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Saginaw Celebrates Summer 2026 August Events

Calendar Saginaw Welcomes Back Summer!



August

Friday Night Live, Positive Results Downtown Saginaw – Morley Plaza

5:30 – 9 pm, FREE concert, great food and fun from area vendors.

8/7: Downtown Hoedown

8/14: Riverfront Rock

8/21: Downtown Motown

Saginaw Children's Zoo – Visit saginawzoo.com for information. Facebook @

SaginawChildren'sZoo

8/8: ZOOari, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Tails and Scales, 11 am – 2 pm

8/12: Twilight and Tails, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

8/22: Bobwhite Boogie, 11 am – 2 pm



Summer Fun @ Castle Museum



Visit castlemuseum.org for information, registration and full list of summer programming. Facebook @ TheCastleMuseum.

8/12: Summer Fun with Delta Kids, 11 am - noon

8/13: Preschool Storytime – Let's Go to the Zoo, 11 am – noon

Lawn Chair Film Festival – Old Saginaw City, corner of Adams & N. Hamilton, FREE.

Bring your own chair, movie starts at 7 pm.

8/1: The Sting

8/8: Father of the Bride

8/15: Sleepless in Seattle

8/22: Back to the Future



Recreation Playdates – Saginaw County Parks and Recreation, FREE.

8/4: Art in the Park – Otto Roser Park, 10 – 11:30 am

8/4: Gaga Ball/Archery – Hoyt Park, 2 – 3:30 pm

8/5: Water Wars – First Ward Community Center: 12 – 3:30 pm

8/6: Nature Explorers – Green Point Nature Ctr: 10 – 11:30 am

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THIS MONTH'S COVER

Area Concerts, Festivals and Events

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Lunch & Learn – Castle Museum, 12 pm. FREE with Museum Admission.

8/11: “Forts of Michigan” with David Wedge

8/25: “Mrs. Ring’s Garden” with Tom Trombley

Playdates in the Park – Saginaw City Parks, FREE.

Register at www.saginawmi.com/playdatesinthepark.

8/15: Tennis and Pickleball – Garber Courts: 11 am – 1:30 pm

8/23: Skateboarding – Celebration Skate Park: 10:45 am – 1:30 pm

Public Libraries of Saginaw – On Facebook @ SaginawLibrary

8/3: Summer Reading Program
Wrap-Up Carnival – Butman-Fish, 3 – 4 pm

8/5: DIY Light Switch Covers
– Wickes, 2:30 pm (Teens, Teens)

8/5: Are You Smarter Than a Librarian? Trivia Night – Hoyt, 6 pm (Adults)

8/6: Potter Street Station

Renovations Presentation – Hoyt, 6:30 pm (Teens, Adults)

8/7: Friday Flicks – Butman Fish, 2 pm. The Duchess (2008-PG-13)

8/8: Spice Up Your Month with Shichimi Togarashi (Japanese 7 Spice) – Hoyt. While supplies last.

8/10: Let’s Draw Some Produce! – Butman-Fish, 5:30 pm (Teens, Adults)

8/11: Glass Painting Tuesdays – Wickes, 4 pm (Teens, Adults)

8/15: Kids Drive-In Movie – Butman-Fish, 10 am

8/15: Monarch Caterpillar Bracelet Take & Make – Hoyt, 3 pm (All Ages) While supplies last.

8/18: Butman-Fish Book Club: Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy – 5:30 pm

8/21: Friday Flicks – Butman Fish, 2 pm. Whiskey Tango Foxtrot (2016-R)

8/26: Bilingual Storytime / La Hora del Cuento Bilingue – Wickes, 2 pm (Children)

Saginaw Art Museum Art Encounters – Drop-in 1 – 4 pm. FREE

8/1: Sun Prints

8/22: Painting in the Gardens

1 Gospel Fest – Ojibway Island, 12 – 6 pm. National and local musical talent, featuring Karen Clark Sheard, Brent Jones, and Jarell Small. FREE

The Piano Lesson – Pit & Balcony Theatre, 7:30 pm. Ticketed
Bonsai Basics I – Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House and Gardens, 1 – 4 pm. Fee, japaneseculturalcenter.org to register.

