

# SAGINAW FUTURE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

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(l-r) Robert J. "Bob" Remenar, President and CEO of Nexteer Automotive and State of Michigan Governor Rick Snyder



# Millions ANNOUNCED

for Saginaw County



(l-r) Nexteer Automotive President and CEO Robert Remenar, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder and Saginaw Future President JoAnn Crary.

## CUSTOMER DEMAND DRIVES NEXTEER

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

Nexteer Automotive, a tier one automotive supplier committed exclusively to wheel-to-wheel advanced steering and driveline systems, recently announced a \$150 million investment at its Saginaw, Mich., operations. Increasing customer demand for fuel-efficient electronic power steering (EPS) technology is the driving force behind the investment, which will result in the retention of more than 1,000 jobs. "This significant investment is a reflection of Nexteer's ongoing commitment to the Great Lakes Bay Region and the state of Michigan and recognition of the work being done here by our highly skilled technical and UAW-represented

production teams," said Robert J. Remenar, Nexteer president and CEO. A major focus of the investment will be related to expanding and upgrading Nexteer's testing and validation capabilities. "Nexteer is a showcase of Michigan's world-class technology and manufacturing capabilities," said Michigan Governor Rick Snyder. "The announcement offers proof positive that foreign direct investment can combine with our own valuable industrial assets for new economic vitality for Michigan."



(l-r) GM SMCO Plant Manager Stephen Jenkins, GM Global Chief Manufacturing Officer Diana Tremblay & Michigan Governor Rick Snyder.

## GM TO INVEST \$215 MILLION IN SMCO

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

General Motors will invest approximately \$215 million to tool the Saginaw Metal Casting Operations for production of future engine block and head casting work, creating or retaining about 275 jobs. "We look forward to continuing our long and proud heritage of in-house casting for key components," said Diana Tremblay, GM's global chief manufacturing officer. "We believe these operations really enhance our ability to provide more fuel-efficient engines to our customers around the globe."

The plant, which currently has about 630 employees on two shifts, builds a variety of aluminum engine blocks and cylinder heads for some of

GM's hottest products, including the Buick LaCrosse and Chevy Malibu. SMCO has been a proud part of the Saginaw economy since 1918, providing jobs and community support for more than 90 years. During a plant event announcing the new work, Governor Rick Snyder presented Tremblay with a state proclamation declaring November 3 as "Chevy Centennial Day" in Michigan. Chevrolet enters its second century with significant global expansion and is on track to report the best annual sales in its 100-year history.



## NEW CATHOLIC FEDERAL BRANCH

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



Alan Watson is the president of Catholic Federal Credit Union.

Catholic Federal Credit Union recently announced plans to build a Downtown Saginaw branch that will be located at the corner of S. Washington Ave. and Holden St. The new 3,500 sq. ft. facility will feature expanded financial services space for deposits and loans, along with a drive-up ATM machine and drive thru lanes.

“We are very proud to be a part of the vibrant growth in this area,” said Alan Watson, Catholic Federal president. “It is something our volunteers and staff see as coming back to our roots as the credit union began as St. Mary’s Cathedral Federal Credit Union.”

## NEW SAGINAW SENIOR HOUSING

[www.saginaw-mi.com](http://www.saginaw-mi.com)



The Bliss Park Senior Housing Center will be located at 111 N. Harrison St. adjacent to Covenant.

Bliss Park Senior Housing Center is a new development designed to serve the independent senior population (62 and older). The facility will consist of 35 apartments located at 111 N. Harrison St. adjacent to Covenant HealthCare, with a total project investment expected to reach nearly \$5 million.

The site was chosen because of its convenience for public transportation, medical services and access to government offices. Saginaw Future worked closely with the City of Saginaw, the Saginaw County Land Bank Authority and Covenant HealthCare to help site the project.

