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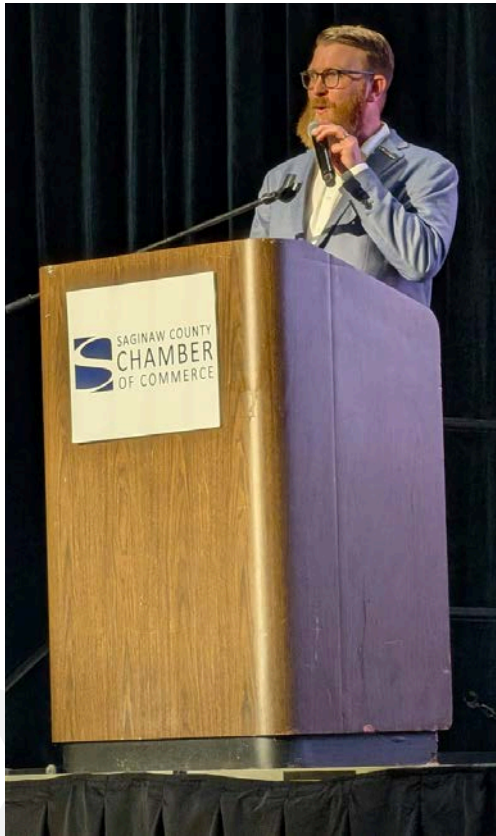
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Each year the Board of Commissioners shows up early in the morning to start prepping take out boxes, get pre-orders ready for our off-site departments, and then they really start cooking! Thank you to our Board of Commissioners and County Administrator's who served breakfast to County Employees this year at the annual pancake breakfast. Thank you ❤️



Board of Commissioners
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On June 4th the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce held its annual new member expo in conjunction with the monthly percolator breakfast.

County Building Closure

Court and County offices will be closed Friday, July 3, 2026 in observance of Independence Day

County Commissioners and County staff were excited to support Brian Keenan-Lechel, Parks and Recreation Director.

Brian spoke about the impact Hoyt Park has had and continues to have on our community. Excellent job Brian!

Wishing you and your families a fun and safe 4th of July Holiday!






Playdates

2026

Mobile recreation programs

Date:	Program:	Time:	Location:
Wed. June 10	Puppet Show	10 - 11:30 AM	Imerman Memorial Park
Thurs. June 11	Nature Explorers (Animal Olympics)	2 - 3:30 PM	Green Point Nature Ctr.
Tues. June 16	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Johnson Park-Zilwaukee
Tues. June 16	Foam Frenzy	2 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area
Wed. June 17	Nature Explorers (Tree Lifecycle)	2 - 3:30 PM	Price Nature Center
Thurs. June 18	Art in the Park	2 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area
Tues. June 23	Supersize Fun	10 - 11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park
Tues. June 23	Gaga Ball/Archery	2 - 3:30 PM	Imerman Memorial Park
Wed. June 24	Build It	10 - 11:30 AM	Showboat Park
Wed. June 24	Pond Life	2 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area
Thurs. June 25	Water Wars (Extended time)	12 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area
Tues. June 30	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Hoyt Park
Tues. June 30	Nature Explorers (Rocks & Fossils)	2 - 3:30 PM	Imerman Memorial Park
Wed. July 1	Build It	10 - 11:30 AM	Bliss Park
Wed. July 1	Supersize Fun	2 - 3:30 PM	Davis Community Park
Thurs. July 2	Gaga Ball/Archery	10 - 11:30 AM	Haithco Rec. Area
Tues. July 7	Foam Frenzy	10 - 11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park
Wed. July 8	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Imerman Memorial Park
Wed. July 8	Gaga Ball/Archery	2 - 3:30 PM	Firstward Comm. Ctr
Thurs. July 9	Build It	2 - 3:30 PM	Buena Vista Lions Park
Tues. July 14	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Deindorfer Woods
Tues. July 14	Supersize Fun	2 - 3:30 PM	Hoyt Park
Wed. July 15	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Showboat Park
Wed. July 15	Nature Explorers (Bees & Blooms)	2 - 3:30 PM	Ringwood Forest
Thurs. July 16	Water Wars (Extended time)	12 - 3:30 PM	Imerman Memorial Park
Tues. July 21	Build It	10 - 11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park
Tues. July 21	Gaga Ball/Archery	2 - 3:30 PM	Zilwaukee Memorial Park
Wed. July 22	Pond Life	2 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area
Thurs. July 23	Nature Explorers (Edible Bugs)	2 - 3:30 PM	Price Nature Center
Tues. July 28	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Bliss Park
Tues. July 28	Foam Frenzy	2 - 3:30 PM	Imerman Memorial Park
Wed July 29	Supersize Fun	10 - 11:30 AM	Showboat Park
Thurs. July 30	Build It	2 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area
Tues. Aug 4	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park
Tues. Aug 4	Gaga Ball/Archery	2 - 3:30 PM	Hoyt Park
Wed. Aug 5	Water Wars (Extended time)	12 - 3:30 PM	Firstward Comm. Ctr
Thurs. Aug 6	Nature Explorers (Bird Beaks)	10 - 11:30 AM	Green Point Nature Ctr.
Tues. Aug. 11	Foam Frenzy	2 - 3:30 PM	Buena Vista Lions Park