2 Saginaw Eddy Concert Band – Jolt Credit Union Event Park, 7 pm, FREE. Musical Fairytales

3 Summer Reading Wrap-Up Carnival – Butman-Fish Library, 3 pm, FREE. Games, prizes and treats, family fun!

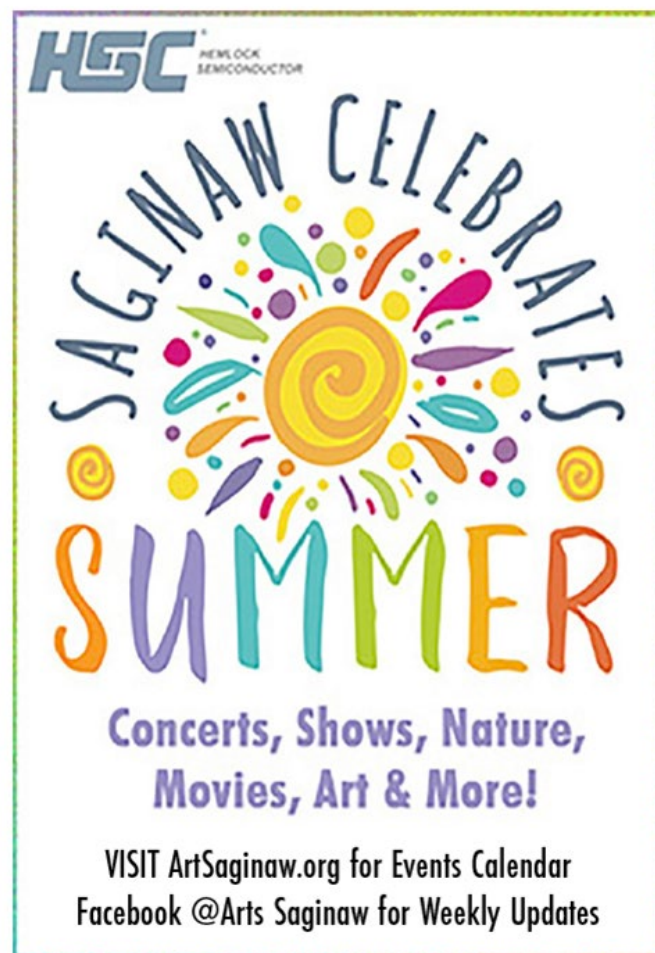
4 Museum Tunes – Saginaw Art Museum Garden, 6 pm Doors, 7 pm Music, Shakedown Band. FREE

7, 8 Saginaw Art Fair – 10 am – 5 pm, Ojibway Island.
Facebook @SaginawArtFair

8 Second Saturdays – Saginaw Art Museum: Studio Storytime 12:15 pm, Open Studio 1 – 4 pm, Public Tour 2 pm. FREE

13 Henry Cho: The Empty Nest Tour – Temple Theatre, 8 pm. Ticketed event.

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14 Back-to-School Garden Party – Saginaw Art Museum, 4 – 6:30 pm. Drop-in activities and more! FREE

Movies Under the Stars – GOAT, Jolt Credit Union Event Park, 7:30 pm preparty, movie at dusk. FREE

Friends of Public Libraries of Saginaw – Book Sale at the Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market, 10 am – 3 pm.

14, 15, 16 Saginaw African Cultural Festival – Morley School Park, 2700 Lapeer, Saginaw. Food, fun, entertainment and fellowship. Facebook @SaginawAfricanCulturalFestival for programs and times.

15 Framing the Red wsg J Hawkins Band – The Vault Music Venue, 7 pm, 110 Florence St., 989-245-1787.

16 CU at the Zoo – Saginaw Children's Zoo, FREE Admission 10 am – 5 pm.

18 Todd Rundgren: Damned if I Do Tour – Temple Theatre, 7 pm. Ticketed event.

19 Warhol After Hours – Saginaw Art Museum, 5:30 pm. Champagne cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, art. Ticketed

20 History After Hours: Science – Castle Museum, 5:30 – 6:30 pm, FREE with Museum Admission.

Deep Dive – Saginaw Art Museum: Be a Kid Again! Field Trip Activities for Adults, 1 pm, FREE with Admission

21 Spoken Word Workshop – Roethke House, 6:30 pm. Join Keairra Jones, Charles Townsel, Sher Ratnabalasuriar for an evening of writing and sharing, all levels welcome. FREE

Tejano Night with Santiago Garza – The Vault Music Venue, 7 pm, 110 Florence St., 989-245-1787

22 Saginaw Neighbor Day Block Party – Hoyt Park, 1 – 5 pm. Music, family fun, school supply giveaway, Community Impact Awards.