## NEW EQUIPMENT FOR BERNIER

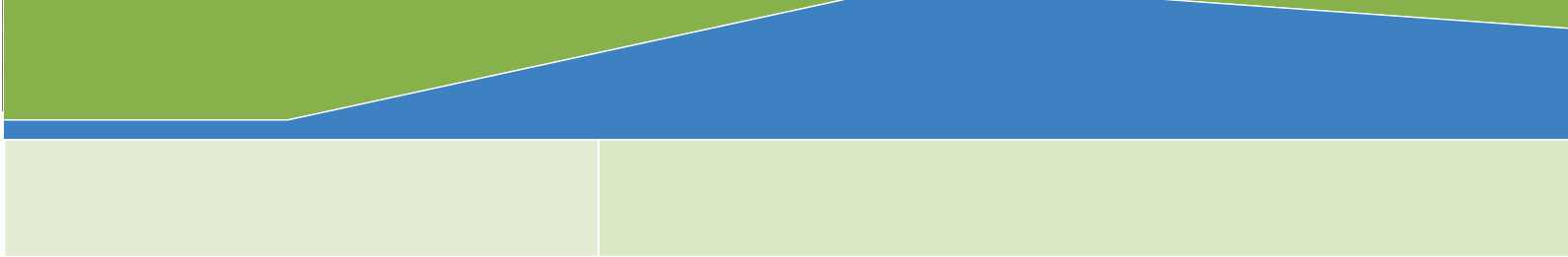
[www.bernierinc.com](http://www.bernierinc.com)



Bernier Cast Metals, Inc. is located at 2626 Hess Ave. in the City of Saginaw.

Bernier Cast Metals Inc. purchased a new furnace and mixer to assist with castings that will help the company increase its sales with new and existing customers. Located at 2626 Hess Ave. in the City of Saginaw, Bernier produces sand castings in prototype, small and semi-production quantities.

Saginaw Future assisted the company and the City of Saginaw with an investment incentive. Bernier was established in 1945 and continues under fourth generation ownership and operation. Bernier castings can be made to the specific requirements for agricultural machines to wind turbines.



The Great Lakes Solar Technology Park is located at 705 N. Graham Rd. (M-52) just northwest of the M-46 and M-52 intersection in Thomas Township.

## SOLAR TECH PARK BREAKS GROUND!

[www.MIGreatLakesBaySolar.com/Solar-Technology-Park](http://www.MIGreatLakesBaySolar.com/Solar-Technology-Park)

Saginaw County, the Region and the State recently celebrated the groundbreaking of the Great Lakes Solar Technology Park. Local leaders and economic developers worked with the State of Michigan to develop the 231-acre Solar Technology Park with parcels potentially available for no cost. Tax incentives and development assistance are also available. Strategically located within a mile of Hemlock Semiconductor, opportunities for collaboration and solar supply chain development are boundless.

The Solar Technology Park is located at 705 N. Graham Rd. (M-52) just northwest of the M-46 and M-52 intersection, 12 miles from I-75, 13.5 miles from MBS International Airport and will soon have complete infrastructure in place. The Park has the potential to locate up to six solar manufacturing facilities that would create hundreds of direct and indirect jobs, along with millions of dollars in new investment and new tax base.



Freeland Bean and Grain Inc.'s headquarters and main facility is located at 1000 E. Washington Rd. in Tittabawassee Township.

## AGRIBUSINESS EXPANDS IN FREELAND

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

Freeland Bean and Grain Inc. purchased the former ConAgra Grain Elevator in Freeland, demolished the elevator and will construct new facilities. The company specializes in country grain and edible bean elevator storage, retail fertilizer and is a crop input dealer. Continued growth and new opportunities prompted the expansion project.

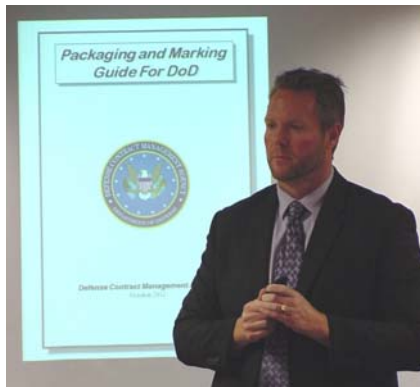
Project plans call for road upgrades to 5th St., which is the access road. Saginaw Future has been assisting the company and the community with seeking funds through the Michigan Department of Transportation, as well as financing programs that may be available. Freeland Bean and Grain will invest up to \$3 million in new construction that will lead to the creation of seven to 10 jobs. The Saginaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority also approved a Brownfield Redevelopment Plan that will assist with the development and contamination costs.



