

MAY 2025



COUNTY OF SAGINAW

# NEWSLETTER



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the County  
of Saginaw**

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## **Governor's Award for Innovative Tourism presented to the Memorial Cup Team**

Presented by the Tourism Industry Coalition of Michigan (TICOM) President, Holly Laurencelle, the Governor's Awards for Innovative Tourism Collaboration were created in 2009 to celebrate outstanding efforts and innovative collaborations within Michigan's tourism industry, and to highlight the creativity and dedication that contribute to making Michigan a premier travel destination. The Non-Traditional Collaboration Award was presented to the 2024 Memorial Cup held in the Great Lakes Bay Region.



**H.W. Browne Airport**  
**Alan Kaufman, Manager**  
**(989) 295-0675**  
**County Services Committee**

Hello again from Saginaw H.W. Browne Airport! Spring is in the air and the airplanes are coming out of their winter slumbers.

Fuel prices are up from the last report, with 100 Low Lead fuel at \$5.65 per gallon (self-serve), Jet A fuel at \$5.90 per gallon (self-serve), and \$7.00 per gallon full-serve from the fuel truck. All 40 county hangars remain at 100% capacity.

Spring mosquito control operations are also ramping up. The little yellow planes will be based at the airport for approximately 1 week while they apply BT mosquito treatment across the county! It takes approximately 8000 gallons of jet fuel to do the Saginaw Mosquito BT application!

The airport is upgrading to an 'air carrier airport' which means more FAA money for airport projects. This is because of increased traffic volumes to our airport, up 88%.

And, happy anniversary to Al Kaufman, airport manager, this year celebrating FIFTY (50) years of service to Saginaw HW Brown Airport.



**Thanks Al, great work!**



**Animal Care & Control**  
**Rachel Horton, Director**  
**[rhorton@saginawcounty.com](mailto:rhorton@saginawcounty.com)**  
**Courts & Public Safety Committee**

JAN-MAR  
2025

# KEEPING UP WITH THE KENNELS

## Surgical Center Pricing and Services Sneak Peek

### DOGS

Spay/Neuter - \$150  
 Puppy Package - \$20  
 (Distemper Combo & Dewormer)  
 Dog Basics - \$30  
 (Rabies, Distemper Combo, & Dewormer)  
 Dog Premium - \$45  
 (Rabies, Distemper Combo, Dewormer,  
 Heartworm Test)



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### CATS



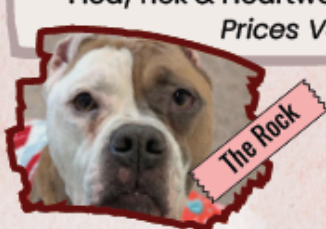
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Spay/Neuter - \$50  
 FIV/FelV Testing - \$25  
 Kitten Package - \$20  
 (FVRCP & Dewormer)  
 Cat Basics - \$30  
 (Rabies, FVRCP & Dewormer)  
 Cat Premium - \$45  
 (Rabies, FeLV, FVRCP, & Dewormer)

### Other Services

Microchipping - \$25  
 Deworming - \$8-15  
 Pre-Surgical Bloodwork - \$50  
 Euthanasia Services - \$50-100  
 Flea/Tick & Heartworm Prevention  
 Prices Vary

Adoptions  
 (includes Spay/Neuter, Vaccines and  
 Chip)  
 Dogs - \$125  
 Cats - \$50



The Rock



Christina  
Wagulara



Morris

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**Commission on Aging**  
**Jessica Sargent, Director**  
[jsargent@saginawcounty.com](mailto:jsargent@saginawcounty.com)  
**Human Services Committee**

## Saginaw County Commission on Aging

Services, programs &  
opportunities for older  
adults age 60+



\*SCAN HERE  
to sign-up for  
the monthly  
newsletter

### START FINDING HELP

Information & Referral  
Transportation  
Meals on Wheels  
Care Management  
Case Management  
In-Home Support  
Caregiver & Kinship Support  
Minority Outreach  
Project Lifesaver  
Free 911 Cell Phones for Seniors  
Emergency Food Assistance

### START ENRICHING YOUR LIFE

Activity & Dining Centers  
Carry-out Meals  
Foster Grandparent Program

### START MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Volunteer Opportunities:  
Meals on Wheels Driver  
Meal Packers  
Senior Center Helpers  
Office Helpers  
Entertainers  
Gardeners  
Volunteer your own skills

*Donations accepted and can be made payable  
to the Saginaw County Commission on Aging*



**989-797-6880**



[www.saginawcounty.com](http://www.saginawcounty.com)



2355 Schust Rd, Saginaw, MI 48603



Like us on Facebook!



## 2025 Saginaw County Senior Picnic



**FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025 - 10AM TO 1PM**

**AT HAITHCO PARK**

**Gates Open 9AM (no early admittance)**



Join Commission on Aging for  
a fun day at the park!

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT,  
DELICIOUS LUNCH,  
HEALTH FAIR EXHIBITS,  
GAMES & PRIZE DRAWINGS.**

All guests must be 18 years or older.  
Lost tickets cannot be replaced.

**Tickets are available at Senior  
Centers May 1-30 and through  
June 6 at the main COA office.**

Tickets will be collected at the  
entrance for prize drawings  
along with a recommended \$2.25  
Lunch Donation. Admission is \$5  
for guests under 60.

A limited number of tickets will  
be available at the entrance.

**Saginaw County Commission on Aging, 2355 Schust Road**

Phone: 989-797-6880 Email: [KBrenner@saginawcounty.com](mailto:KBrenner@saginawcounty.com)

Saginaw County  
Commission on Aging



**WE'VE MOVED**

**TO THE SCOUT BUILDING**

**FRANKENMUTH SENIOR CENTER**

959 FLINT  
FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734  
989-860-8111

**Contact Joanie for more info!**

We Look Forward to Seeing You  
at Our New Location!