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989-790-5280

LOCATIONS

Imerman Memorial Park- 3495 Midland Rd
Haithco Rec Area- 2121 Schust Rd
Price Nature Ctr - 6685 Sheridan Rd.
Ringwood Forest - 13710 Ring Rd St. Charles
Other park locations:
Showboat Park - 805 S. Front St. Chesaning
Davis Community Park - 6206 Dixie Hwy.
Johnson Park - 419 W. Cornell St. Zilwaukee

Green Point Nature Ctr.- 3010 Maple
Bliss Park-1441 N. Michigan
Deindorfer Woods-1798 Weiss
Otto Roeser Park-1100 Van Buren
Firstward Comm. Ctr. 1410 N. 12th
Hoyt Park - 1574 S. Washington Ave.
Zilwaukee Mem. Park - 610 Jones St.
Buena Vista Lions Park - 1940 S. Outer Dr.



Playdates

Mobile recreation programs



These nature-inspired Playdates, in collaboration with the Public Libraries of Saginaw, Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge & Saginaw Conservation District will be held in scenic, rustic parks! Each session will feature a unique theme, as listed on the schedule. Activities include a brief hike on wooded trails, along with an educational component or nature-based activity. Be sure to wear hiking or tennis shoes.



This playdate theme offers children the chance to get creative with a variety of materials, including wood, foam, cardboard, oversized blocks, and many more exciting options. Let your imagination run wild at this hands-on event!



Come join SCPRC for an action-packed, high-energy Playdate designed for older kids! We'll have our inflatable octagonal Gaga ball pit for some competitive fun, along with inflatable ARCHERY! Four air streams keep target balls floating, offering hours of target shooting fun for all skill levels.



Who doesn't enjoy crafting something fun? Join us for a wide range of make-and-take art projects! Be prepared to get a little messy, but you'll leave with amazing creations and unforgettable memories. Projects often feature paint, markers, beads, marble art, airplanes, play-doh, and more!



Join us for a fun-filled puppet show in collaboration with the Public Libraries of Saginaw, perfect for the whole family! After the show, your child can enjoy a craft activity, and there will be a chance to meet the puppets and interact with the library staff. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and get ready for a great time!



Dive into summer with splashy fun and excitement! Pack a towel, put on your swimsuit, and get ready to get soaked. Enjoy laughter-filled water relays and race down a 20-foot inflatable water slide. Note: there may be a risk of latex allergies.



Join the Saginaw County Mosquito Abatement and Saginaw County Parks for an exciting exploration along the shores of Haithco Lake and nearby ponds, where you'll discover frogs, toads, dragonflies, and more! Be sure to bring weather-appropriate clothing, water, a smile, and a camera. Note: includes a hike to the south side of park.



Bring your bathing suit/change of clothes & prepare for a soft, fluffy foam experience to run, jump, and play in a mountain of bubbles & creating a playful and sensory experience where they can make foam hairdos, build foam sculptures, and just have a blast getting covered in the suds.



Everything is bigger and better at Supersize Fun! Come enjoy oversized balls, games, blocks, and inflatable slides and more. The excitement and fun are sure to leave a supersized smile on everyone's face!

There is no cost to participate in our Playdate programs.

Out of county residents will encounter a \$2 per car gate fee at Imerman and \$5 per car gate fee at Haithco.



Visit www.facebook.com/SaginawCountyParks for program information and weather related cancelations

Visit www.saginawcounty.com/parks for a full list of programs offered by Saginaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Go Great Lakes Bay in Michigan
Launches "Tourism Matters" Community Spotlight Video Series**

Saginaw, Mich. – [May 6, 2026] — Go Great Lakes Bay in Michigan is proud to announce the launch of its new community spotlight video series, "Tourism Matters." This initiative aims to highlight the attractions, shops, restaurants, and other small businesses that form the backbone of the region's visitor economy and the passionate individuals who bring each experience to life.

The "Tourism Matters" series features a collection of short videos that provide an intimate look at the unique treasures found throughout Bay, Midland and Saginaw Counties. By showcasing these local gems, the series serves a dual purpose: it educates local residents on the incredible experiences available in their own backyard, while simultaneously providing visitors with curated, must-see additions for their travel itineraries.

"Our goal with this series is to showcase how vital these local businesses are to our community's identity," said Ann Bruzewski, CEO and President of Go Great Lakes Bay. "Tourism is about more than just welcoming visitors; it's about supporting the vibrancy of our local economy and celebrating the unique treasures that make our region a special place to live, work, play, and visit."

Currently, three videos are available for viewing, with additional features planned for release throughout the year. The series serves as an ongoing commitment to supporting local entrepreneurs and sharing the inspiring stories of the places and people who make up the Great Lakes Bay Region.

The series is now live and available to the public. Viewers can watch the collection by visiting gogreat.com/locals/tourism-matters or by subscribing to the Go Great Lakes Bay YouTube Channel at [@gogreatlakesbay](https://www.youtube.com/@gogreatlakesbay).

About Go Great Lakes Bay in Michigan:

Go Great Lakes Bay in Michigan is the official Destination Marketing and Management Organization of the Great Lakes Bay Region, promoting tourism and advancing the destination through tourism economic development across Bay, Midland, and Saginaw counties. Affordability, a convenient location, and unique local experiences make the region an ideal destination for leisure travel, sporting events, meetings & conventions, group tours, and family gatherings.

