

Quarry petition passed

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SANDTOWN — Until last week, Linda M. Wyatt considered the sprawling pits near her Sandtown home a troublesome landmark — a magnet for those seeking wooded privacy, motorcycle trails, fishing ponds or swimming holes.

But on July 11, Wyatt made Sandtown's abandoned quarry her personal cause, after her 23-year-old nephew, Rodney K. Coppock Jr., drowned while attempting to swim in one of its deep, flooded pits.

Coppock, 23, was the second person to drown this year in one of the dozens of man-made ponds that pock hundreds of acres of the landscape southwest of Dover, near the Maryland line. On April 4, Edwin M. Culp Jr., 19, of Magnolia, died when he became tangled in fishing line while fishing in another part of the pits.

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