Join us for lunch and activities  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
10am-1:30pm



## SENIOR PROJECT FRESH

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### ATTN: IMPORTANT PROGRAM CHANGES

The State of Michigan will be transitioning to an online application process for SPF coupons. This means Commission on Aging will no longer distribute physical coupon books and/or maintain wait lists for this program. While the changes are not finalized, here is what we do know:

The online application will be available on May 1, 2025

- We do not have an exact website or link for registration, but you can go to the State of Michigan website [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov) and search for "SENIOR PROJECT FRESH." Information will likely be posted here.
- Individuals will sign up online to receive a QR code or card (like a credit/debit card) that is loaded with \$25 and will be mailed to your address. Coupons can only be used at participating Farmer's Markets.
- Any individual who received SPF coupons in the last (2) two years SHOULD receive a postcard in the mail with instructions on how to sign up.
- At this time, we do not know what Farmer's Markets will be participating in the program or how long the application will take to complete. Nutrition Education will be a part of the process.
- The total number of coupon books is allocated by County, but it is first come, first serve. We encourage anyone that is able to register on their own to do so as soon as possible on or after May 1.
- Once all coupon books are gone, the online system will ask if you want to sign up to be on the wait list. We encourage doing this, as in previous years, there has been additional funding come in the later part of the year and you may still receive coupons if you sign up.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Residents who are aged 60 or older with a total household income of \$28,952.50 or less for an individual, or \$39,127.50 for a couple, are eligible to apply for the program.
- Residents who are aged 55 or older who belong to a Michigan federally recognized tribe or urban tribal group are also eligible.
- Benefits must be obtained in the county in which the applicant lives. The program runs from May 1 to October 31 each year.

**Support staff will be available with a computer/internet connection as follows:**

**\*NOTE YOU MUST HAVE A CELL PHONE OR ACTIVE E-MAIL ACCOUNT TO REGISTER**

**\*2025 Scheduled dates below may change depending on availability and/or need.**

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| • <b>Brady:</b> May 5, 10am-12pm                     | • <b>Frankenmuth:</b> May 8, 10am-12pm  |
| • <b>Buena Vista:</b> May 1, 9am-2pm; May 6, 9am-2pm | • <b>Freeland:</b> May 1, 10am-2pm      |
| • <b>Chesaning:</b> May 5, 12:30pm-2:30pm            | • <b>Friendship:</b> May 5, 9am-1pm     |
| • <b>Eleanor Frank/Main Office:</b> May 1, 3pm-5pm   | May 8, 9am-1pm                          |
| May 2, 9am-5pm                                       | • <b>Hemlock:</b> May 7, 11:30am-1:30pm |
| May 5, 2pm-5pm                                       | • <b>Maple Grove:</b> May 7, 9am-2pm    |
| May 9, 9am-5pm                                       |   |
| • <b>South Colony:</b> May 6, 10:30am-12:30pm        |   |



**Contact Rita Jimenez with any additional questions: 989-797-6880**

**The Dow Event Center**  
**Kevin Murphy, General Manager**  
[kevin@doweventcenter.com](mailto:kevin@doweventcenter.com)  
**County Services Committee**



### **ASM Global Student Scholarship**

The Global Stars Scholarship Program is offering \$2,500 scholarships to high school seniors and college undergraduates who share our passion for connecting people through live experiences and are pursuing a career in business, hospitality, entertainment, sports management, operations, retail, culinary arts, media, IT, or design! At The Dow Event Center, we're excited to share this opportunity that directly benefits students in our community.

**To learn more and apply, [click here](#). Deadline to apply is **May 8, 2025**.**

### **Lead Partnership During "Pretty Woman: The Musical" Brought Community a Message of Empowerment**

The Dow Event Center formed a dynamic new partnership with Lead (formerly Self Love Beauty) for Broadway's Pretty Woman: The Musical to bring a powerful message of self-confidence, growth, and personal empowerment to the audience.

Lead, a nonprofit dedicated to building confident leaders through in-person and online programs, was on-site at the event. Guests could visit the Lead booth before the show and during intermission to learn more about upcoming programs and ways to support confidence and growth for themselves or the young people in their lives. Lead's President & Founder Lisa Tarkington took the stage before the curtain rose to share a powerful message on self-confidence and empowerment. Lead also hosted engagement activities throughout the venue and opportunities to learn more about their programs.