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Join the 3rd Annual Women in EMS Leadership Conference! **Michigan Women in EMS Facebook**



3rd Annual Leadership Conference
Monday, September 21, 2026, 9a-3p,
at the MSU Henry Center in Lansing

The cost is still \$99 and includes (5) EMS CEUs.

This year's theme: Courage & Collaboration
Speakers and their topics include:

- ▶ *Karyn Belanger, Tri-Hospital EMS: The Courage To Be Seen*
- ▶ *Anne Craft, Mobile Health Resources: Tactical Vulnerability: Moving Beyond the Armor to Build High-Trust Teams*
- ▶ *Kristin Spang, Zoll: It's More Than a Career; It's the Evolution of Your Story*
- ▶ *Jordan Teitsma, Life EMS: Courage, Connection, and The Work We Do*
- ▶ *MI Chapter Team: From Insight to Action: A Panel on Collaboration and Courage*



Register via the QR code or the link in the post.



Event sponsors:



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!!Be Ready Saginaw County!!
July's Objective:
Create a plan for family members
with special needs

Disasters happen anytime and anywhere without warning. When disaster strikes it is easier to cope when you are prepared. !!Be Ready Saginaw County!! recommends having plans in place for family members & pets that may have special needs.

Infants & Children

Have a three-day supply of the following items:

- Formula or powdered milk
- Diapers
- Bottles
- Medications
- Moist towelettes
- Diaper rash ointment
- Games, books, portable DVD player with favorite DVDs

Senior Citizens

Important items may include:

- Prescription medications and doctor information
- Social Security and insurance cards
- Advanced Medical Directive Documents
- Hearing-aid batteries
- Denture needs
- Eyeglass or contact lens supplies
- Special food requirements

Family Pets

Go-Bag items for your pets:

- Food and water (1 gallon of water per day)
- Medical and vaccination information
- Toys and treats
- Plastic bags and paper towels
- Transportable cage with blanket
- Collar, leash, and ID tags

Disabled Individuals

Special preparations to consider:

- List of health care agency contacts
- Neighbors that can be contacted for assistance in an emergency
- Familiarity with medical equipment
- Extra wheelchair batteries and oxygen
- Special medication, food or clothing needs

Tips for success....

- Contact your daycare provider/children's school for information on their emergency response plans.
- Discuss emergency procedures with home health care workers and adult care facility representatives.
- Dialysis patients should be aware of servicing locations in other areas of the state.
- Make copies of prescription and insurance information to store in your Go-Bag.
- Consider using one of the microchip identification programs at the Humane Society or Animal Shelter. If your pet is lost this system may reunite you much more quickly.



Behind the bench: 'Growth comes from challenges,' says Circuit Judge Manvel Trice

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by: Cole Waterman, MLive.com

Saginaw County Circuit Judge Manvel Trice III listens during testimony in a 2021 hearing. (Kaytie Boomer | MLive.com) Kaytie Boomer | MLive.com

SAGINAW, MI — For Manvel Trice III, serving as one of Saginaw County's Circuit Court judges is not just a career. It is a calling and privilege, a means of making a difference in people's lives and, by extension, the community they call home.

"Growth comes from challenges," he says, a philosophy he applies to himself and those who appear before him. As a proud example, he refers to citizens battling alcoholism who have turned their lives around through the county's Structured Treatment and Recovery Program, which Trice founded and presides over.

And while he recognizes the nature of his position means he can't please all who come before his bench, he makes it a mission to ensure all leave feeling heard.

Then-Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Trice, a Bridgeport Township native, as Circuit Court judge in December 2017. Trice had served as a District Court judge since the prior July.

Trice is now the subject of the fifth installment in MLive/The Saginaw News' ongoing "Behind the Bench" series.

Q: What inspired you to pursue a career in the law?

A: My path to the law didn't begin with a "what" so much as a "who." The idea of becoming a lawyer did not take shape until my junior year of college at Saginaw Valley State University. That year, I was blessed to come under the mentorship of former president Dr. Eric Gilbertson who was among the first to encourage me to think about a career in the law. He took the time to show me how the legal profession could align with "what" I've always felt called to do: serve the public.

In my final year of undergrad, I came to appreciate that few careers offer more opportunities to help people, strengthen our community, and guide young people than the practice of law. The thought that a law degree could open the door for me to serve our county and challenge me to grow intellectually was incredibly motivating. I wanted to develop the kind of problem-solving and advocacy skills that allow you to stand up for those who can't always stand up for themselves.

Before pursuing a legal education, I worked several jobs in the law enforcement field. Those experiences showed me the struggles many in our community face, especially our youth. Mentorship helped me understand that studying and practicing law would not pull me away from that mission but strengthen it. The practice of law would give me stronger tools to not only reason, research, and advocate, but also to work toward real solutions to the complex issues I had already witnessed for years.

This is part of the reason why mentorship is so important to me. What Dr. Gilbertson and other mentors did for me, I hope to do for others in playing a small role in guiding the careers of our area youth. Traveling to schools to talk to students, participating in Saginaw County Law Day, welcoming students and civic organizations to the courthouse to talk about our legal system are among many ways I try to make the law feel accessible and attainable, in hopes that I can be the "who" to inspire others to pursue a career in the law.

