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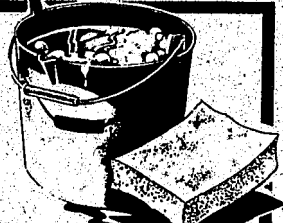
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## Pay up!

*Pay-for-play deadline  
set by athletic director*

BY PETER AUCHTER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With pay-to-playsports looming on the horizon, the best Athletic Director Paul Tungate can hope for is to avoid the worst.

Until the students show up with money in hand, ready to sign up on registration day, he won't know how bad (or good) the situation will be for the 1989-90 school year for Clarkston Community Schools.

"I hope it won't have an impact, but at this point, I'm in the dark," Tungate said. "I have to wait until Aug. 14. I won't know where we stand until then."

At that time, students will decide which sports will run this season. If a minimum number of participants in any of the sports isn't reached, it will be canceled, Tungate said.

For now, all he can do is review statistics from other school districts that require pay-for-play sports. Fortunately, Clarkston's situation isn't as bad as others.

Lapeer schools, for instance, used a full play-for-pay scale that called for students to pay \$275 to play. Clarkston high school students will pay \$164.

Lapeer had only half as many football players, no girls or boys track teams and no girls soccer. Since  
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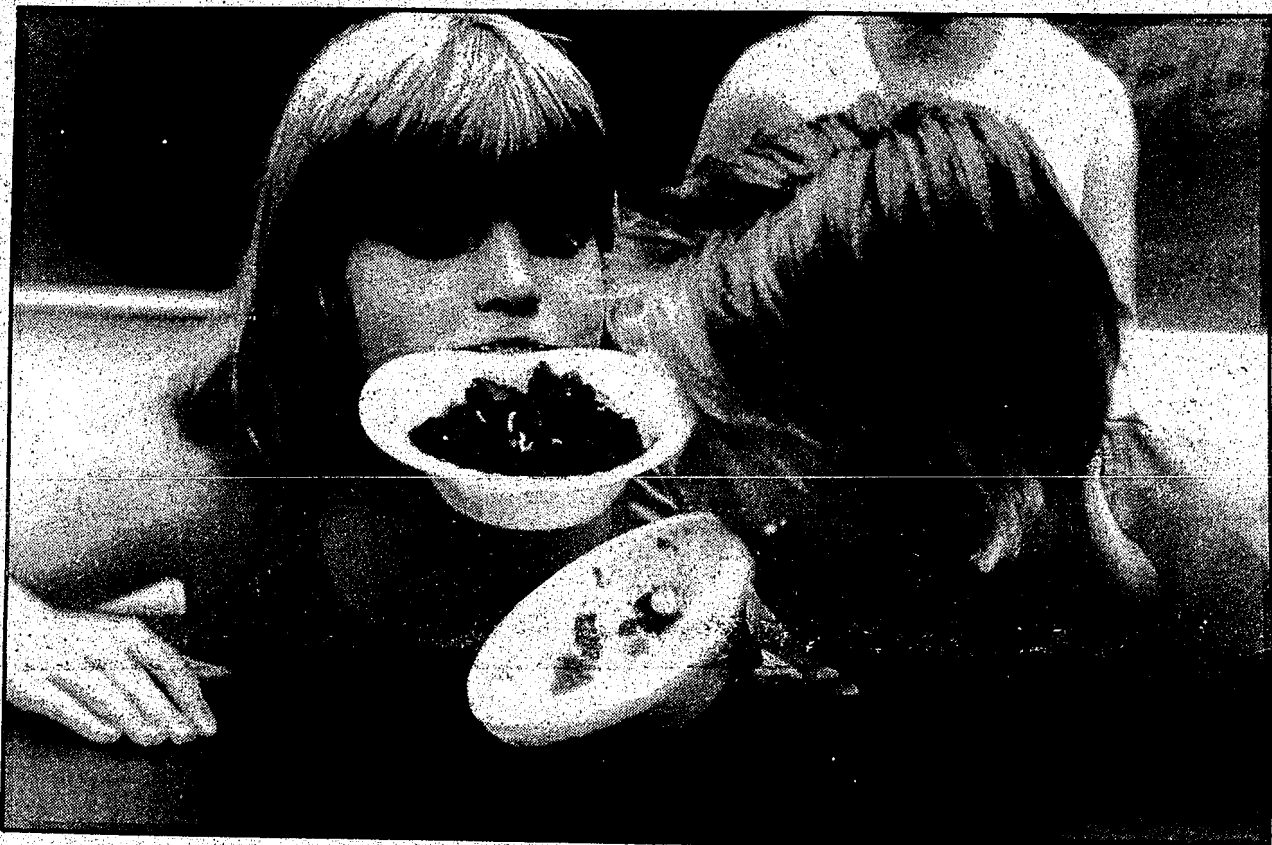


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## Teaming up for a tasty test

EMILY HOGAN (right) and team partner, Jamie VanNatta, help their Jello relay team come in first place in the Jello eating contest

at North Sashabaw July 6. The Playground Program is sponsored by the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department.