*Above -ZENTX Media Group recently held a ground breaking ceremony for its new 12,000 sq. ft. facility, which will be located on W. Freeland Rd., adjacent to the MBS International Airport.*

## \$2.4 MILLION IN NEW CONTRACTS

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



The PTAC recently held a Packaging and Marking seminar for the Department of Defense.

The Saginaw Future Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) assisted ten regional companies attain more than \$2.4 million in government contracts in the third quarter of 2011.

The PTAC educates businesses through formalized seminars and specific one-on-one consultations. The Saginaw Future PTAC provides no fee assistance to businesses that are interested in filling federal, state and local government contracts, which are multi-billion purchasers.

## NEW EQUIPMENT FOR CIGNYS

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



CIGNYS Corporation's Bridgeport Facility is located at 5763 Dixie Hwy.

CIGNYS Corporation, established in 1945, continues to invest at its Bridgeport Charter Township location. New Computer Numerical Control (CNC) equipment was purchased to meet the needs of its aerospace customers.

The company, with multiple Saginaw County locations, designs and manufacturers engineered products and components for Original Equipment Manufacturers. Saginaw Future assisted CIGNYS and the community with an investment incentive.

## GLASS PRODUCER INVESTS

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



Hehr International, Inc. is located at 1103 W. Pearl in the Village of Chesaning.

Hehr International, Inc. purchased a new cutting machine that will help the company supply larger glass products to its existing customer base, which is consumer durable goods, vans and recreational vehicles.

The Village of Chesaning-based company is also exploring new markets for specialized glass that can be used for panels in the solar energy industry. Hehr International was established in 1946 and has its headquarters in Los Angeles, CA.

# SAGINAW FUTURE

## NEWS & INITIATIVES



### NEW SAGINAW FUTURE BOARD MEMBER

*Chad Wurtzel - Representative for United Auto Workers Region I-D*  
Wurtzel was appointed to the International UAW Staff of Region I-D as a Servicing Representative by UAW President Ron Gettlefinger in July of 2008. He currently services over 3,500 members at 15 UAW represented facilities throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region. Prior to joining the staff of the International Union, Wurtzel was employed at Delphi Chassis Systems Saginaw. He has a diverse background in manufacturing and labor relations with over 15 years experience, is a Navy veteran having served in the Persian Gulf and resides in Freeland with his family.



### CRARY ELECTED AS COMMITTEE CHAIR

[www.iedconline.org](http://www.iedconline.org)  
The Nominating Committee of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) has elected JoAnn Crary, CEcD, President of Saginaw Future, as 2012 Chair of the External Member Relations Committee. The election took place during IEDC's 2011 Annual Conference. Crary also serves on the IEDC Board of Directors. Serving more than 4,500 members, the organization is the premier membership organization dedicated to helping economic development professionals create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities and improve the quality of life in their regions.



### MARKETING OUR RESOURCES

[www.MIGreatLakesBaySolar.com](http://www.MIGreatLakesBaySolar.com)  
Saginaw Future President JoAnn Crary was a member of Governor Snyder's Michigan Trade Delegation Team that visited China recently. Crary focused on attracting solar supply chain investors to the Great Lakes Bay Region, promoting shovel-ready sites and our numerous advantages. Crary also met with major chinese investment companies and U.S. Embassy representatives interested in trade opportunities and agriculture.

Use your smartphone QR-Code scanner to learn more about Saginaw Future!



