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Please solve this problem! Letter to the Editor:

It is almost spring, and we are already hearing the loud speakers from cars traveling down Brooks Road to Heights Ravenna. There is a stop sign at the corner of Brooks and Heights Ravenna Road. We live next to it. Last year, we asked township supervisor Brian Werschem if he would do something about the noise. He told us that he lives next to Heights Ravenna and hears it all the time. He said we would just have to get used to it. I went past Mr. Werschem's house, and it is not next to Heights Ravenna Road.

I also told him that one Saturday morning last summer I decided to keep track of how many cars were stopping at that stop sign with their speakers pounding and shaking the windows on our house. On that day, I counted 32. These cars are not just driving by at 50 miles an hour. They are stopping at that stop sign and sitting there, waiting for the traffic to clear on Heights Ravenna Road so they can proceed. Sometimes they are sitting there for a while. You cannot even hear the television when these cars are sitting there at the stop sign they are so loud. This happens all hours of the night and early in the morning. We got so we could tell you which cars would be coming through at what time.

When Officer Smutz was with our police department, he was helping us by contacting these people and giving them warnings. We have gotten so many license plate

numbers from sitting on the side of the road in our car and writing them down when the cars stop at the stop sign.

I don't know what happened to Chief Smutz, but he is no longer with our police department. And now nobody cares about this issue.

It is time that Fruitport Township adopts a noise ordinance to stop this unnecessary noise. Why should the few have a right to make life miserable for the many?

I would like to know what is being done about this problem. The City of Muskegon had the same problem and they did something about it. Their mayor cared about the problem. It is not only disruptive and intolerable, it is also dangerous when emergency vehicles are en route.

I would appreciate some kind of answer from somebody who has the authority to do something about it. That would be you, Mr. Werschem. This is a growing problem and it will not stop on its own. You are the one who told everyone you wanted to be township supervisor and do something for our community. Well, here's your chance to do something about a problem in your community. Make a difference. Nobody is stopping you.

Monica Fox
 Fruitport Township

Congressional war powers = illegal war

Letter to the Editor:

It appears that elements in our national government have again usurped the right to commit the United States to illegal war. Such is not unprecedented. Before the Iraq war, we saw a determined publicity demonizing a foreign head of state. Millions of dollars worth of cruise missiles were reported expended to kill him, and failed. Later, in effect, our government assassinated him in almost Old Testament fashion.

Let's look back to World War II. Long before Pearl Harbor, U.S. planes with American pilots, paid by the U.S. government, with Chinese markings, ambushed and shot down Japanese planes. We called them FLYING TIGERS. At that time, from polls it was found that more than 60 percent of Americans opposed war, especially entanglement in European war. Most believed in the Monroe Doctrine, which today is roundly ignored. The majority of U.S. citizens were vilified as "isolationists." It seemed that to support our own country was unpatriotic. The same exists today.

In 1941, Japanese industry depended on U.S. petroleum products to function. Our congress imposed an embargo on all oil shipments to Japan. The secret Japanese military code was broken, and known to our government. It was known that an attack from Japan was imminent. On December 7, radar sentinels in Hawaii reported the approach of large flights of unknown aircraft. They were ordered to ignore the aircraft. We know what followed.

Over in the north Atlantic Ocean, the U.S. Navy ambushed and sank German submarines without declaration of war or any warning.

In a Mid-East war in which U.S. forces were illegally involved, the American Navy ship LIBERTY was attacked by "friendly forces" and American seamen were killed.

Congress has attempted to take up, and often let slide, the vital issue of war powers. It appears that our congress has been impotent in promoting the best interest of our country. The war mongers have prevailed. We borrow money from China and other countries and use it to wage illegal war...even fighting another country's war. Our deficit soars. Value of the dollar declines in down-spiraling economy.

Where is the remedy for the above? In this, it appears to me, our Congressman Huizenga is as useless as those who preceded him.

Arnie A. Kelm
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Klett graduates

Airman Cierra J. Klett has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. The daughter of Ron and Angelina Klett is a 2010 graduate of Whitehall High School. She is the granddaughter of Juan and Anne Cuellar of Fruitport. •



Fruitport Village to consider Master Plan

(Condensed minutes)

The Village of Fruitport Council met in regular session on April 18, 2011. Councilman Carl Rothenberger III was the only member absent.

Bruce Raymond and Frank Durante will attend a conference at Muskegon Community College regarding grants.

New walls at the band shell are up, back walls will be painted to match the new walls. Light poles for the sledding hill will be installed, as will new stop signs and poles for the village.

Contracts and insurance papers are in order for the Old Fashioned Days celebration.

Changes proposed by the new Master Plan are under discussion.

(For complete minutes of the council meetings, visit the website, www.VillageofFruitport.com. •

Fruitport Township board minutes

(Condensed)

Board members met on Monday, April 11 for a work session with all board members present except Chuck Whitlow who was excused. Also present were three township residents and DPW Director Farrar.

The following actions were taken:
 The Hile Road lift station will be rehabilitated by Jack Dykstra Excavating at a cost of \$193,439.10.

The Fruitport Township Fire Department will be part of Mobile Health Resources, a buyer of medical supplies in bulk at a lower cost. The agreement includes a one time membership rate of \$400, and will be a perpetual agreement.

For complete board minutes of the meeting, visit www.fruitporttownship-mi.gov. •

Fruitport Village Council working hard for you

(Submitted by the Fruitport Village Council)

We meet every third Monday of the month at the Department of Public Works and we are currently working on several important matters including:

- Updating the village master plan that outlines needs and goals in the development of village resources
- The Fruitport Lions' updates to the Pomona Park band shell and Old Fashioned Days
- Storm water and drainage

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