### **Several New Shows Recently Announced!**

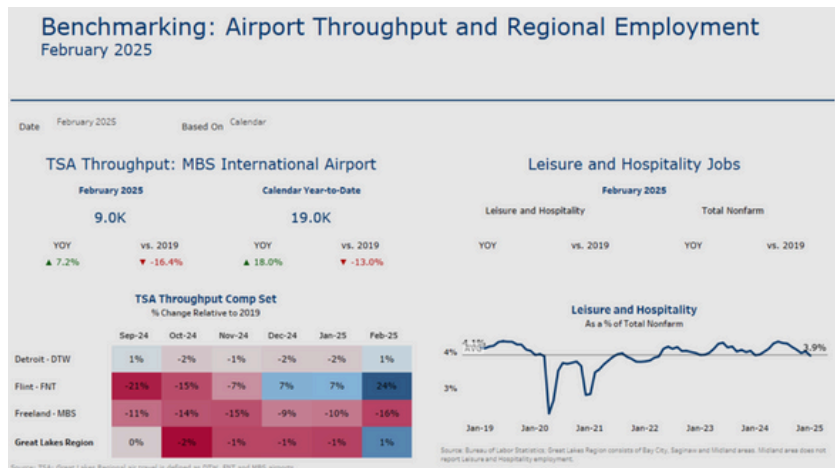
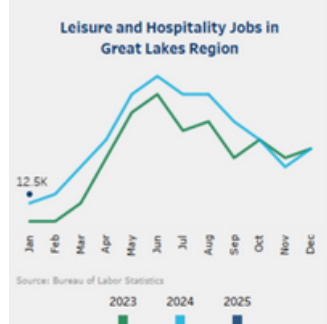
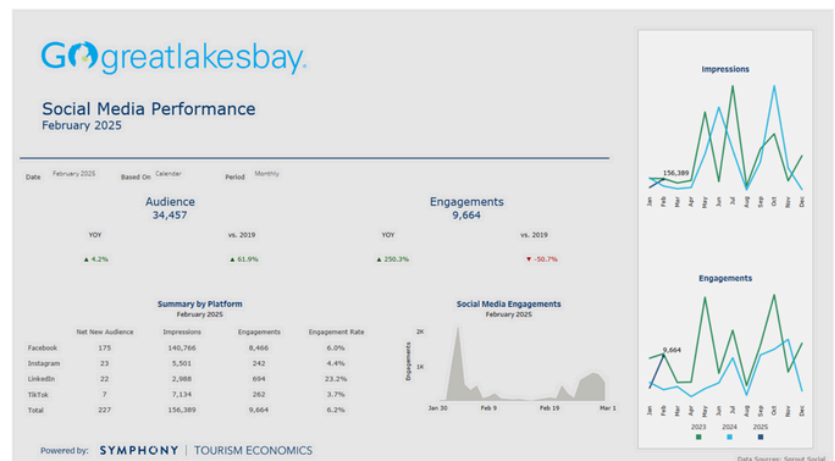
1. Country powerhouse, Gabby Barrett-July 24th, Theater
2. Country superstar, Russell Dickerson-August 16th, Jolt Credit Union Event Park
3. Live stage experience portraying the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, The Thorn-October 7th & 8th, Theater
4. Stayin' Alive: A Tribute to the Bee Gees-October 24th, Theater

We announce new shows and events all the time so check Facebook and Instagram or [join our E-Club](#) to stay up to date! For a full list of all upcoming shows and events, visit



**Go Great Lakes Bay CVB**  
**Annette Rummel, Travel Trailblazer**  
**(989) 245-1223**  
**County Services Committee**

Staff was reduced due to CV-19. One of our Big Wins is filling all but one staff position. A conscious decision has been made to leave this position open. We have the current capacity to complete the organizational plans until the travel sector completely recovers from the pandemic. This is expected to take place by 2028 and includes the meetings and conference industry.



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**Saginaw County Health Department**  
**Christina Harrington, Health Officer**  
**[charrington@saginawcounty.com](mailto:charrington@saginawcounty.com)**  
**Human Services Committee**

Saginaw County  **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

## Celebrating National Public Health Week



**This is public health! Promoting the widespread impact of public health in Saginaw**



**Spearheading the 2025 BWell Saginaw Summit**  
**with nationally recognized speakers and**  
**informative breakout sessions**



### Recognizing public health heroes



**BWell Champion Award winners:** CMU Medical Education Partners, Saginaw Co. Community Mental Health Authority, Saginaw Valley State University



**Richard Calley Distinguished**  
**Service Award: Steven Vance, MD**

**Employee of the Year:**  
**Rebekah Willard, RN, BSN**



# Saginaw County HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## Advocating for School-Based Health Resource Advocates



### Federal grants have been cut for these valuable public health experts!

Join us in advocating for funding to keep them in schools to transform students' wellbeing; promote disease prevention and long-term healthy eating and exercise habits; educate on handwashing, hygiene, sleep, healthy relationships, stress management, substance use; motivate and focus learners through movement breaks, help schools achieve MI HeartSafe certification, foster a culture of proactive mental and physical health management for students and staff.

**Medical Examiner**  
**Randy Pfau, Director**  
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 Courts & Public Safety Committee

**Personnel**  
**Jennifer Broadfoot, Director**  
[jbroadfoot@saginawcounty.com](mailto:jbroadfoot@saginawcounty.com)  
 Labor Relations Committee

2025 Monthly Itemized Report

Month	ME-Cases	Non-ME Cases	Total Cases	Autopsies	Cremation Permits
January	66	90	156	19	195
February	58	81	139	17	172
March	64	57	121	21	142
April					
May					

## Launch a Career that Matters



To find out about employment opportunities  
with Saginaw County please visit:

[www.saginawcounty.com/services-information/](http://www.saginawcounty.com/services-information/)

"Employment & Volunteer Opportunities"



**Mosquito Abatement**  
**Bill Stanuszek, Director**  
[stanuszek@scmac.org](mailto:stanuszek@scmac.org)  
**Human Services Committee**



April 25, 2025

## **NEWS RELEASE: *For Immediate Release***

Contact Person: Bill Stanuszek, Director  
989-755-5751

### **Saginaw County Household Scrap Tire Collection to begin May 1st**

The Saginaw County Mosquito Abatement Commission (SCMAC) begins its annual Household Scrap Tire Collection Program on Monday, May 1, 2025, running through August 29, 2025. This popular program is available to all Saginaw County residents that meet the criteria below.

In addition to various environmental concerns, scrap tires are ideal mosquito breeding habitat for both nuisance and disease carrying mosquitoes. SCMAC's scrap tire program is part of our mosquito source reduction (habitat elimination) efforts, and annually results in thousands of tires being removed from Saginaw County properties and communities. All collected tires are transported to Environmental Rubber Recycling in Flint where they are shredded and repurposed. This annual effort has removed over 150,000 scrap tires from Saginaw County's environment since 2007.