Art Encounter: Painting in the Gardens – Saginaw Art Museum, 1 - 4 pm. FREE with Admission.

27 The Wallflowers: Bringing Down the Horse 30th Anniversary Tour – Temple Theatre, 8 pm. Ticketed event.

Summer Long

Saginaw Art Museum Exhibitions – Wed – Sat: 12 – 5 pm. Jessica Harvey: Attentive Figures and Tender Mechanisms through September 5

Shared Canvases: Judy Bowman and Friends through September 12

Warhol and the Image Machine through September 19

Art @ the Andersen – Andersen Enrichment Center, Mon – Fri: 9 am – 3 pm.

A Study in Form and Expression by Dan Hoffman opened July 7
Castle Museum Exhibitions – Mon – Wed: 10 am – 4:30 pm, Thurs: 10 am – 7 pm, Fri & Sat: 10 am – 4:30 pm, Sun: 1 – 4:30 pm

Counter Cruise – Mondays, 7:00 pm, corner of Cass and Hamilton. Family friendly bike ride through Saginaw neighborhoods. Facebook @CounterCruise for information and route map.

Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market – Outdoor pavilion at 203 S. Washington; Wed & Fri: 10 am – 3 pm, Sat: 10 am – 1 pm.

Great Mural Project – More than a dozen murals in Downtown and Old Town Saginaw. Map at www.greatmuralproject.com or Facebook @TheGreatMuralProject.

Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House and Gardens – Public Tea Ceremony every Saturday 2 pm, \$10 per person, walk-ins welcome.

Saginaw Children's Zoo – Daily zookeeper chats and amphitheater presentations. SaginawZoo.com for schedule.

Saginaw Public Libraries – storytimes, book discussions, movies, arts and crafts, adult learning and more. Facebook @SaginawLibrary

Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge – Wildlife Drive open sunrise to sunset. Visit fws.gov/refuge/shiawassee for information.

SVRC Marketplace – Indoor Market at 203 S. Washington; Wed – Sat: 11 am – 7 pm.

Tai Chi for Everyone! – FREE
First Presbyterian Church, Mon - 5:30 pm
Saginaw Art Museum, Wed - 1:30 pm
Garber Courts, Fri - 1:30 pm

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Delta College welcomes Dr. Michelle Allmendinger as its next president

Allmendinger's selection as Delta's sixth president is the culmination of a national search initiated in December 2025 to identify a replacement for Dr. Mike Gavin. She began the role on June 29.

"It is an honor to be the next leader of Delta College," said Allmendinger. "I look forward to building strong relationships with our students, faculty, staff and community members as we work together to advance Delta's mission of delivering an enriching education that empowers our diverse and inclusive community to achieve personal, professional and academic goals."

A native of Moline, Illinois, Allmendinger earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Administration from Michigan State University, a Master of Science in Human Kinetics from



the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a Bachelor of Arts in English and Secondary Education from Knox College.



Allmendinger most recently served as vice president of Student Affairs at Southeastern Community College, in Burlington, IA, where she provides leadership for admissions, academic advising, financial aid, student conduct, accessibility services, TRIO, and more.

As a first-generation college student herself, she is an ardent student success champion and has led numerous initiatives to increase retention and completion throughout her career. In addition to student affairs administrative experience, Allmendinger also has college teaching and academic affairs experience.

"The Delta College Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome Dr. Allmendinger as our sixth president," said Stacey Gannon, chair. "The members of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, the Board of Trustees, and the college community were impressed with Dr. Allmendinger's inclusive, collaborative approach and her vision for innovation. I am confident she will be an outstanding leader for years to come."

WIC participants now able to use benefits online at Meijer stores *First retailer in Michigan to accept WIC benefits for online grocery orders*

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced that families participating in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) are now able to shop with their WIC benefits online at Meijer stores.

"We are excited to offer this new service to our clients," said Michigan WIC Director Christina Herring. "We are continuously looking for ways to improve the WIC shopping experience. Online shopping will allow our WIC families to more easily and quickly access healthy foods while juggling the demands of their everyday life."

Online shopping will be available at all 122 Meijer stores in Michigan where WIC clients can choose between curbside pickup or home delivery. Clients can shop for WIC foods using their WIC card and non-WIC foods using a different payment method in the same transaction. Meijer is also offering free home delivery.

