, and we extend a warm welcome to those who no longer feel at home in the Democratic Party. If you share our concern for freedom, truth, and

the Constitution, come and learn more about the Republican Party. Our county party is open to all who are ready to join in the fight for a stronger community, a better Michigan, and an America that lives up to its founding ideals.

We especially encourage high school and college students who are considering a future in public service, politics, or related fields to get involved. Through our youth group, you'll meet local leaders, gain real experience working on projects, and open the door to internships and other valuable opportunities that will prepare you to lead.

Now is the moment to act. Attend, volunteer, participate and become part of the movement. Together, we can honor Charlie Kirk's legacy and ensure that his voice continues through our commitment and our unity.

RUNNING FOR STATE SENATOR FROM THE 35TH DISTRICT



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Andrew Wendt of Saginaw, Republican

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* There is also an Independent Candidate, registered as a Republican, Chadwick Twillman

Michigan to Update Health & Sex-Education Standards

Public Input Invited

Michigan is considering its first major update to K–12 health-education standards since 2007. The proposed revisions from the Michigan Department of Education would modernize lessons on mental health, substance use, safety, nutrition, and wellness and clarify how sexual-health topics fit within health education.

What's Changing

The new framework adds updated language about gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation and emphasizes healthy relationships and decision-making.

Importantly, local control and parental rights remain in place: school districts still choose whether to offer sex-education instruction, and parents may review materials or opt out their children at any time.

Community Discussion — You're Invited

To help citizens learn more, Michigan State Board of Education members Nikki Snyder and Tom McMillin will host an open community discussion on the proposed standards.

*Everyone is encouraged to attend,
ask questions, and share feedback
before the Board votes on the final standards.*

Tuesday Nov 11th at 5:30
Saginaw GOP HQ 4607 Bay Rd, Saginaw

Stay Engaged

- Review the proposed framework at michigan.gov/mde
- Talk with your local school district and school board about their plans
- Share information with other parents and community members

Meeting Invitation

**Topic: Health &
Sex Education
Standards**

**Tuesday
Nov 11th at 5:30**
Saginaw GOP HQ
4607 Bay Rd., Saginaw



**State Board of Education
Members Speaking:**

- Nikki Snyder
- Tom McMillin

Your participation matters! Join us to discuss the health and sex education standards being proposed and how citizens can get involved to speak out against. There could be a possible vote on Thursday, November 13th.

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Saginaw County Republican Party November Meeting Speaker

**Thurs, Nov 13th, 7pm
4607 Bay Road, in Saginaw Twp**



**Amir Hassan
(U. S. Navy Veteran)
Candidate for Congress
8th District**

In recognition of Veterans Day, we will include a short program honoring those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. We invite all members and guests to join us in expressing our deepest gratitude to the brave men and women who have defended our freedoms.



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Saginaw GOP Hosts 35th District Candidate Forum

The Saginaw County GOP recently hosted a forum featuring the three Republican candidates for the 35th District — **Andrew Wendt, Christian Velasquez, and Jason Tunney**. Sen. Ken Horn did an outstanding job moderating the discussion and keeping the atmosphere relaxed and engaging.

It was the first time all three candidates came together to share what inspired them to run, their vision for the district, and how they plan to make a difference for Michigan. We're excited to share the full video soon — stay tuned!



Andrew Wendt
of Saginaw

Christian Velasquez
of Midland

Jason Tunney
of Saginaw Twp



DELTA COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

THE DELTA COLLEGE REPUBLICANS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED THIS SEMESTER AND HELD OUR FIRST MEETING IN OCTOBER. DURING THAT MEETING, REBECCA YAGER WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT AND DARRIN CUMMINGS WAS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT. BOTH SERVE AS THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THIS NEW CHAPTER, WHICH CURRENTLY HAS SIX ACTIVE MEMBERS AND IS CONTINUING TO GROW.

WE HAVE SEVERAL MEETINGS PLANNED IN THE COMING MONTHS FEATURING OUR SENATE DISTRICT 35 CANDIDATES, AND WE'RE ESPECIALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO HOSTING A CANDIDATE PANEL THIS JANUARY.

WE'RE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT WE'VE RECEIVED FROM EVERYONE AS WE BUILT THIS CHAPTER. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PRAYERS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED AS WE EMBARK ON THE JOURNEY OF GROWING OUR CHAPTER

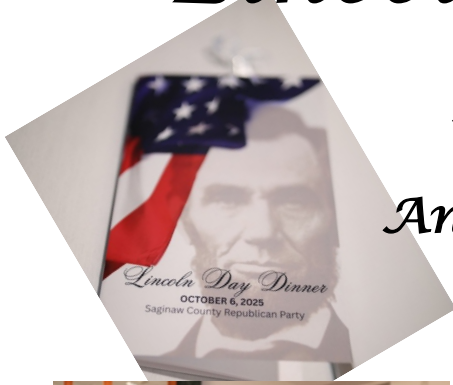
REBECCA YAGER
PRESIDENT

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Lincoln Day Dinner 2025

A Sold-out Event

And a Grand Success



It was great to start the week on Monday with a couple hundred conservatives at the **Saginaw County Republican Party** Lincoln Day Dinner - Congrats on a fantastic event! -- Anthony Forlini



Thank you to the Saginaw Co GOP for putting together a great Lincoln Day Dinner last night! It was an excellent tribute to Charlie Kirk and a full house. Shoutout to Sen. Ken Horn, who facilitated a candidate forum for the 35th Senate race. -- Christian Velasquez



Great event!