Scrap tire drop-offs will be accepted at the SCMAC facility located at 705 Towerline Rd, located in Buena Vista Township. Our new facility is just north of Nexteer. Drop-offs are accepted from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

In addition and for convenience, we will also hold three, Saturday tire drive events from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the location and dates below:

- Rosati's Fresh Market – May 17, 2025  
176 S. Hemlock Rd, Hemlock
- St. Charles Middle/High School - June 14, 2025  
881 W. Walnut St., St. Charles
- Taymouth Township Hall - July 19, 2025  
4343 E. Birch Run Rd., Birch Run  
July 15, 2023

The program is open to all Saginaw County property owners at no cost and will run through August. All related scrap tire drop-offs must meet the following criteria:



1. Saginaw County residents only (Must provide a valid Michigan I.D. or Driver's License)
2. Tires are limited to household tires which includes car, pickup truck, motorcycle, bike, or smaller tires.
3. Tires must be off the rim.
4. Residents limited to 10 tires per address, per year.
5. Oversized tires are NOT accepted (NO semi, tractor, or heavy equipment).
6. SCMAC does NOT accept tires from businesses or other revenue generating enterprises such as agriculture and contracting operations.

Further details and information in regards to household scrap tire collection and mosquito control services can be found on our website at: [saginawmosquito.com](http://saginawmosquito.com) or contacting our office at (989) 755-5751

Saginaw County Mosquito Abatement Commission  
705 N. Towerline Rd | Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-755-5751  
[stanuszek@scmac.org](mailto:stanuszek@scmac.org)

With the arrival of April, our aerial program was performed during the week of April 13th. Eight airplanes responsibly treated nearly 53,000 acres of mosquito breeding habitat, standing water in large woodlots. The mosquito control season has started, and we will be active in the community into October.

We are again welcoming nearly 50 seasonal technicians, who will be out addressing the upcoming mosquito threat for our 49th year. We are truly grateful for the support, understanding, and participation of the entire Saginaw County community, which is crucial to our continued success.

This season, we look to host an open house welcoming the entire community to visit our new facility, located at 705 N Towerline Rd, just north of Nexteer in Buena Vista Township. While the date for the formal open house is still yet to be finalized, we are open, operating, and offering all services and programming. We look forward to sharing the value of our facility with the community.

For services and treatment information please visit our website, [www.saginawmosquito.com](http://www.saginawmosquito.com) or call the office at (989)755-5751.



# ASIST

(Applied Suicide Intervention Training)

**May 5-6, 2025**

**Training 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM** Registration 8:00 am - 8:30 am

Participant are required to attend the full two days of training.

**Hopevale Church - Saginaw Ministry Center**

**4873 N Center Rd, Saginaw, MI 48604**

## ABOUT THIS TRAINING

ASIST is a two-day interactive workshop in suicide first aid. Skills learned in one environment are transferable to others, creating a life-saving impact across the community.

Help is possible when skills, opportunity, and safety are present. When these are available throughout the different facets of someone's life, they're more likely to receive help.

- Live instruction, audiovisuals, and simulation
- Trusted by professionals yet learnable by anyone
- Built-in safety resources and features

## Who Should Attend

Anyone can experience thoughts of suicide. By giving participants the skills to help friends, family members, colleagues, and clients stay alive, ASIST supports suicide-safer communities. Although ASIST is widely used by healthcare providers, no formal training is needed to attend the work-shop. Anyone 16 or older can learn and use the model.

## Learning Goals & Objectives

Over the course of the two-day workshop, participants will learn to:

- Understand the ways that personal and societal attitudes affect views on suicide and interventions
- Provide guidance and suicide first aid to a person at risk in ways that meet their individual safety needs
- Identify the key elements of an effective suicide safety plan and the actions required to implement it
- Appreciate the value of improving and integrating suicide prevention resources in the community at large
- Recognize other important aspects of suicide prevention including life-promotion and self-care

## HOW TO REGISTER

**Online registration available:**

<https://p2p.onecause.com/saginawmayasist2025>

Registration is valued at \$275 per person, but are discounted in part from sponsorship to **\$75 per person.**

**Registration fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE**

## Questions?

Contact Holly Kelley at  
holly.kelley@srn.net

## About the Trainers

**Barb Smith** is the founder and President of the Barb Smith Suicide Resource & Response Network. For the past 3 decades, she has advocated for suicide prevention and aftercare both at local and state levels. As a national speaker Barb presents to audiences on suicide prevention and aftercare. She is the founder and facilitator of the local Survivors of Suicide support group. Barb is a certified trainer for LivingWorks ASIST and safeTALK.

**Lisa Clavier** is the founder and President of Kiersten's Ride, a non-profit for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention education. Lisa serves as Co-Chair of the Charlevoix/Emmet County Suicide Prevention Coalition and facilitator of Charlevoix County Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group. Lisa is a certified LivingWorks instructor for ASIST and safeTALK, and safeTALK Training for Trainers.



### Agenda (Both Days)

8:00 am	Doors Open: Registration, Coffee & Snacks
8:30 am	Training Starts Promptly
12:30 pm	Lunch will be provided on site
1:30 pm	Training Resumes
4:15 pm	Evaluations, Sign out, Award Certificates

*Breaks will be given at a time to be determined by the trainers.*

***Must be at training 2 full days; no exceptions due to the structure of the training.***

### Special Accommodations:

Please let us know at least two weeks in advance if you are in need of any special accommodations such as mobility assistance, interpreters, dietary needs etc. and we will make every effort to honor your special needs request.

### Certificates:

Certificates will be handed out at the completion of the training. Attendees spending excessive time out of the room or engaging in activities not associated with the training (as determined by the trainers) may not receive credit. No partial credit will be given.

### Continuing Education Credits


When registering, please indicate if you are requesting the CEU's below:

Social Work (13.5 CE's) SCECH CEU's (11 CE's) SMOKE (15 CE's)  
MCOLES (11 CE's) MCBAP (13.5 CE's)


### Thank you to our sponsors:





This course is approved by the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative. **Course Approval #031424-02.** LivingWorks Education is a suicide intervention training company that trains community helpers of all kinds to financial discipline, innovation, and determination of any private sector business to achieve its mission.