"As a family-owned company, Meijer understands how important it is to make shopping for healthy, everyday foods

easy for all families," said Don Sanderson, chief merchandising & marketing officer at Meijer. "We are proud to be the first retailer to offer this in Michigan, building on our legacy of improving accessibility to customers in Michigan."

The Michigan WIC Program serves more than 187,000 women, infants and children each month by providing healthy foods, nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding promotion and support, and referrals to other helpful programs and resources.

Michigan WIC plans to expand online shopping to other retailers in the future. This initiative is made possible through collaboration with Meijer and eWIC processor Fidelity National Information Services / Central Data Processing. Funding from the 2023 WIC Modernization Grant has enabled the launch of this project. More information is available at Michigan WIC Online Shopping.

To learn more about the WIC Program, visit Michigan.gov/wic.

A Study in Form and Expression



Daniel Hoffman

A Study in Form and Expression by Daniel Hoffman is a captivating collection of mixed media artwork that celebrates wildlife, imagination, and nostalgia through remarkable detail and heartfelt storytelling. On display now through September 8th at the Andersen Enrichment Center, 120 Ezra Rust Drive, across from Ojibway Island in Saginaw. Hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

Through a diverse collection of mixed media artwork, Hoffman combines charcoal, ink, graphite, colored pencil, watercolor, and watercolor pencil to explore everything from science fiction and wildlife to the beauty of nature, history, and human emotion. By blending these multiple mediums, he has developed a distinctive artistic style that

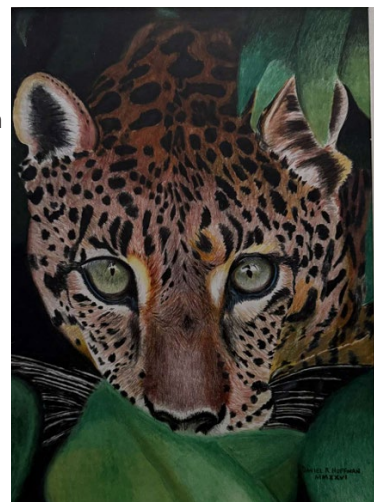


brings each subject to life. The exhibition also features whimsical pieces that invite viewers to reflect on simpler times and meaningful memories.

"My goal is to create artwork that evokes nostalgia, hope, introspection, and joy," Hoffman said. "I hope visitors enjoy this exhibit, and I am honored to share my work with the community."

A lifelong Saginaw resident, Daniel R. Hoffman graduated from Arthur Hill High School before earning his bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University. After a 31-year career in restaurant management and the Michigan Department of Corrections, he retired in 2021. Retirement led Hoffman to discover a passion for art, beginning with colored pencil and graphite classes at Studio 23/The Arts Center in Bay City before expanding into color theory and watercolor painting. Though he had little formal art experience, Hoffman continues to challenge himself by exploring new techniques and subjects. Using a grid method to achieve accurate proportions, he approaches every drawing and painting as an opportunity for growth, discovery, and creative expression while striving to evoke feelings of nostalgia, hope, introspection, and joy.

Art @ Andersen is presented by United Financial Credit Union, with support from the John Michael Jefferes Memorial Fund, Jury Foundation, Harvey Randall Wickes Foundathe Michigan Arts & Culture Council. Art @ Andersen was established by the Saginaw Arts and Enrichment Commission to give artists in the Great Lakes Bay Region an opportunity to exhibit and sell their work. For more information call the Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission at 989.759.1362, 120 Ezra Rust, Saginaw, MI, 48601.



Governor Whitmer Gets Behind the Wheel for First Drive Across the Gordie Howe International Bridge, Marks Official Opening of Bridge to Traffic

Whitmer Administration joined hands with Canada to complete bridge project after decades



Governor Gretchen Whitmer got behind the wheel of a Michigan-built Ford Mustang to celebrate the opening of the Gordie Howe International Bridge, marking a historic new connection between Michigan and Canada. Her administration, partnering with Canada, was responsible for the successful completion of the bridge project following decades of hurdles. Her drive marks the official opening of the bridge to traffic between Canada and the United States. The bridge will strengthen the flow of people, goods, and commerce across what is already the largest trade crossing in North America.

Governor Whitmer fought tirelessly through delays, political interference, and COVID-19 pauses to keep construction moving, ensuring the project remained on target. The bridge remains a great deal for the State of Michigan, which will experience tremendous economic benefits from today's opening. Today's opening cements the bridge as a key part of Governor Whitmer's legacy.

