

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS**  
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**E-COLI AND CEMETERY BEACH ...** The following was sent to Sims-Whitney Cemetery & Transfer Station Boards on 6/14

All ...

Yesterday we received a notification from the Central Michigan Health Department notifying us of the beach e-coli numbers for Arenac County [See Attached]. Out of ten beaches monitored in Arenac County, Cemetery Beach had the highest number. The letter received was really not clear as to what we were required to do and the obvious thought was that we would have to post it as being closed. So I talked to Don and we agreed that we should cover our be-hinds and at the least, should make up a sign and post it. I still was not getting a warm, fuzzy feeling, so called the Health Department and this is what I learned -- ***we do not have to do anything!*** Since they are monitoring e-coli levels at the beaches listed, they will post any signage if the e-coli levels reach a level that they determine warrants such a posting and if a beach needs to be closed, they will close it. Since we have had a lot of rain, that in itself can cause high e-coli readings. The bottom line is, they are the beach monitoring experts, and we leave it to them to do what is required to keep the public safe.

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**NOTE:** The average e-coli levels of the 10 beaches tested in Arenac County was in the 1100 range, which is normal for our area. However, Cemetery Beach was at 3298 which is significantly higher. The preferred number for all beaches is 300 and Oasis Lake was at 427 ...

**CEMETERY ...** Our mower went in for non-major repairs to Miscisin in Standish on 6/9 ... The cemetery environment is mostly sand and is very hard on our equipment as the under-side of the mower deck is basically being sand blasted every time it's used. It was time to replace the deck rollers and blades and just have general maintenance done. Considering the harsh environment, that zero-turn Cub Cadet is holding up quite well; As you may or may not recall, that mower was purchased as a part of the 2% grant program from the Saganing Tribe 5 years ago ...

**GRAND FINALE ...** A man was asked to paint a boat. He brought his paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright red ♡, as the owner had asked him.



While painting, he noticed a small hole in the hull, and quietly repaired it. When he finished painting, he received his money and left. The next day, the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with a nice check, much higher than the payment for painting. The painter was surprised and said "You've already paid me for painting the boat Sir!" "But this is not for the paint job. It's for repairing the hole in the boat." "Ah! But it was such a small service ... certainly it's not worth paying me such a high amount for something so insignificant." "My dear friend, you do not understand. Let me tell you what happened. When I asked you to paint the boat, I forgot to mention the hole. When the boat dried, my kids took the boat and went on a fishing trip. They did not know that there was a hole. I was not at home at that time. When I returned and noticed they had taken the boat, I was desperate because I remembered that the boat had a hole. Imagine my relief and joy when I saw them returning from fishing. Then, I examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole! You see, now, what you did? You saved the life of my children! I do not have enough money to pay your 'small' good deed. So no matter who, when or how, continue to help, sustain, wipe tears, listen attentively, and carefully repair all the 'leaks' you find. You never know when one is in need of us, or when that care and kindness may return to you in surprising ways. Along the way, you may have repaired numerous 'boat holes' for several people without realizing how many lives you've saved. ♡ Make a difference....be the best you...Have a beautiful day 🌸

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