Q: What's the most rewarding aspect of being a judge?

A: The most rewarding part of serving as a judge is the privilege of watching the transformation of a person's life and knowing that I might have played a small role in their change of direction. By way of example, daily, I am humbled to witness these transformations taking place in the lives of those who enter and complete our Structured Treatment and Recovery Program (STAR). As founding and presiding judge of the STAR program, I have walked alongside individuals diagnosed with alcohol use disorder who came to us having lost family and friends, dignity and self-respect, employment, as well as their own sense of purpose. I have watched those same individuals leave the program equipped with tools to sustain their sobriety, rebuild relationships with family, reenter the workforce with confidence and purpose, and overall make them productive members of our community.

There are moments that stay with you. I will never forget reading a school paper written by a young girl who described watching her father drink heavily when she was small, trying to numb the pain he carried. She wrote that after he entered the STAR program, he has been alcohol-free for one year, 10 months, and 11 days. She called him her hero. How this made me feel is beyond rewarding.

Another participant completed our 18-month program and was able to repair his relationship with his son and grandchild before he passed away.

he feared he would never reclaim that time with his family, and his recovery became one of the great gifts of his journey. There is no greater reward than helping our participants, and others who appear before me embrace the truth that the journey itself becomes the destination.

Q: What's the most challenging aspect of being a judge?

A: As far as the position itself, I try to approach every aspect of my judicial duties with the mindset that growth comes from challenges. I try not to consider any one aspect of the job more challenging than any other. I embrace each responsibility as an opportunity to sharpen my skills and grow in every aspect of my work. After nearly 10 years on the bench, I recognized how far I have come and how much more there is to learn. I owe it to this community to remain fully informed and prepared so that I am better able to serve people who come before me.

As it relates to the daily responsibilities of the position, one of the more challenging aspects of my work is observing young offenders enter the system and those who find themselves returning to it. When that occurs, it often suggests that somewhere along the way, perhaps within the family, educational, community, and/or criminal justice systems, there is something that we may have missed or not addressed entirely. While I place great importance on individual accountability for those who come before me, I also believe it is incumbent upon those of us, including myself, working within these systems to engage in honest reflection and hold ourselves accountable for how effectively we are providing the structure and support our youth need to grow and succeed.

Q: What advice would you give to your younger self when you first assumed the bench?

A: The advice I would give my younger self is the same advice I give myself today: ensure that every litigant, every defendant, and every party who appears before me leaves the courtroom feeling heard. Just before I assumed my current role, a federal judge shared a piece of advice that has stayed with me: "although you will never make everyone happy with your decisions, every person should leave feeling that they have truly been heard." That guidance has stayed with me. I would also remind him to be patient, to listen actively, and to understand that there is no harm in taking a break (brief recess) from court to reflect on a legal issue or complexity. Doing so often brings clarity and confidence to a ruling or oral opinion. I firmly believe that the way a judge delivers a decision is just as important as the outcome itself.

Q: What's a common misconception the public has regarding your role?

A: I believe there is a common misconception that judges make decisions based on public sentiment, political or social pressure, or personal views about what the law should be. Judicial independence requires the opposite. Judges are not to decide cases based on popularity or personal preference, but on the law itself. I do not subscribe to the idea of judicial activism. My role essentially is to interpret and apply the law as it is written, whether I agree with it or not.

In criminal cases, I am permitted to consider letters of support and input from victims and members of the public when determining an appropriate sentence. However, my sentencing decisions are also confined to statutory maximum penalties and guided by established sentencing guidelines and case precedent, which help ensure fairness by accounting for the seriousness of the offense and the defendant's prior record. I invite the public to visit my courtroom on Mondays for sentencings and Tuesdays for trials to personally observe the thought processes and nuances of these proceedings.

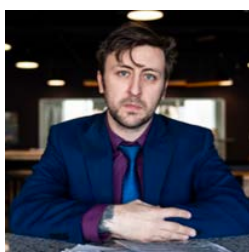
Q: What's your favorite legal novel, movie, and/or TV series and why?

A: "The Rainmaker" (both book and movie). I saw a bit of Rudy Baylor in my younger, law-school version of myself. Reading it back then made me feel ready to take on the world and stand up for people who couldn't fight for themselves. That same spirit continues to guide me today. As a judge, I believe it's my responsibility to help those who need guidance, support, and sometimes a firm but fair hand to get back on the right path. When those interests are balanced well, it doesn't just change individual lives, it also promotes a safer and stronger community.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like the public to know?

A: In closing, it has been a distinct honor and privilege to serve this community. From a child growing up in Bridgeport, Michigan, where I was guided by parents and a community that instilled in me the values of hard work and honesty, to the man and public servant who now sits in the judicial seat in Courtroom 403, my commitment has always been to give back to the place that shaped me. As I look ahead to making decisions that will impact our community for years to come, I do so with gratitude and sincerity.