"I ran for governor to build bridges between communities and make Michiganders' lives better," said **Governor Whitmer**. "I'm proud to celebrate the opening of the Gordie Howe International Bridge, which will do just that. Built by skilled workers on both sides of the Detroit River, this bridge is an engineering marvel. It's also a symbol of the partnership that has defined Michigan and Canada for generations and what we can accomplish when we work together. I'm proud we got the job done during my administration on behalf of so many Michiganders who fought for this bridge and for Michigan, Canada, and our future. Let's keep doing big things together."

"This bridge is a physical link between the state of Michigan and our most vital trading partner," said **Michigan Department of Transportation Director Bradley C. Wieferich**. "I cannot overstate the significance for the businesses and citizens on both sides of the border who rely on the timely movement of goods as well as for members of the MDOT team who have been working for decades to build relationships in Detroit neighborhoods and respond to residents' concerns as this historic bridge becomes a reality."

The Governor has advocated for all needed support to open the bridge across three presidential administrations, including with U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of the Interior, and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as well as the White House. She has also worked hand in hand with federal congressional offices to ensure necessary U.S. government-related bridge operations are fully funded and staffed.

Saginaw County Health Department Partners with Great Lakes Bay Health Centers on Back-to-School Kids' Health Round Up Events

The Saginaw County Health Department (SCHD) and Great Lakes Bay Health Centers (GLBHC) are partnering on a Kids' Health Round Up event on Monday, August 10 and Tuesday, August 18, at 1600 N. Michigan Avenue, with walk-ins welcome 8:30am-3:30pm along with "by appointment" car seat checks 11am-2pm. Appointments can be made at <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8916340/SCHD-Car-Seat-Checks>.

Each event is designed to help families prepare for the start of the school year:

- GLBHC dental and vision buses – SCHD north parking lot

- Car seat checks – SCHD south parking lot
- Immunizations – SCHD Room 109
- Hearing/vision screenings – SCHD Room 505

Facepainting is also available 11am-2pm under a tent in the parking lot.

By offering hearing and vision screenings, dental services, and immunizations together, SCHD and GLBHC hope to help families check several important items off their school readiness list in one visit -- saving time, reducing stress, and helping children start the school year healthy and prepared to succeed.



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Bay Area Community Foundation to Honor Michael Hanisko and Ellen Charlebois at 2026 Faces of Philanthropy Celebration



The Bay Area Community Foundation will honor two remarkable community leaders whose lives reflect a legacy of generosity, volunteerism, and civic leadership during the 2026 Faces of Philanthropy Celebration.

During the biennial event, Ellen Charlebois and Michael Hanisko will receive the Peggy Rowley Community Enrichment Award, the Foundation's highest recognition honoring individuals whose commitment to serving others has strengthened the Bay County community.

Named in honor of Peggy Rowley, one of the founding visionaries of the Bay Area Community Foundation, the award celebrates those who embody her lifelong belief that communities flourish when people invest their time, talent, and resources to improve the lives of others. Rowley helped establish the Foundation in 1982, championed philanthropy throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region, and was a passionate advocate for the arts, culture, and community enrichment. Her legacy continues through the award that bears her name and recognizes individuals whose leadership creates lasting impact.

Faces of Philanthropy is the signature event of the Bay Area Community Foundation that celebrates the individuals, families, and organizations whose generosity and leadership help create a stronger Bay and Arenac County community. The event recognizes the many ways philanthropy extends beyond financial contributions, from volunteering and advocacy to mentorship and service, and honors those who dedicate their time and talents to make a lasting difference.

"Philanthropy is built by people who choose to show up for their communities in meaningful ways," said Shawna Walraven, President & CEO of the Bay Area Community Foundation. "The Peggy Rowley Community Enrichment Award represents the very best of that spirit. Ellen and Michael have each spent decades investing in others, strengthening organizations, and inspiring future generations of community

leaders. Their impact can be seen throughout our region, and we are honored to celebrate their incredible contributions."



Ellen Charlebois

For more than three decades, Ellen Charlebois has combined thoughtful leadership with a passion for strengthening Northern Bay County through community development, the arts, and nonprofit service.

Following a career that culminated as founding member and senior partner of Infusion Group, LLC., Charlebois retired in 2022 after helping organizations navigate strategic growth and organizational change. Her professional path began in a variety of roles before joining Magline, Inc., where she advanced from temporary Accounts Payable Clerk to Director of Human Resources. It was during her time at Magline that she first became involved with the Northern Bay County Fund, an organization she continues to champion today.