### SAGINAW FUTURE 2011 PERFORMANCE REPORT

	2011 Goal	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	YTD Total
Business Expansions	25	5	7	4	16
Businesses Attracted	5	3	2	2	7
Jobs Created/Retained	1,000	927	778	67	1,772
# of Gov't Contracts	400	23	155	203	381
Value of Gov't Contracts	\$15 M	\$75.2 M	\$2.5 M	\$2.4 M	\$80.1 M
Value of New Investment	NGE	\$10.95 M	\$37.96 M	\$10.26 M	\$59.17 M

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# 2011 Saginaw Future

## CONTRIBUTORS

### \$30,000 +

- Covenant HealthCare
- Dow Corning Corporation and Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation
- Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation

### \$25,000

- Frank N. Andersen Foundation
- Garber Management Group

### \$10,000 - \$20,000

- Citizens Bank
- Consumers Energy
- The Dow Chemical Company
- HealthPlus of Michigan
- Mobile Medical Response, Inc.
- Nexteer Automotive
- Residence Inn/Springhill Suites by Marriott
- St. Mary's of Michigan

### \$4,000 - \$6,000

- Morley Companies, Inc.
- Morley Foundation
- PNC Foundation
- Pumford Construction, Inc.
- The Saginaw News
- Spence Brothers
- SSP Associates, Inc.

### \$2,000 - \$3,999

- 1st State Bank
- Bavarian Inn Restaurant & Lodge
- Bierlein Companies, Inc.
- Braun, Kendrick, Finkbeiner PLC
- Champagne & Marx Excavating, Inc.
- Charter Communications
- Chemical Bank
- CIGNYS Corporation
- JoAnn Crary
- Delta Steel, Inc.
- Dickinson Wright, PLLC
- Fabiano Brothers
- Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Co.
- Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!
- Hausbeck Pickle Company, Inc.
- IBEW Local #557
- Independent Bank
- John E. Green Company
- Means Industries, Inc.
- Memtron Technologies Co.
- Merrill Technologies Group
- MSA Ventures
- Rehmann
- Saginaw Valley State University
- Sargent Docks & Terminal, Inc. and Saginaw Rock Products
- Spicer Group
- Stevens Worldwide Van Lines
- The Straits Corporation
- Three Rivers Corporation
- Wildfire Credit Union
- Wolgast Corporation

### \$1,000 - \$1,999

- Absolute! Building Maintenance
- Alice E. Turner Memorial Trust
- Allen E. and Marie A. Nickless Memorial Foundation
- Amigo Mobility International, Inc.
- Association of Builders and Contractors
- Delta College
- Fifth Third Bank
- Filtrona Porous Technologies
- Fullerton Tool Company
- Representative Ken and Veronica Horn
- InCal Technologies, Inc.
- ITC Holdings Corporation
- Kochville Township DDA
- KUKA Assembly and Test Corp.
- Lake Huron Credit Union
- Mahar Tool Supply Company
- Martin Chevrolet Chrysler Jeep
- Michigan CardioVascular Institute

- Midwestern Surgical Associates
- Mike Young Pontiac-Oldsmobile-GMC Truck
- Mistequay Group, Ltd.
- R&R Ready Mix, Inc.
- Rifkin Scrap Iron & Metal Co.
- Saginaw Bay Underwriters
- Saginaw Transit Authority Regional Services-STARS
- Standard Electric Company
- SVRC Industries, Inc.
- Synergy Medical Education Alliance
- Tri-Star Trust Bank
- United Auto Workers Region 1D
- Wickson-Link Memorial Foundation
- William A. Kibbe & Associates, Inc.
- Wolohan Enterprises Inc.
- Wright-K Technology, Inc.
- Yeo & Yeo