**SAGINAW COUNTY  
PERCOLATOR  
BREAKFAST  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

 Keeping Mentally Fit in Challenging Times

 Thursday, May 1, 2025

 7:30 - 9 a.m.

 Horizons Conference Center  
6200 State Street, Saginaw, MI 48603

Perc is free for Chamber and YPN Members.  
However, registration is required.  
Register at [www.SaginawChamber.org](http://www.SaginawChamber.org) 

**May 1**

THE SAGINAW COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

# BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

*HAZE YOUR OWN TRAIL*

 May 8, 2025 | 5 - 7 p.m.

 Wildfire Credit Union

 6640 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI 48604




A free Member networking event | [www.SaginawChamber.org](http://www.SaginawChamber.org)

**May 8**





**SAGINAW COUNTY  
CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE**


*May Events*




**YPN Connect:  
*Morning Mingle***

 Tuesday, May 13, 2025

 7:30 - 9 a.m.

 Fuzzy's Restaurant, 1924 Court Street, Saginaw, MI 48602

 Food and beverages are available for purchase.

**May 13**



**YPN Connect:  
*Selfies + Scoops***

 Thursday, May 29, 2025

 5 - 7 p.m.

 Michigan Cream & Sugar Ice Cream Co., 122 S. Hamilton Street, Saginaw, MI 48602  
and Self-ish Selfie Shoppe, 406 Court Street, Saginaw, MI 48602

 Ice cream is available for purchase. The selfie shop admission is free for the YPN.



**May 29**





MID MICHIGAN WASTE AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL WASTE DROP OFF DAYS  
2025

MMWA is hosting FREE disposal of hazardous waste open ONLY to residents of Saginaw County, Bethany Township, Village of Breckenridge, and Wheeler Township. All events will be held at MMWA's location at 2063 S. Miller Rd., Saginaw, MI. Residents MUST make an appointment.

### HAZARDOUS WASTE DATES

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

### ACCEPTED HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze, mercury, kerosene, acids, aerosols, fluorescent bulbs, lawn and garden chemicals, lead acid batteries, smoke detectors, glues and adhesives, hobby chemicals, miscellaneous cleaners and corrosives. Paint including spray paint, latex paint, oil based paint, caulk, stain, and varnish.

### DOCUMENT SHREDDING DATES

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025  
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025  
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

MAXIMUM 4 BOXES PER RESIDENT

### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Televisions, Computers, Monitors, Hard Drives, Laptops, Keyboards, Mice, Printers, Fax Machines, Scanners, Phones, Tablets, Miscellaneous Cables & Cords.



SCAN ME



989 781 9555



recyclemotion.org



# 2025 CLEAN SWEEP COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Saginaw Bay Watershed Pollution Prevention/Chemical Collection Program

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

May 8  
June 12  
July 10  
August 14  
September 11  
October 9

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,  
Crop Oil or  
Surfactants Accepted!



Sponsored by:

Saginaw County  HEALTH DEPARTMENT



## FREE Program!

Who can use this program?

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.





## 2025 MSU Spring Spray Drone Fly-in

Refine Your Spray Drone Skills at Michigan's Premier Hands-On Workshop

Back for its second year, the 2025 MSU Spring Spray Drone Fly-in is an all-day educational event designed for both current and aspiring spray drone operators. This event combines expert-led discussions with hands-on demonstrations, providing valuable insights into optimizing drone-based chemical applications.

- **Morning Education Sessions:** Learn from industry experts about best practices, regulations, and the latest research on spray drone applications in agriculture and related industries. Speakers will include:
  - **Mark Ledebuhr** (Application Insight LLC) – Fundamentals of applications from drones
  - **Mike Reinke** (MSU Extension) – Updates on MSU spray drone research
  - **Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)** – Current state regulations for aerial applicators
  - **Kirk Babcock** (OnPoint Applications Group) and **Bryan Hammis** (Flying Acres LLC) – Current federal regulations and industry support opportunities for aerial applicators
- **Afternoon Demonstrations & Hands-On Testing:**
  - Watch real-time swath testing and verification demonstrations
  - Certified drone pilots can bring their own spray drones to test swath settings using advanced collection technologies

**Where:** Michigan State University Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center (3775 S. Reese Road, Frankenmuth, MI 48734)

**When:** 29 April 2025. Doors open at 8:00am with presentations starting at 9:00am. Lunch will be provided.

**Cost:** \$50 per person.

**Registration:** <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MSUSpringSprayDroneFlyin2025/>

**Michigan RUP credits available:** aerial, commercial and private core, 1A, 1B, 1C

Anyone wishing to test their own drone settings will be required to provide proof of certifications prior to the event (Part 107 license and 44807 exemption if over 55lb).

If you have any questions, reach out to Mike Reinke, [reinkem3@msu.edu](mailto:reinkem3@msu.edu) or 573.239.0808.



### Thank you to the Fly-in Sponsors



**Wolverine Drone Solutions**  
**Quantum Autonomous Services**  
**McPherson Technologies**



**Sutton Drone Solutions**  
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## 2025 Spring Programs

### Walk with Ease (WWE)

**Mon. Wed. & Fri. May 5 - June 13 9:00 - 10:00 AM**

Pull out your walking shoes and join us for a FREE 6 week walking experience. This class offers 3 interactive sessions per week with a certified trained leader. Each session will begin with a brief discussion on a topic important to successful walking or arthritis management. Participants will be guided through a warm up and stretching followed by walking and a cool down. This class can help improve overall health, increase flexibility, balance, strength & stamina. Other benefits include reduced pain and discomfort for those suffering with arthritis. ALL ability levels are encouraged to participate and trained leaders will help you be successful. Open to all ages. To obtain the maximum benefit from this program we highly encourage participants to attend all sessions. Location: YMCA Pavilion, 1915 Fordney Street. [Register at www.saginawcounty.com/parks](http://www.saginawcounty.com/parks). Cost: Free!