I want the public to know that my court, along with the STAR team, is deeply committed to assisting individuals in recovery and making our community safer by offering meaningful treatment services and close court supervision to individuals in the justice system who are living with substance use disorder. This work matters to us, and we approach it with accountability and hope. I am truly grateful for the dedicated professionals that I work with who make this program possible: Judge Terry L. Clark, Chief Judge of the 70th District Court; Scott Bickel, our Program Coordinator; John McColgan, Prosecutor; Jennifer Kellerman, Case Manager; Millie Shek, Defense Counsel; Ted McAfee from MDOC Probation; Nathan O'Neil, Director of 70th District Probation; Michelle Schmitzer and Megan Smith, along with the LIST Psychological therapy team; Linda Gleesing from the Underground Railroad; and Sheriff William Federspiel and Sgt. Heather Beyerlein, our Compliance Liaison. Together, we share a common mission of recovery and restoration, one person at a time.



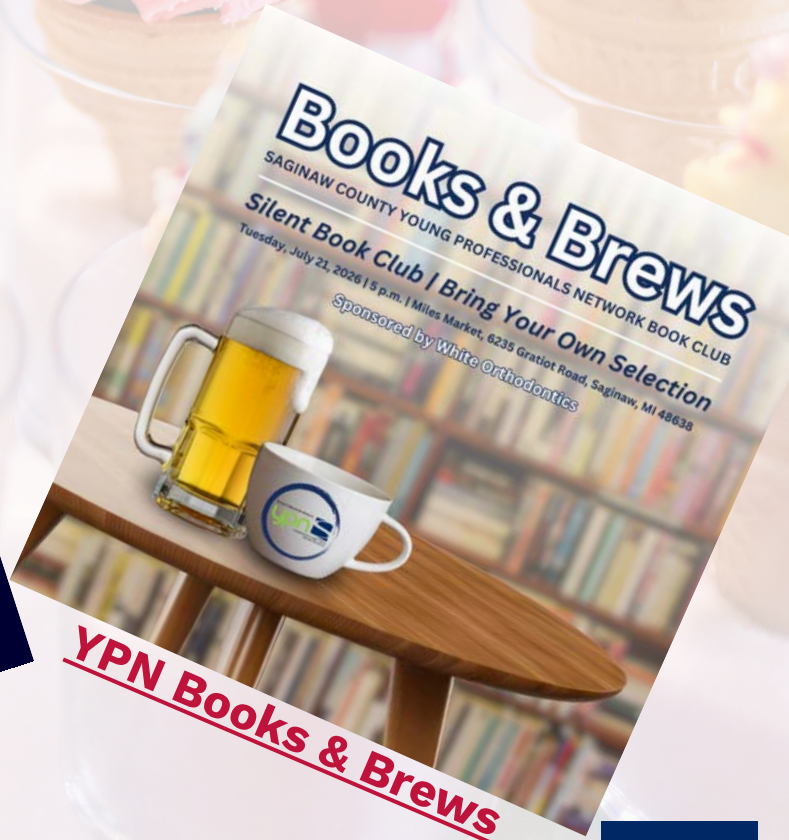
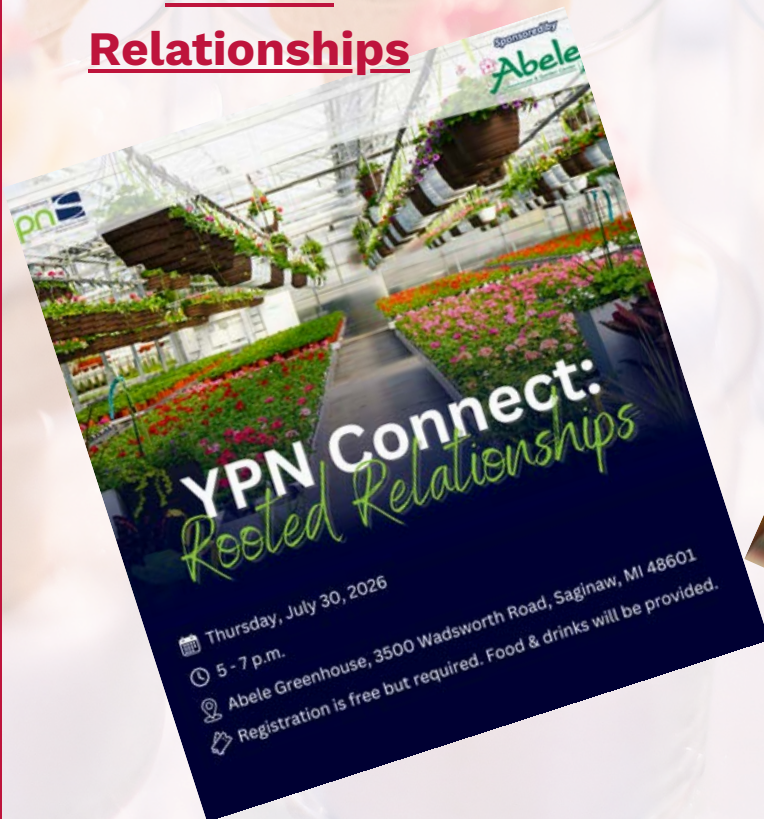
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FREE MEALS FOR KIDS



YOUTH SUMMER FOOD GIVEAWAYS

Monday

Spaulding Township Park
12:00pm-12:45pm or until food runs out
5825 Cole Road, Saginaw, MI 48601

Tuesday

Stoddards Mobile Home Park
12:00pm-12:45pm or until food runs out
16940 Oakley Road, Chesaning MI 48616