Charlebois currently serves as Chair of the Northern Bay County Fund Committee within the Bay Area Community

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Foundation, President of the Pinconning Arts Council, Treasurer of the Friends of the Pinconning Community Center, a member of the Leslie L. Squires Foundation Board, and Chair of the Bay Area Community Foundation Governance Committee.

Among her many accomplishments, Charlebois has helped establish beloved community traditions, including the free “Tuesdays in the Park” summer concert series, led the creation of the Pinconning Bandshell, contributed to the publication of Pinconning Yesterday & Today, and helped oversee the transformation of the historic Pinconning Community Center into a fully accessible gathering place for the community.

Her services have been recognized with the Pinconning & Linwood Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award, the Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish Paul Harris Fellow Award, and multiple Chamber President’s and Arts & Heritage Awards.

An advocate for the arts, Charlebois believes creative experiences have the power to bring people together, foster understanding, and strengthen communities. In her free time, she enjoys kayaking, painting, reading, and birding.



Michael Hanisko

A longtime Bay County resident and Certified Public Accountant, Michael Hanisko has built a career rooted in both professional excellence and community service. After graduating from Central Michigan University with a degree in accounting, he joined Weinlander Fitzhugh in 1984, became a partner in 1995, and served in numerous leadership

roles before retiring from firm ownership in 2024. Today, he continues to work part-time while serving the Board of Directors of 1st State Bank.

Throughout his career, Hanisko embraced the belief that success carries with it a responsibility to serve others. His leadership has benefited organizations including the Bay Area Community Foundation, Morning Rotary Club of Bay City, United Way of Bay County, Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, Delta College Foundation, The Kantzler Foundation, and many others. While Michael is not often the “face” of a project or initiative, our community has benefited from his thoughtful guidance, leadership, and perseverance in many ways. He is truly a selfless and giving community volunteer.

His community involvement has earned numerous recognitions, including the Leadership Bay County Alumni

Community Service Award, the United Way Distinguished Service Award, and induction into the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Business Hall of Fame.

Outside of his professional and volunteer life, Hanisko is an avid endurance athlete. He has completed multiple marathons, four Ironman triathlons, a 50-mile ultra-trail race, and participated in Make-A-Wish cycling events that raised thousands of dollars for children with critical illnesses. Alongside his wife, Sheila, he also enjoys hiking, biking, pickleball, golf, and spending time with their growing family of six grandchildren.

Faces of Philanthropy celebrates individuals whose generosity creates opportunities for others and whose leadership inspires future generations of community builders. Ellen Charlebois and Michael Hanisko exemplify those values through decades of dedicated service and a shared belief that thriving communities are built by people who choose to give back.

The community is invited to join the Bay Area Community Foundation in honoring this year’s recipients during the Faces of Philanthropy Celebration.

Faces of Philanthropy

- Date: Monday, October 5, 2026
- Time: 5:30 p.m.
- Location: Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Bay City – Riverfront, One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City, MI 48708

This evening will feature a social hour, dinner, an awards program recognizing this year’s honorees, and an opportunity to celebrate the many individuals whose generosity and leadership continue to strengthen our community.

Tickets for the 2026 Faces of Philanthropy Celebration are available. General admission is \$75, and a variety of sponsorship opportunities are offered for those wishing to further support the event. Sponsorship levels range from Patron (\$250), Supporter (\$500), Benefactor (\$750), and Philanthropist (\$1,000), with benefits including event tickets, reserved seating, recognition during the event, and acknowledgement in the event program., depending on the level.

To purchase tickets or learn more about the individual sponsorship opportunities, scan the SQ code below or visit the Bay Area Community Foundation’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BayAreaCommunityFoundation>.

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Senator Greene Celebrates State Funding for Hemlock Semiconductor to Expand, Create New Jobs



Senator Chedrick Greene celebrates the announcement that Hemlock Semiconductor will receive \$40 million in state funding from the Make It in Michigan Competitiveness Fund. This money will be used to leverage \$407 million in private investment and **\$325 million from the federal CHIPS Incentives Program approved under the Biden administration.** This investment will enable the company to construct a new manufacturing facility to increase their production capacity. The project is expected to create 180 new jobs.