### \$301 - \$800

- A.C. Klopff Inc.
- Advanced Benefit Design Group
- AKT Peerless Environmental Services, LLC
- Delena & Ed Allen
- American Maintenance & Cleaning
- Andrews, Hooper & Pavlik PLC
- Audio Central Alarm
- Boice Bird & Sons, Inc.
- BRONNER'S CHRISTmas WONDERLAND
- Burt Watson Chevrolet-Pontiac
- Central Warehouse Company /Saginaw Diversified Services LLC
- Chase
- Chesaning Manufacturing Co.
- Dale Carnegie Training
- Deisler Funeral Home
- Duperon Corporation
- E.A. Becker & Associates, Inc.
- Emil Rummel Insurance Agency, Inc.
- Employee Benefit Resources, Inc.
- Firehouse Soft Wash
- Frankenmuth Credit Union
- Future Insurance Agency
- Galen E. Wilson Petroleum Company
- Gardner, Provenzano, Schauman & Thomas, P.C.
- Gilbert, Smith & Borrello, P.C.
- Home Builders Association of Saginaw
- Hoyt Nursing & Rehab Centre
- JB Meinberg
- J.E. Johnson, Inc.
- JCP, LLC
- Ken Westlund Properties
- King Communications, Inc.
- MacDonald Broadcasting Corporation
- Masud Labor Law Group
- Michigan Sugar Company
- Midwest Machinery Movers, LLC
- NBS
- Nelson Trane
- One Source Office Products
- Orchid Unique Advanced Machining
- R.C. Hendrick & Son, Inc.
- Remer Plumbing, Heating & A.C. Inc.
- Saginaw Labor Council AFL-CIO
- Saginaw Medical Federal Credit Union
- Schaefer Bierlein, Inc.
- Scientific Brake & Equipment
- Severance Tool Industries
- S.P.A.C.E., Inc.
- Star of the West Milling Company
- Thiel Electric
- Trademark Commercial Group
- United Local 85 Plumbers & Steamfitters
- Wanigas Credit Union
- Wilcox Professional Services, LLC
- William F. Nelson Electric, Inc.
- The Wirt-Rivette Group
- XPEDX Division of International Paper Company
- Zatkoff Seals & Packings
- Zehnder's of Frankenmuth

### \$50 - \$300

- A.C. Coppolino Insurance Agency

- Abbs Retirement Planning Advisors
- AGD Management Corporation
- McDonald's Office
- Alloy Construction Service, Inc.
- Bailey Construction
- Beattie Master Pool & Spa
- Bernier Cast Metals, Inc.
- Brandle Roofing & Sheet Metal Company
- Centennial Technologies, Inc.
- Century 21 Signature Realty
- Community State Bank
- Concrete Cutting Specialists, Inc.
- Diversified Physical Therapy Specialists
- Firstbank - Alma
- Freeland Bean & Grain
- Gaertner's Greenhouses and Flower Shops
- G.E. Insulation Company
- General Machine Service
- Global Recruiters of Saginaw
- Hi-Tech Optical Inc.
- Insulex Panel Systems, Inc.
- John M. Jacobs Plumbing & Heating Inc.
- John V. Polomsky II, P.C.
- Steve & Ann Jonas
- Mast, Foulds & Co., P.C.
- The Mayan Agency
- MBS International Airport Commission
- Panda Promotional Products
- Pat's Food Center
- RA Monk Insurance Agency
- Ramey's Janitorial Services
- Ray Builders
- Rex Corporation
- State Farm Insurance
- TBF Graphics/Digital
- Terabyte Consulting
- TPI Powder Metallurgy Inc.
- TSSF Architects
- Wade-Trim
- Webster, Looby & Baumgarten, P.C.
- Zehnder & Associates, P.C.
- Zeilinger Wool, Co.

### In-Kind

- Advanced Tex Screen Printing, Inc.
- Atlas Advertising
- Dornbos Printing Impressions
- The Michigan Banner
- Michigan Office Solutions
- Mitchell Motorcoach, Ltd.
- Prining & Ewend
- Shred Experts
- Step Above Enterprises - Jake's Old City Grill
- WNEM TV5

### Local Government Contracts

- Bridgeport Charter Township DDA
- Buena Vista Charter Township DDA
- Carrollton Township
- Chesaning Township
- City of Frankenmuth
- City of Saginaw
- City of Zilwaukee
- County of Saginaw
- Richland Township
- Saginaw Charter Township
- Spaulding Township
- Thomas Township
- Tittabawassee Township
- Village of Birch Run
- Village of Chesaning
- Village of Merrill
- Village of St. Charles

### Project Specific Contributors

- AT&T Foundation
- Great Lakes Loons/Michigan Baseball Foundation
- Margaret Stoker Charitable Trust administered by Citizens Bank Wealth Management
- Robert E. Stark & Martin H. Stark Foundation
- Saginaw Community Foundation

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