Wednesday

VFW Post 7302 Hemlock
12:00pm-12:45pm or until food runs out
17595 Gratiot Road, Hemlock MI 48626

Thursday

Albee Township Hall
12:00pm-12:45pm or until food runs out
10645 East Road, Burt MI 48417

Friday

Imerman Memorial Park
12:00pm-12:45pm or until food runs out
3495 Midland Road, Saginaw MI 48603

St. Charles Community Schools
3:00pm-3:45pm or until food runs out
881 W Walnut Street, St. Charles MI 48655
*4 Breakfasts & 4 Lunches to accommodate the district's community onsite summer meal program

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- Free to the first 50 youth up to 18 years of age
- Parents can pick up for their kids, kids do not need to be present
- 7 breakfasts & 7 lunches per youth

All meal bundles will include:

- 2oz meat/meat alternative
- 4oz fruit/veggie
- 1 serving whole grains
- 8oz low-fat milk



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2026 Monthly Itemized Report



Month	ME-Cases	Non-ME Cases	Total Cases	Autopsies	Cremation Permits
January	57	77	134	24	154
February	59	62	121	14	160
March	61	70	131	25	154
April	42	70	112	17	130
May	51	75	126	18	133
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
Total					

- Cost per autopsy: \$2,600
- Cost per Cremation Permit (paid by Funeral Homes): \$75.00

Mosquito Abatement
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With the arrival of the Fourth of July, summer activities are well underway, including family travel, community festivals, and local events. This point in the year also marks the midpoint of our mosquito control operations. Our season began in March with the hatching of snowmelt *Aedes* mosquitoes, followed by increasing *Culex* mosquito activity in abundant natural and artificial habitats across the County, and recently the early emergence of permanent-water species such as the cattail mosquito. As seasonal activity has increased, our control efforts have remained fully engaged.



Treating stormwater drain to control of mosquito larvae

This season has been shaped by significant weather fluctuations. Spring brought unusually high-water levels not seen in decades, followed by prolonged cool conditions into May. Mid-May into early June shifted to very warm and somewhat dry weather. Rain returned in June along with cool temperatures, stimulating lawn growth and producing localized pulses of biting summer floodwater mosquitoes. As of this writing, we anticipate a noticeable level of biting nuisance mosquitoes in early July in those areas of the county that experienced heavy June rainfall.

Jamestown Canyon virus was again detected in spring *Aedes* mosquito populations, with three separate *Aedes canadensis* collections testing positive. This recurring pattern indicates the virus' establishment within local mosquito and deer (the host) populations. We anticipate initial West Nile virus detections by mid-July.

Seasonal Activity Summary

April

- Spring woodlot sampling began in early April to support timing and evaluation of the spring aerial program.
- Spring aerial treatment occurred April 10–21, with minor weather delays, covering more than 93,000 acres.
- Seasonal Employee Orientation was held April 24, 2026.

May

- Seasonal staff began in early May, focusing first on spring larval habitats before prioritizing other community treatments including roadside ditch habitat.

- Household Scrap Tire Collection began May 1st and runs through August 31st; 1,893 tires have been removed to date. Thank you, Taymouth Township, for allowing us to host a Saturday scrap tire collection event at the township hall on May 9, 2026.
- Mosquito-borne virus testing in mosquitoes began in collaboration with the Saginaw County Health Department's Arbovirus Laboratory marking the start of this collaborative community surveillance.

June

- Nighttime ULV adulticiding began in areas meeting treatment thresholds, primarily addressing spring biting species.
- Countywide stormwater drain treatment began, targeting West Nile virus transmitting Culex larval mosquito populations.
- Hosted an Open House in recognition of our 50th Control season held on June 26, 2026; this was conjunction with National Mosquito Control Awareness Week.
- Thank you St. Charles Schools for allowing the use of your parking lot for a Saturday scrap tire collection event on June 27, 2026.

Please follow us on social media or go to our website, saginawmosquito.com to stay updated on our control efforts and services. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.





William W. Stanuszek, Director



June 22, 2026

NEWS RELEASE: For Immediate Release

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MOSQUITO-BORNE VIRUS DETECTED IN SAGINAW COUNTY

Saginaw, MI – Routine surveillance conducted by the Saginaw County Mosquito Abatement Commission (SCMAC) has identified the first mosquito-borne virus activity in Saginaw County for the 2026 season. Jamestown Canyon virus (JCV) was detected in three mosquito samples collected in the week of June 8, 2026. Although the current risk to residents is low, SCMAC encourages the public to take steps to prevent mosquito bites.

Recommended Mosquito Bite Prevention Measures

- Remove standing water from around your property, including water in containers, wading pools, tires, and other items that collect water. Report standing water in ditches, flooded yards, or fields to SCMAC.
- Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and long-sleeved shirts when outdoors; light-colored clothing is recommended.
- Use insect repellents with EPA-approved ingredients as directed. Consult a physician before applying repellent to infants.
- Limit outdoor activity during peak mosquito hours (dusk to dawn).
- Ensure window and door screens are intact and fit tightly. Repair or replace screens with tears or holes. Close doors and windows at night when possible.

Despite the start of summer, most of the nuisance mosquitoes currently active are spring species that emerged in May and prevalent in the wooded areas of the county. Some of these species can transmit JCV.