“There is no better place to invest in the future

than the Great Lakes Bay Region,” said state **Sen. Chedrick Greene.** “Hemlock Semiconductor’s expansion adds up to 180 new, good-paying manufacturing jobs and over a thousand construction opportunities for hardworking families. I am proud to support investments that strengthen Michigan’s leadership in the global semiconductor supply chain, grow our economy, and help Michiganders build rewarding careers and a strong future for their families.”

Hemlock Semiconductor is based in Saginaw County and was founded in 1961. They are one of the largest producers of hyper-pure semiconductor-grade polysilicon in the country.

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Michigan Ranked #6 in Best States for Doing Business

Michigan jumps from 24th in 2019 to 6th in 2026 under Governor Whitmer's leadership, beating Florida, Georgia, and Indiana



Governor Gretchen Whitmer celebrated Michigan's No. 6 ranking from CNBC's America's Top States for Business, earning a Top 10 ranking for a fifth time under Governor Whitmer's leadership and representing a massive leap from No. 24 at the start of her administration in 2019.

This year's ranking has Michigan at No. 6 in the nation, despite challenging market conditions and significant policy shifts that continue to press businesses of all sizes to evaluate their supply chain, site selection, and overall investments, both in scope and industry. For 2026, Michigan outworked competitor states such as Georgia, Florida, Indiana, Illinois, and more.

CNBC has been ranking states' business competitiveness for 20 years. To do so, it scores all 50 states on 138 metrics in 10 broad categories of competitiveness that reflect the top factors for how companies make site selections for investment and where states are focusing their economic development efforts to win jobs and business.

"I'm grateful Team Michigan's strategic execution of investing in People, Places, and Projects has been recognized by such an influential ranking as CNBC, who continues to broadcast to the world what we know (and often take for granted): Michigan's businesses and workforce are reliable, knowledgeable, and deliver results across the global economy," said **Quentin Messer, Jr., CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)**. "Work remains, and we are committed more than ever to continuously improving to

ensure Michigan's employers, employees and entrepreneurs feel their vote of confidence is well-placed."

Michigan first landed at No. 6 in 2025 – the highest the state has ranked since the list was launched. The 2026 list includes:

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| 1. Ohio | 6. Michigan |
| 2. North Carolina | 7. Georgia |
| 3. Virginia | 8. Florida |
| 4. Texas | 9. Tennessee |
| 5. Minnesota | 10. Indiana |

Michigan maintained its No. 4 status for Cost of Doing Business, which measures each state's ability to ease business expenses and the strength of its business tax climate, wage and utility costs, the cost of office and industrial space, property-casualty insurance, and forecasted premium increases. The category also considers incentives and tax breaks that reduce business costs, as well as targeted incentives for development in disadvantaged communities.

Growing the Economy & Creating Good Paying Jobs

Governor Whitmer is focused on growing Michigan's economy, bringing home supply chains of cars, chips, and clean energy and ensuring every community can thrive.

- Grew Michigan's population with more people moving into Michigan from other states than out for the first time since the 1990s.
- Ranked #1 for fastest foreign direct investment job growth over past 5 years. Ranked top 5 in country for workforce, opportunity.
- Ushered in fastest small business growth in 23 years and a 24% increase in revenue, making Michigan one of the Top 10 states for business.
- Michigan named a top 5 state for workforce development by Site Selection.
- Among the Top 15 Opportunity-Rich states, according to Business Facilities
- Maintaining the No. 1 in the nation for the auto industry, and rising to Top 3 for manufacturing and semiconductor jobs, in Business Facilities' annual rankings
- Established the Michigan Innovation Fund and R&D tax credit, lowering costs for businesses, supporting investors and research, and creating good-paying jobs.
- Signed an executive directive to increase state procurement and contracts with small and geographically disadvantaged businesses.

New Holiday Tradition, “Loons Holiday Lights Extravaganza,” Coming to Dow Diamond

45-night walkthrough holiday experience will transform Dow Diamond into a winter festival featuring more than one million lights



The Great Lakes Loons are bringing a brand-new holiday tradition to Dow Diamond with the introduction of the **Loons Holiday Lights Extravaganza presented by Dow**, a spectacular walkthrough holiday experience designed to bring friends, families, and the community together during the winter season.

Running for 45 nights from Friday, November 13 through Saturday, January 2, the Loons Holiday Lights Extravaganza will transform Dow Diamond into a breathtaking winter festival featuring more than one million lights, immersive displays, interactive experiences, themed entertainment, and seasonal food and beverage offerings.

“We are extremely excited to be creating a new tradition that brings together friends and family, while creating lasting memories during such a special time of the year,” Loons President & General Manager Chris Mundhenk said.

