

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS
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ARENAC COUNTY STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST BY % OF REGISTERED VOTERS ... City of AuGres, 71.95; Omer, 73.14; Standish, 57.64; Adams Township, 75.59; Arenac Township, 70.27, AuGres Township, 71.79, Clayton Township, 64.56, Deep River Township, 65.91, Lincoln Township, 67.89, Mason Township, 64.48, Moffatt Township, 77.10, Sims Township, 79.03 **[THE WINNER!]**, Standish Township, 68.72, Turner Township, 68.75, Whitney Township, 73.62, Arenac County Total, 69.50.

KUDOS TO OUR ELECTION WORKERS ... Mike & Deb Fil, Jack Evans, Linda Lewis, Jim Sears, June Ogden, Joanne McDonald, Sharon Nestell, Marci Prueter, Patricia Roche, Dianne Lamm and last and certainly not least, my young Bride Judy who served as the Maestro for this madness! Actually, things went quite well, everyone got along great, we had more than our share of good laughs and a little good-natured ribbing and we had good food. All good.

Election day did not sputter or stutter to a start by any means, as there were a dozen folks in line at 7 a.m. after Marci did her “Hear Ye, Hear Ye, the polls are now open” speech. We logged in our first 100 voters by 8:50, like in the morning! We have always been able to count on Dennis Stanley being the first in line to vote. Not this year, as Dennis came in at #9! Dennis is just going to have to get moving earlier in 2024 to regain his 1st place in line status! Sims has 968 registered voters of which 765 voted. It was a long and tiring day for all the workers, and two of us returned from Standish at 130 a.m. Wed morning.

We did not have too many hiccups throughout the day, but we did have over 400 absentee ballots to process after the polls closed at 8 p.m. Overall it went well and we did not end up being the last to get the results to Standish, as that honor went to Omer ... However, we were next to last ...! But to be fair, we had more absentee ballots than any other township in Arenac County at 487 and Judy picked up two more jars of jam from Ricky Rockwell’s wife for taking 1st place. Again, for the third time. What an honor and better than nothing! By the way, Ricky is retiring after 20 plus years as County Clerk, and we thank him for his service plus all the help he has given Sim’s Township for all these years. We wish him the very best in his retirement journey.

ADDITION TO THE TRANSFER STATION ... Finally, after being in operation for 40.3 years, our employees have a Porta-Potty on site. Daniels Septic is providing the unit for \$100.00/month and they will service it every Monday. A natural question ... “But won’t it freeze up in the winter?” The really short answer is ‘NO’ as they use a brine solution to prevent freezing. Another question, “Is it heated?” Again, ‘NO,’ but it is still better than our employees being

really outdoors with an Arctic blast blowing through their knickers! You can only imagine how the employees took care of business all these years and the sad answers will never make it to a documentary for prime time and that's a really good thing. Also, it is officially posted **EMPLOYEES ONLY ...!**

BUDGET REVIEW ... We need to re-visit and tweak our budget a little bit. Budgets are "transitory" items that oftentimes require adjustments as many of our expenses are not static but are in constant motion i.e. transitory. Basically, stuff changes, so we always need to re-think where we *were* at, where we *are* at, and where we are going and not *ever* get to a point where we are so compromised that we are out of funds and cannot save for the future.

FINAL FEW THOUGHTS ... When life is stressful, do something to lift your spirits, like go for a drive, go two or three thousand miles away. Maybe change your name?

Just Wondering ... Does the jelly in a donut count as a serving of fruit?

HEALTH TIP: If you add a raisin to your 1-pound bag of M&M's, it becomes Trail Mix and you can eat the whole thing!

The end has come sooner than expected ...