SCMAC continues comprehensive mosquito control operations throughout the season, focusing on areas that support mosquito species responsible for transmitting disease. Additional control efforts target other nuisance mosquito populations across the county.

Mosquito-borne viruses can spread when a mosquito becomes infected after feeding on an infected bird or mammal and then bites a human. Most human infections show no symptoms. When illness does occur, symptoms usually include sudden flu-like illness and fever. Severe, though rare, cases may involve neurological complications such as meningitis or encephalitis requiring hospitalization.



William W. Stanuszek, Director



JCV activity can occur from April through September and has been found in several mosquito species that readily bite humans. The virus naturally circulates between mosquitoes and animals, primarily deer.

SCMAC will continue monitoring mosquito-borne viruses through the end of September. Residents are encouraged to reduce exposure to mosquitoes and report any crow or blue jay found dead within the past 24 hours, as these birds are valuable for West Nile virus surveillance.

For more information about SCMAC programs and services, visit saginawmosquito.com or call (989) 755-5751.

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SCCMHA Board Member receives 2026 Heart of the City Award

We'd like to offer our sincere congratulations to SCCMHA Board Member and Saginaw County Commissioner Lisa Coney for being named the 2026 recipient of the Heart of the City Outstanding Leadership Award!

Lisa, who joined the SCCMHA Board in 2022, is a long-time resident of Saginaw,

working as a social worker with the Saginaw Public School District for over 20 years, and now serving as a Mental Health Practitioner for the Saginaw Intermediate School District.

“It is both humbling and deeply meaningful,” Lisa said. “To be recognized in this way affirms the calling I believe God has placed on my life: to move people from potential to purpose. It is a blessing to know that the work I have done is making an impact, and it encourages me to continue serving with faith and intention.”

The Heart of the City Award is given out by The Michigan Banner in recognition of individuals who demonstrate exemplary service and commitment in the Great Lakes Bay Community.

Lisa truly has shown that in her time on the County Commission, as a member of our Board of Directors and a leader in Saginaw County.

Congratulations Lisa and thank you for all that you do to improve our community!



HELP CVI's Kareem Brown talks gun violence awareness with SCCMHA staff

On June 4, the day before Gun Violence Awareness Day, SCCMHA brought in Saginaw HELP CVI's Executive Director Kareem Brown to talk about the impact

of what gun violence has on a community and how outreach organizations like HELP can work to curtail that.

HELP is a community violence initiative that provides alternatives to violence for the youth of Saginaw, utilizing classes, mentorships, and building community and relationships with others.

With gun violence still a harsh reality in Saginaw, Kareem attended a supervisory meeting at SCCMHA to encourage staff to reach out to HELP for any youth in need of conflict resolution, emotional regulation, and giving Saginaw and Saginaw County youth opportunities for engagement and activities to keep them out of trouble.

If you are interested in learning more about HELP CVI, you can check out their website at helpcvi.com.





Salta Mambetova- MSU Extension Vegetable Educator
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Vegetable and Field Crop Educators Update

Vegetables

Summer is one of the busiest times of the year for both growers and educators as we spend more time in fields, farms, and gardens across the region. Recent weather conditions, including warm temperatures and frequent moisture, have created favorable conditions for disease development in many vegetable crops. Growers are encouraged to continue scouting fields regularly and to monitor crops for signs of disease and insect pressure.



Tomato plants in the high tunnel sizing up and bees are working hard. Photo by Salta Mambetova, MSU Extension

The growing season is progressing well, with some vegetable crops still being transplanted while others are already being harvested. Local farmers markets are beginning to fill with fresh, Michigan-grown produce, including snap peas, garlic scapes, strawberries, garlic, red beets, leafy greens, and greenhouse-or high tunnel grown tomatoes, cucumbers, just to name a few. The abundance of locally grown products is a welcome sign of the season and highlights the hard work of our growers.

Field crops

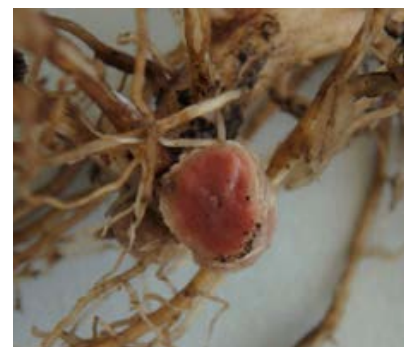
Early planted soybeans are at V4-5 (vegetative) with later planted reaching V2-3. Soybeans will begin nodulation where plants produce their own nitrogen and are visible beginning at the V2-V3 stage. If you dig soybean roots, slice open a nodule, and see pink, then nodules are actively fixing atmospheric nitrogen.

Driving the countryside, you will see the **Winter Wheat** is turning from green to light brown (Feekes 11.1 (kernel milky ripe) and 11.2 (soft dough)). The recent rains should help finish grain fill and improve test weight.

Corn stages range from V4 to V8 (leaf stage). Side dress nitrogen should be finishing as significant water and nitrogen uptake starts around V6 and continues through pollination (VT tasseling).

Save the Date: Cover Crop Workshop 2

Mark your calendar for the **Cover Crop Workshop 2, which will be held on September 3, 2026, at the Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center**. This free educational event is open to farmers, landowners, agricultural professionals, and anyone interested in learning more about cover crops, soil health, and regenerative agriculture practices. Whether you are just beginning to explore these concepts or have been implementing for years, the workshop will provide valuable opportunities to learn about the latest research, management strategies, and practical applications from experts. Additional details and registration information will be available soon.