“We’re most excited about Dow Diamond continuing to be a community gathering place, especially extending that experience into the holiday season. The Loons brand is synonymous with families, as well as a commitment to high-quality service and entertainment in a world-class venue. What better way to celebrate the holidays than to bring that approach across 45 nights with the Loons Holiday Lights Extravaganza.”

Tickets will go on sale in early fall and will be \$12 per person (\$13.50 with fees), with children ages two and under

admitted for free. Parking at Dow Diamond will also be free each night.

The Loons Holiday Lights Extravaganza will provide businesses and organizations with unique opportunities to connect with families and the community through sponsorship partnerships. Organizations interested in learning about sponsorship opportunities can contact the Loons Corporate Partnerships team at bloch@loons.com. More information can be found at loons.com/holiday-lights.

The Great Lakes Loons have been a partner of the Los Angeles Dodgers since the team’s inception in 2007. Dow Diamond serves as the team’s home and also houses the Michigan Baseball Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity, and Sports Radio 100.9 The Mitt. For tickets or information about the Loons, call 989-837-BALL or visit Loons.com.

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Dow Credit Union Partners With Greenlight to Help Parents Raise Financially Smart Kids and Teens



Dow Credit Union launched a partnership with Greenlight® Financial Technology, Inc. (“Greenlight”) to better serve families and help the next generation build healthy financial futures. Starting today, Dow Credit Union members will have free¹ access to Greenlight’s award-winning family finance app, plus earn 2% Greenlight Savings Reward Bonus², available through the Greenlight for Credit Unions program.

91% of kids and teens believe they need financial knowledge and skills to achieve their life goals, and 94% of parents agree.* Still, only 35 states require a personal finance course for students, and teens score an average of 64% on the National Financial Literacy Test, showing a clear gap in financial education that is accessible and effective. Parents also rank personal finance as the #1 most difficult life skill to teach their children with 81% saying they wish they had more financial education tools and resources.

***Greenlight offers a debit card and app that teaches kids and teens how to earn, save, give and spend wisely – all with parental supervision. Using the Greenlight app, parents can quickly send money, automate allowance payments, manage chores, set flexible spending controls, get real time notifications of all transactions, and more. Kids get hands-on money management experience, along with access to Greenlight Level Up™, an in-app financial literacy game with a best-in-class curriculum, educational challenges, and rewards.*

¹Dow Credit Union members are eligible for the Greenlight

SELECT plan at no cost when they connect their Dow Credit Union account as the Greenlight funding source for the entirety of the promotion. Subject to minimum balance requirements and identity verification. Upgrades will result in additional fees. Upon termination of promotion, members will be responsible for associated monthly fees. See terms for details. Offer subject to change and partner participation.

²Greenlight SELECT plan members may earn 2% cash back on eligible posted purchases each month, subject to Greenlight terms, conditions, eligibility requirements, and account standing criteria. To qualify, the primary Greenlight account must be in good standing and linked to a verified funding account. Cash back rewards, reward calculations, eligibility requirements, and program terms are determined and administered by Greenlight and are subject to change or discontinuation at any time without notice. See Greenlight Terms of Service for complete details. Dow Credit Union does not administer, guarantee, or control the Greenlight cash back program.

*Survey insights were collected by Greenlight through a Researchscape survey fielded between March 22 and March 24, 2024, among 2,310 respondents in the U.S., split between kids and teens ages 10-19 and parents of 10-19 year olds. **Survey insights were collected by Greenlight through a Researchscape survey fielded between February 9-12, 2023, among 1,034 U.S. respondents, all of whom were working parents of 8-18 year olds.

About Greenlight: Greenlight is a family technology company on a mission to help families navigate money and life together. Best known for its debit card and money app for kids and teens, Greenlight has grown into an all-in-one technology platform trusted by over 6.5 million family members. Its suite of products, including the Greenlight app, GPS-enabled safety devices†, and the Greenlight Family Hub, brings together financial tools, scam and fraud protection, real-time safety features, and everyday family management in one connected experience for every stage of life. Greenlight partners with more than 200 leading banks and credit unions to bring its family finance solution to more families through the Greenlight for Banks and Greenlight for Credit Unions.

†Requires mobile data or a WiFi connection, and access to sensory and motion data from cell phone to utilize safety features including family location sharing and driving alerts and reports. Messaging and data rates and other terms may apply.

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