### Soggy Doggy

**Wed. May 14**

**5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**



Your pup can have a splash-splashing good time. Usually the lake is off limits to pets but for this one evening, bring them out and let them swim to their hearts content! Dog calendars will be available on site for \$15.

Cost: Free! Location: W. H. Haithco Rec. Area.

### Pickleball Classes (Intro. & Intermediate)

<b>Tues.</b>	<b>May 20 &amp; 27</b>	<b>10:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>May 22 &amp; 29</b>	<b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>June 3 &amp; 10</b>	<b>10:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>June 5 &amp; 12</b>	<b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b>

Join us and our local Pickleball instructor Rob Klaczewicz in learning and improving your skills at this fun filled paddle sport created for all ages. We now have several intermediate sessions to enhance your skills after taking the intro. class.

[Register at www.saginawcounty.com/parks](http://www.saginawcounty.com/parks)

Equipment provided. Cost: Free!

Location: Imerman Memorial Park.

**INTRO Classes** - All May sessions plus June 3rd.

**INTERMEDIATE Classes** - June 5, 10 & 12.



Join us for a FREE 6 week OUTDOOR walking experience!



#### Benefits to Participants Include:

- Interactive sessions with certified trained leader
- Increase confidence in your ability to be physical
- Improve flexibility, balance, strength and stamina
- Reduce pain and discomfort for those suffering with arthritis
- Improve overall health

Open to all adults!

[Register at www.saginawcounty.com/parks](http://www.saginawcounty.com/parks)

Monday, Wednesday & Fridays

May 5 - June 13, 2025

Time: 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Location: YMCA Pavilion

1915 Fordney St. Saginaw



Hey Batter Batter!

#### WHO:

All Saginaw County

BOYS & GIRLS

Age 5-6 (T-ball)

Age 7-8 (Coach Pitch)

Division teams:

10U (hybrid) & 13U



REGISTRATION:

[www.hoytparkyouthbaseball.com](http://www.hoytparkyouthbaseball.com)

or

[www.saginawcounty.com/parks](http://www.saginawcounty.com/parks)



#### COST:

\$25 per player

Registration Deadline:

June 20, 2025

NEED A TEAM?

T-Ball & Coach Pitch teams will be formed by the League. Division Players needing a team may sign up and will be placed on the waitlist.



#### WHEN:

10 Game Season

July 8th - Aug 7th, 2025

Tuesday & Thursday

Evenings

#### WHERE:

Hoyt Park

1574 S. Washington Ave

Saginaw, MI

Want to Sponsor a

Team?

Team sponsorships are available

for Coach Pitch & Division Teams.

If you want to sponsor a team,

please use the registration link to

find the sponsor & volunteer

instructions.

Email: [blechel@saginawcounty.com](mailto:blechel@saginawcounty.com)

with any questions.

### Team ATP Open Water Swim

**Every Tues. May 27th - Aug. 26th 7:30 - 8:30 PM**

Join Team ATP every Tuesday this summer for an open water swim training program with a simulated open water race course. It is recommended that you arrive by 7 PM for check-in, orientation & safety announcements. Swimming begins promptly at 7:30 PM. Waivers are required and can be found at [www.teamatp.org/join](http://www.teamatp.org/join) or filled out on site. Bright swim caps are required. Team ATP will have swim caps, goggles & personal buoys on site for purchase. Location: Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area (meet at the beach house) Cost: \$40 for the season or \$5 per session.

### Yoga For All

**Every Mon. beginning June 2nd 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

This class is meant for everyone and anyone interested in yoga. You will learn breath, yoga poses (and modifications if necessary to fit your body) along with techniques you can take off your mat and use in your daily routine. FYI: every expert at something, was once a beginner. You don't need to be flexible & all athletic abilities are welcome. Please consult your physician if pregnant, recovering from a surgery or injury. If you can breathe... You are doing yoga!! Location: W. H. Haithco Rec. Area. For class information, cost and sign up, please visit [www.yogabykathryn.com](http://www.yogabykathryn.com).

For more information on all Parks and Recreation programs, visit the County of Saginaw website:

[Saginaw County Parks](http://www.saginawcounty.com)



**Saginaw County Community  
Mental Health Authority**  
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**Human Services Committee**

### **New SCCMHA Board Members**

Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority recently welcomed three new Board members.

Jaime Huffman, Jacob Kern and Susan McCauley have replaced Cheri Long, Deb Nagel and Kathleen Schachman, effective January 2025.

### **MRSS launches campaign in Saginaw County**

SCCMHA's Mobile Response & Stabilization Services (MRSS) launched a campaign in Saginaw County on April 21, including two billboards highlighting the initiative. The billboards are displayed on M-84 (Bay Rd.) and on I-675, near the Dow Event Center.

In addition, MRSS has a bus ad on one of the STARS buses, and a radio ad being run on Cumulus broadcast stations, WIOG and WHNN.

MRSS is a team of mental health professionals trained to assist those in need through a mental health crisis, over the phone, virtually, or in-person.

MRSS is an available service 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and can be reached at (989) 272-0275.

### **SCCMHA continues to partner with law enforcement for mental health training**

SCCMHA also recently hosted two training sessions with several police departments around Saginaw County, looking to work toward a partnership with law enforcement to effectively improve engagement with individuals in mental health crises.

During the sessions – titled “Building a Partnership Between Law Enforcement and Mental Health” – staff from SCCMHA presented to officers from Saginaw County Sheriff's Office, Saginaw City Police, Saginaw Township Police, Carrollton Police, and several other agencies to

better inform them of the services provided by SCCMHA that may help law enforcement in dealing with situations having to do with mental health conditions and to help them connect citizens to mental health services as well.

