



Willis Bullard

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and widen roads, as property values increase," Bair said.

Most of the previously proposed solutions, such as instituting toll roads, could only be used for state roads, about 1 percent of the road ways.

Bullard said he chose the issue as the focus of the town meeting because it will be a big issue in Lansing after the Nov. 5 general election.

He said some tort reform mea-

sures, which place caps on lawsuits against road commission and the Michigan Department of Transportation, will help. But the state will still have many more road projects than dollars to make improvements.

"But what it really comes down to is road needs far outstrip money," he said.

Bullard and Bair agreed with some audience members who questioned the contribution of

the trucking industry compared to tax dollars paid.

Bair said an 18-wheeler does the equivalent damage of 9,600 cars.

"When you see a sign on the back of a truck saying how much tax it pays, take your registration fee and multiply it by 9,600," Bair said. "That's \$4,000 compared to well over \$100,000."

Bullard said that although measures like a bill he proposed

to have developers pay and impact fees based on the increase in traffic their projects created, it would not begin to make up the road funding shortfall.

He said taking money from the general fund, which is already committed to other programs, or taking money from the state's budget stabilization fund (rainy day fund), would only make a dent in the problem.

The senator is asking for local input on roads as well as other

issues in preparation for the upcoming session.

He also answered questions concerning residency, the primary system, crime, education and local control, English as the official language, drunk driving and escalating health costs.

Bullard encouraged residents to voice their opinions or direct questions to him through a toll-free number, 888-738-2855, or write to him at PO Box 30038, Lansing, MI, 48909.

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OBITUARIES

CHARLES CUDDEN

Mr. Cudden, 61, of Farmington Hills died Oct. 3 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Ireland, Mr. Cudden was an engineer in the automobile industry.

Survivors include his wife, Rosanna; son, Neil Charles; six brothers and three sisters.

Moss was celebrated Oct. 5 in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington.

HELEN T. CLAPPISON

Mrs. Clappison, 76, of Farmington died Oct. 7 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Farmington, Mrs. Clappison was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, John; sons, Frank, Robert and David; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Salem United Church of Christ with the Rev. John Maki officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington. Memorials may be made to Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland, Farmington 48335.

Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

DOROTHY H. KILLING

Mrs. Killing, 83, of West Bloomfield, formerly of

Farmington, died Oct. 5.

Born in Farmington, Mrs. Killing was a homemaker. She was a graduate of Farmington High School.

Survivors include her son, Donald; brother, Donald Bachelor; sisters, Gladys Jex, Vi Fachlam and Marci Betts; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Dr. Anthony De Orio of Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Memorials may be made to Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 27996 Haledale Road, Farmington Hills 48331.

DUANE H. PEARSON

Mr. Pearson, 69, of Farmington Hills died Oct. 5 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Pearson was an installer for a carpet company.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; sons, Donald and Ronald; daughter, Linda Carter; brother, Gerald Pearson; sister, Marilyn Penner; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were Oct. 9 at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with Elder Richard Carter officiating. Burial was in Southfield Cemetery, Southfield.

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bathroom in the main hall of the Wayne State University Center on 12 Mile at 10 a.m. Oct. 10 when she was grabbed from behind by another woman who said she had a knife.

The assailant, described as a

white woman with long brown hair and a black leather jacket, then demanded the victim's cash (\$14) and an ATM card and pin number.

She threatened to kill the vic-

tim if she did not comply. The assailant then wrapped the victim's purse strap around her neck and banged her head into the toilet several times.

The victim was discovered on the floor by another woman.

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