Closeup of soybean nodule fixing nitrogen –Credit – Manitoba Pulse Soybean Growers

If you have question, please contact:

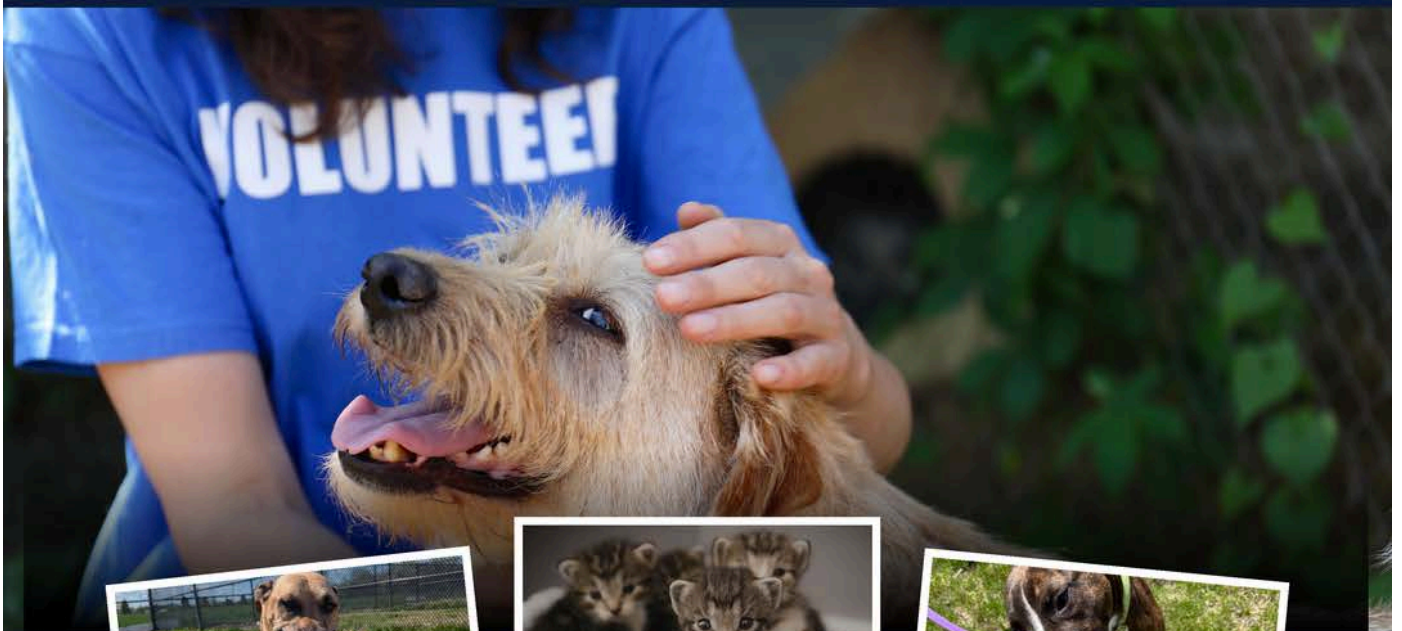
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Saginaw County Animal Care & Control

PUBLIC VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Laundry & folding towels
- Washing dishes & food bowls
- Donation sorting
- Enrichment preparation
- Special projects

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

- No application needed
- Flexible scheduling
- Great for students & groups
- Make an immediate impact

READY TO GET INVOLVED? ➔

Stop by anytime during public business hours!
5615 Bay Rd., Saginaw, MI 48604

Our Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9-6
(Closed Wednesday)
Saturday: 9-1



Good afternoon housing partners!

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) invites all Michiganders 18 years of age or older to help shape the future of housing in Michigan by participating in a new public survey.

Available now, the [survey](#) marks the first statewide public engagement effort in the development of Michigan's next housing plan, known as SHP 2.0. You may also use the QR code below to complete the survey. SHP 2.0 will be a collaborative blueprint that will build on the progress of the state's [first housing plan](#) released in 2022.

All are encouraged to share experiences, concerns, and ideas about housing in Michigan. Public input will play a central role in developing the new plan and help inform goals and strategies for the years ahead.

Please complete the survey to make your voice heard.

Note: The survey will be available in Spanish and Arabic at a future date.



Scan the QR code or access the link here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/353RD8F>

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BReady Race Prep Program 2026



**Free Weekly Meetings on Mondays
and Wednesdays from 6pm-7pm**

Starting July 26th

@The Saginaw YMCA



**Race Day:
September 26th**



2026 CLEAN SWEEP COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Saginaw Bay Watershed Pollution Prevention/Chemical Collection Program

Dispose of your unwanted Pesticides, Herbicides & Insecticides (Only)

May 14
June 11
July 9
August 13
September 10
October 8

Take a picture
to remember
the dates!

Second Thursday
of each month.



BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:

Call (989) 758-3685

Held in Saginaw County
Location given with appointment.

No Fertilizers,
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Any Michigan homeowner, farm, greenhouse, nursery, golf course or other end user of pesticides can use this service for free.

Dealers and persons for hire may use these collections to dispose of pesticides at cost.



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