

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS
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CRUISE STATS ... The cruise this year is the largest Augres and Sims Township has ever had with 409 entrants, and it appeared a good time was had by all!

ELECTION HIGHLIGHT ... The August 6th Primary is history, and we move on to November. Certainly, we acknowledge all our election workers that put in a very long day and night to get the results to the county in a timely manner. We should give a shout-out to our democratic process, as without it, we would just be another Russia or China. Beginning January, the Sims Board will have three new officers and we wish them well.

ROAD PAVING ... We are on track to completing several road paving projects this year. There were a few issues with driveway approaches not being completed and the Arenac County Road Commission had their entire crew working on shoulders and approaches for the last several days to remedy those situations.

CEMETERY AND TRANSFER STATION ... The new columbarium is looking quite stately, and the cemetery is looking beautiful. With Lake Huron as a backdrop, I would say we may have the nicest cemetery in the state! Cemetery Beach driveway requires some repair due to large holes and Don Becker and I agreed to contact Justin Davidson to do the job as he did the previous repairs approximately six years ago. The beach area has seen a lot of visitors this year and it has become a very popular swimming and picnic area for families. We count on the public to keep the area free from garbage and it's worked out well as we seldom have anything lying around.

The Transfer Station is functioning as it should and both compactors are working as designed and there are no current issues, except for the on-going saga of garbage ending up in the plastic re-cycling container. We've handed out fliers as to the expectation of Republic as to the contents of the containers, but it has not seemed to remedy the problem and change behaviors. One load was so bad, Republic dumped the contents into the landfill and nothing in that load was recycled due to the excessive amount of garbage. It appears that everyone is in a hurry and just don't give a rat's butt. What may possibly happen, is at the next

contract, the re-cycling costs will jump so high it may not be worth it for Republic to accept our re-cycling and the townships may not want to pay the tab if they do.

STATUS OF POLICE TRUCK ...

From:bobbermack@yahoo.com

To:Jill Sanzo

Thu, Aug 15 at 9:08 AM

Jill ...

Have you received any updates on when the police truck and new sign will be available ...?

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On Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 08:27:37 AM EDT, Jill Sanzo <simsclerk@gmail.com> wrote:

No, I emailed the sign company and haven't heard back and Trevor has not received any further correspondence from Canfield.

From:bobbermack@yahoo.com

To:Jill Sanzo

I filled out their on-line inquiry form and called the office on Groesbeck Hwy and spoke with two reps and the following is the current story ...the truck, parts were ordered June 4th and usually take 8 weeks to arrive ... 3 of the major parts are still on backorder and they will contact their vendors and provide more definitive information as to availability ... Boss man Keith is supposed to call me back with an update on when the parts will show up and an approximate delivery date maybe and I will not be holding my breath as he has only called me once previous in May ... I suspect the parts are there and they are dealing with hundreds of up-fits and our number hasn't come up yet ...

FINALE ...

"Our friends' in life are stress and adversity and without both, there are no opportunities for growth or building resilience. Both S&A teaches us about ourselves, about being uncomfortable, and how to endure. Without it, we may never discover our inner strength. In the wise words of Buddha: Endurance is one of the most difficult disciplines, but it is to the one who endures that the final victory comes." Every adversity has a seed of greater benefit. Liz Perry ACC