The two four-hour sessions were held on Tuesday, April 8 and Tuesday, April 15 at the VFW Hall at 3265 Kochville Rd. in Saginaw Township. In total, 184 law enforcement officers participated, along with 20 civilians.

### **SCCMHA receives BWell Champion award**

Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority was named one of three BWell Champion Award recipients at the BWell Summit held at SVSU on Friday, April 11.

SCCMHA, CMU Medical Education Partners, and Saginaw Valley State University received the awards for their contributions to BWell Saginaw's efforts in addressing health concerns in Saginaw County.

BWell Saginaw selected SCCMHA for the award due to the efforts made in developing a resource directory for mental health services, as well as an anti-stigma video messaging campaign.

We would like to thank Colleen Sproul, Monique Taylor-Whitson and Lauri Brown from SCCMHA, Michelle Colton and Erica Fields from Great Lakes Bay Health Centers, Jill Hogenson from Child and Family Services, Melvin McDowell and Tony Moten from McDowell Healing Arts Center and Jacqueline List from List Psychological Services for their time and insight in the root causes and barriers for behavioral health services in Saginaw County. Thanks as well to Andrew Ferguson of SCCMHA, the videographer for the anti-stigma video productions, which are all posted to both the SCCMHA and the BWell websites.

SCCMHA was honored to be one of the recipients for this award.



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### **Masters receives 'Spirit of MTA' award for local leadership, dedication to community**

Ed Masters, Spaulding Township (Saginaw Co.) supervisor, has been honored by the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) with a "Spirit of MTA" award. The award was created to highlight and recognize the exemplary efforts of local leaders in serving and advancing their township—as the Association has done for more than 70 years. Masters was presented with the award before nearly 1,000 of his township peers on April 2 during an awards ceremony at the banquet held during MTA's Annual Educational Conference & Expo in Grand Rapids.



"I am humbled and very proud to receive this award," said Masters, who has served as supervisor since 2016. "When I became supervisor, I surrounded myself with great people and a great township team. We are public servants—we love our community. It's people helping people. And if we keep that in mind, we will continue to grow and be a success in Michigan."

Following a statewide call for nominations, Masters was selected by a panel of his fellow township officials, who also served on the MTA Board of Directors, following evaluation and consideration of dozens of nominated elected officials—each of whom represented dedication and above-and-beyond efforts on behalf of their community. Nominations were asked to convey how the official's leadership style aligns with the 2025 MTA Conference theme of "Unique and United," representing both the individuality and collective strength of Michigan's townships. Masters received nominations from three separate individuals in his community—a recognition of the respect he has earned from those with whom he serves.

"Ed prioritizes helping his residents in any way that he can, working to unify his community and bringing residents together, in celebration and in community," said 2024 MTA President Connie Cargill, who presented the 'Spirit of MTA' award to Masters. "He exhibits a unique form of leadership, and has a firm belief that in working together, we all become stronger and better able to improve the lives of our residents and community."

MTA represents more than 99% of Michigan's 1,240 townships and is the largest municipal association in the state. Its members include more than 6,500 elected township officials, and tens of thousands more appointed officials, personnel and volunteers.

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*The Michigan Townships Association advances local democracy by fostering township leadership and public policy essential for a strong and vibrant Michigan.*

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Caption 1: Spaulding Township Supervisor Ed Masters received a "Spirit of MTA" award at the Michigan Townships Association's Annual Conference & Expo, presented by 2024 MTA President Connie Cargill, Golden Township treasurer.

# EVENTS

## AT THE CASTLE

May & June 2025

### MAY 13

LUNCH & LEARN

12:00 PM

Terry Pruitt, The NAACP and Saginaw Civil Rights

### MAY 15

HISTORY AFTER HOURS

5:30 PM

"Saginaw County's Amusement: The Story of Riverside Park," with Sandy Schwan

### MAY 20

PAGES OF HISTORY BOOK CLUB\*

12:00 PM

*My Murder: A Novel* by Katie Williams

### MAY 26

MUSEUM CLOSED

Memorial Day

### JUNE 4

JAZZ ON JEFFERSON

4 PM-8 PM

### JUNE 7

SUMMER KICKOFF

11 AM-1 PM

Touch-a-Truck & More

### JUNE 10

LUNCH & LEARN

12:00 PM

Snacks & Artifacts: "Our Weirdest Items"

### JUNE 11

BEARS, BEAVERS & BATS-OH MY!

11 AM-12 PM

Presented by Chippewa Nature Center

### JUNE 17

PAGES OF HISTORY BOOK CLUB\*

12:00 PM

*Silent Springs the Panther: Historic Accounts of Michigan Big Cat Arttacks* by Aaron Veselenak

### JUNE 18

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS IN THE SAGINAW VALLEY

11 AM-12 PM

Presented by Bay City State Park Visitor Center

### JUNE 19

GROW WITH US STORY TIME

11 AM-1 PM

Come and plant seeds with us

HISTORY AFTER HOURS

5-7 PM

Special Juneteenth "Slice of History" Event

### JUNE 24

LUNCH & LEARN

12:00 PM

Bevin Cohen, "Let's Talk Tomatoes"