Thank you Lori, Patterson, Amy Carl, Karen Abate and Dennis Krajniak for your leadership!
--Rep Tim Kelly



It was a great and inspiring evening ~ connecting with old friends and making new ones. Tudor was the perfect pick to deliver the keynote address. It was exciting to see so many young people in attendance. I know it was a huge task putting this all together. Thank you so much. The party is in good hands once again. -- Don Sugg

I had the distinct honor and privilege of being asked to share about the life of Charlie Kirk and the future of the Conservative movement at the Saginaw County Republican Party's Lincoln Day Dinner. Special shoutout to the leadership at the Saginaw GOP for hosting such a successful event. I was especially grateful for extending an invitation to both of my parents so they could attend. Big things are in store for the Tri-City area!
-- Luke Malace



Thanks to the entire SCRП leadership for putting on an excellent Lincoln Day evening. Every detail from name tags to table decorations to banners and posters were first class. Thank you Tim Kelly for being the emcee, your remarks concerning the happenings in the legislature were informative and on point. Thank you is also in order to those from outside Saginaw County for attending and making this event a huge success. Thanks also to the Saginaw Country Club for providing such a wonderful venue. -- Jim Flint



The SVSU College Republicans had a fantastic time at the Saginaw County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner!
-- SVSU College Republicans

Team Tunney had an incredible time at the Saginaw County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner last night! It was great to hear from Tudor Dixon and meet so many hardworking Republicans from across the county.-- Jason Tunney



Thank you Saginaw County Republican Party for a great evening and congratulations on a successful Lincoln Day Dinner. -- Jon Smith



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Get Involved Today! Volunteer Now!

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help support our county party. We are making a positive impact and hope others will join us.



Donations Needed!

Your support is vital! Join us to improve our county and create lasting change thru conservative values and ideals.

Donate



Contact Lori Patterson at
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or Amy Carl at
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The Saginaw County Republican Party Presents

Monica Yatooma

Mi Secretary of State Candidate

&

Kevin Kijewski

Mi Attorney General Candidate



December 2nd, 6:30pm

4607 Bay Rd, Saginaw Mi

Light refreshments provided



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JOIN US REPRESENTING
THE SAGINAW GOP IN THE
**SAGINAW
CHRISTMAS
PARADE**

A GOLDEN CHRISTMAS

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NOVEMBER

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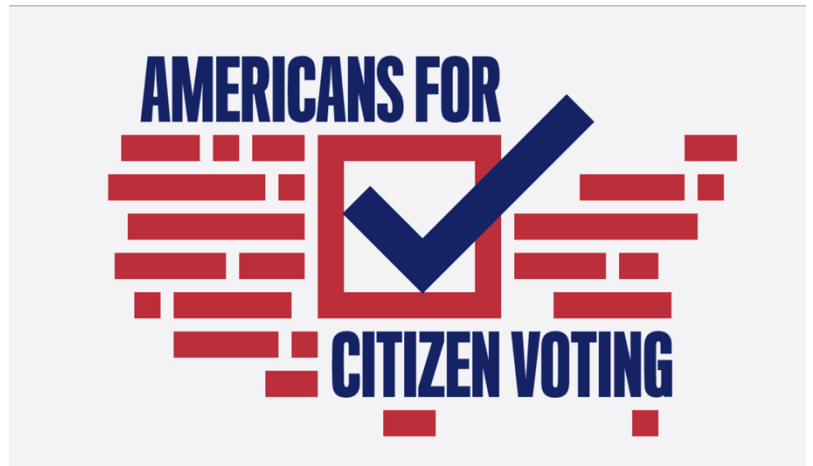
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CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED



ENSURING ONLY CITIZENS VOTE A CLEAR CHOICE FOR ELECTION INTEGRITY

Across Michigan, a growing movement is calling for one straightforward principle: **only U.S. citizens should be eligible to vote in our elections.** Under current law, that's already the rule, but enforcement must be stronger and election integrity fortified



In July 2025, a statewide ballot initiative was launched in Oakland County to amend the Michigan Constitution so that future voter registrations would require documented proof of U.S. citizenship. This will close any remaining gaps and better protect the value of each citizen's vote.

For the Republican Party in Saginaw County, the stakes are high. When our candidates and policies stand on the ballot, each vote must count, and every loss of trust in our system weakens our ability to restore Michigan's direction. That's why supporting efforts to ensure only eligible citizens cast ballots is such a critical part of the broader fight for election integrity.

Petitions for the Citizens-Only Voting initiative are now available in our office for signing. We encourage all registered voters to stop by, add their name, and take part in protecting Michigan's elections. We'll also be hosting a community outreach event soon to raise awareness and gather more signatures. **Stay tuned for details** on how you can participate and help make a difference.

AX MI TAX Petitions

are available for signing
at the Saginaw GOP Office
4607 Bay Rd

<https://www.axmitax.org>

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](#)



Save the date!

Saginaw County Republican Party
is proud to announce

GOVERNOR CANDIDATES' FORUM

Featuring an
Exclusive Dinner with the Candidates

March 5, 2026
SVSU Conference Center