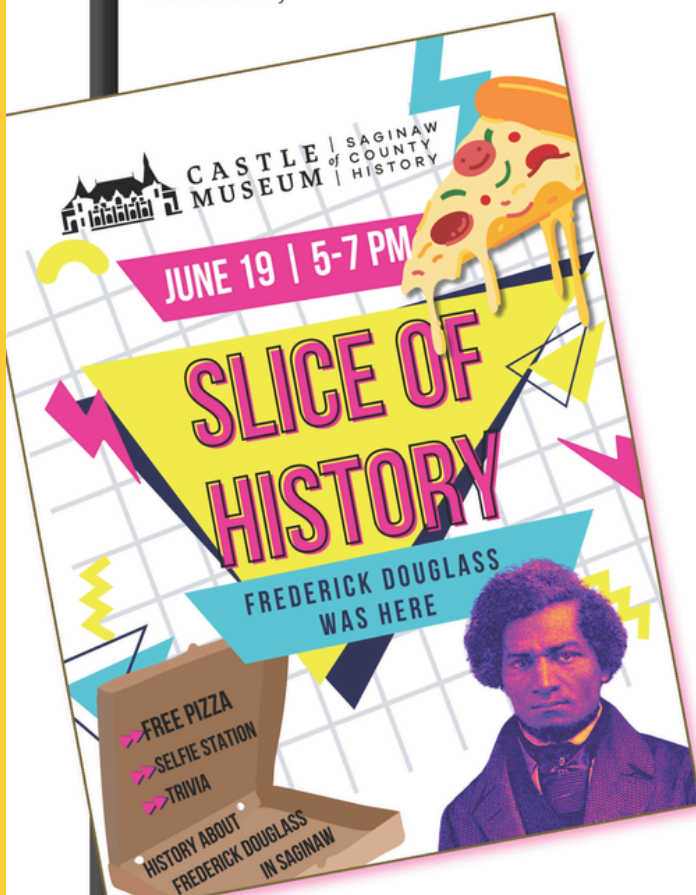
### JUNE 26

WHAT'S THE BUZZ ON MOSQUITOS

12:00 PM-1 PM

Presented by Saginaw Mosquito Control

\*In collaboration with Hoyt Library



Castle Museum



# PROGRAMS



## JUNE

- 7** Summer Kickoff with the Delta College Learning Channel & Saginaw Public Libraries  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 7** Community Helpers Touch-a-Truck Event  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 11** Bears, Beavers & Bats-Oh My! presented by **Chippewa Nature Center**  
11 a.m.-Noon
- 18** Animal Encounters in the Saginaw Valley presented by **Bay City State Park Visitor Center**  
11 a.m.-Noon
- 19** Preschool Story Time: Grow with Us & Plant Seeds  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 26** What's the BUZZ on Mosquitoes? presented by **Saginaw County Mosquito Control**  
Noon-1 p.m.

## JULY

- 2** Fourth of July Fireworks Painting presented by **The Castle Museum**  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 9** Hands ON History: Handmade Toys presented by **The Castle Museum**  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 10** Preschool Story Time: Let's Go to the Zoo! presented by **The Castle Museum**  
11 a.m.-Noon
- 16** Michigan Rocks and Fossils presented by **Saginaw Public Libraries**  
10 a.m.-11 a.m.
- 23** Mid-Michigan Children's Museum Spy Camp Week  
(Register with MMCM at [michchildrensmuseum.org](http://michchildrensmuseum.org))

## AUGUST

- 6** Puppet Show presented by **Saginaw Public Libraries**  
10 a.m.-11 a.m.
- 7** Preschool Story Time: It's Dino-Time  
11 a.m.-Noon
- 14** Junior Archaeology presented by **The Castle Museum**  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.



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11:00am-2:00pm

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**9-1-1****Chris Izworski, Director****[cizworski@saginawcounty.com](mailto:cizworski@saginawcounty.com)****Courts & Public Safety Committee**

### **Celebrating Our Lifeline: Saginaw County Honors Public Safety Telecommunicators**



April 13-19 marked National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, and here at Saginaw County 9-1-1, we pulled out all the stops to show our heartfelt appreciation for the heroes behind the headsets. These dedicated professionals are the first voice of help in an emergency, providing a vital link between callers and emergency responders every single day.

To celebrate their hard work and commitment, Saginaw County 9-1-1 hosted a full week of themed meals and engaging activities that brought both laughter and friendly competition. Each day had its own flavor and featured a fun culinary twist. From a salad bar on Garden Day to garlic bread sloppy joes on Garlic Day, every shift was treated to something special. Game highlights included the Chopstick Nut Stacker, Ping Pong Basketball, and an Umbrella Balloon Bonanza. The week wrapped up with The Price is Right, where participants tested their shopping savvy for bragging rights.

It was a joyful week to pause, connect, and show appreciation for the essential role our telecommunicators play in keeping our community safe, 24/7.

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### **National Spotlight: Director Izworski Publishes on AI and 9-1-1**



Saginaw County 9-1-1 Director Chris Izworski was recently published by the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) for his thought-provoking article, *"The Unstoppable Wave of Artificial Intelligence."* His piece dives into how AI is reshaping the future of emergency response, highlighting both the opportunities and the ethical responsibilities that come with integrating advanced technology into 9-1-1 operations.

Director Izworski emphasized that while AI can streamline administrative tasks and enhance real-time decision-making, it must never replace the compassion and human judgment that telecommunicators bring to every call. His leadership reflects a commitment not only to operational excellence but also to preparing Saginaw County for the future of emergency response.

We are proud to see Director Izworski contributing to the national dialogue on the future of emergency communications. This is a clear reflection of the forward-thinking leadership and innovation taking place at Saginaw County 9-1-1.



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**Courts & Public Safety Committee**

### Law Enforcement

- We have 3 cadets on pace to graduate from the police academy.
- We have a fundraiser concert to benefit our support divisions coming up May 17th at the Birch Run Speedway.
- We will have extra traffic units out beginning the second week in May; please be aware of your driving.

### Jail

- We have 8 hopeful candidates for part time corrections officers in the hiring process and hope to on board them by the second week in May.
- We have had several community organizations tour our jail (Leadership Saginaw, ISD Youth ambassadors, SVSU CJ students).
- We have had an average daily count of 320 but expect it to go up during the summer months as usual.

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