## Bacteria suspected in illnesses

BY TRACY KING  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Reports of sick children have prompted the closure of the Hidden Springs swimming pond in the Independ-



HIDDEN SPRINGS is closed for water tests.

ence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road.

Health Department officials have begun testing the water for the shigella bacteria, which is known to cause the symptoms reported.

Independence Oaks personnel closed the pond Monday, July 17, after receiving calls from about 20 residents since last week, according to Ray Delasko, supervisor of the county park.

In most cases the children suffered from diarrhea and fever.

"It was our decision to close as a precaution," Delasko said. "We've had good quality water. This is a real surprise."

The Oakland County Health Department first checked the area visually, looking for things like sewer related problems, and found nothing. They checked the construction of a well serving the area, as well as the beach in general.

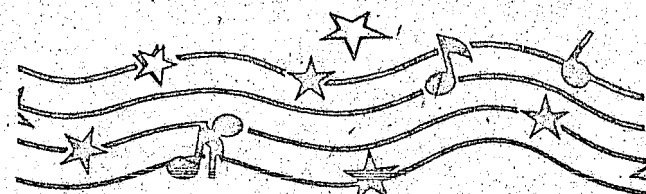
"At this point, we don't know what's going on," said Gary Frick, supervisor of environmental health services. "We've had a lot of reports of individual illnesses, and a common thread is Independence Oaks."

Some of the reports called in to the health department have been from area hospitals, who have diagnosed the problem as a shigella infection, Frick said.

Results from the health department tests were to be completed late July 18 or July 19.

The bacteria is commonly spread by insects or through human contact. The disease can also be spread by

(See TESTS, Page 12)



## Country-western in Depot Park

You might want to get out your cowboy boots for this week's free concert in Depot Park, Clarkston.

The Skee Brothers, a country-western band, will be performing from 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 21, in the park on Depot Road in the Village of Clarkston.

The ninth annual concert series is sponsored by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, and organizer Joan Kopietz recommends concert-goers take a blanket, picnic dinner and lots of bug spray.

Donations to help pay the Chamber's \$1,400 portion of the \$2,500 cost of the concerts are accepted at Clarkston area businesses and at the park.

The last concert this year is set for Friday, July 28, when the Tailgate Ramblers will perform Dixieland music.





# Clarkston athletic director readies for season

(ATHLETIC, from previous page)  
Clarkston students will pay less, Tungate hopes the negative impact will be proportionately less as well.

While he's unsure of the student turnout for sports this fall, he knows he can count on the fans.

"Our spectator support will be as good as ever," he said.

Unfortunately, the fans will carry a portion of the pay-for-play sports programs through higher ticket prices.

The cost for football/basketball tickets now is \$3, up from \$2. Other sports are \$2. These funds will only make up a small part of athletic budget.

More financial relief may come from the Clarkston Athletic Boosters. The club scheduled a special meeting July 18 to discuss the possibility of fund-raisers for the athletic department.

The money the boosters have now is earmarked for other things, and kids and their parents may want to get involved to make extra funds, President Dwight Spiker

said.

Personally, Spiker doesn't like the idea of pay-for-play sports.

"I don't like it. ... We went out last year and fought real hard for the millage, and they said it was for three years. This year, they say it's all gone," he said. "Pay-for-play would just try to put pressure on people to vote the millage in."

But that's not to say he's throwing in the towel just yet.

"If you've got to have it, you've got to have it," he said of pay-for-play.

## Letter tells parents about pay-for-play

Parents of all student-athletes in the Clarkston school district should watch their mail boxes. News of the pay-for-play system is on its way.

Athletic Director Paul Tungate currently is in the process of mailing out a two-page letter outlining what will happen during the 1989-90 school year.

The letter includes an invitation to all parents of athletes to a meeting at the Clarkston High School gym on Monday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m.

Part of Tungate's letter follows:

"As a result of the June 12 defeat of the Headlee override proposal, the board of education has to make cuts amounting to 1.6 million dollars. Therefore, athletics will be affected by a budget decrease of \$156,000 which will result in a pay-to-participate program for the 1989-90 school year.

Following is the procedure and program details.

\* The fee established will be \$164 per athlete per sport in grades 9-12, and \$100 per athlete per sport in 7-8.

\* Payment will be due for all 9-12 grade sports on Monday, Aug. 14 (fall sports); Monday, Nov. 12 (winter sports); and Monday, March 4 (spring sports).

\* Scholarships will be available to students with financial hardships. The school free or reduced lunch program will be utilized to permit scholarships. Students

must apply to athletic director for this scholarship.

\* There will be no refunds unless athlete does not make the team or an injury takes place which disallows participation. A doctor's authorization letter must be submitted, but if the injury takes place after the midpoint of the scheduled contest, no refund will be granted.

\* The fee paid does not guarantee playing time for the athlete.

\* A minimum number of participants will be established by the athletic director for each sport. If these numbers are not met, the respective sport will be canceled and money will be refunded.

\* Any excess fees will be refunded at the end of the school year to each paying athlete."

## Corrections

In last week's Clarkston News, Lynn Sommers Graham's grandmother should have been listed as Sarah Eliza Harris Sommers, and Iva Sommers Caverly's grandmother should have been listed as Mary Elmira Simpson Sommers.

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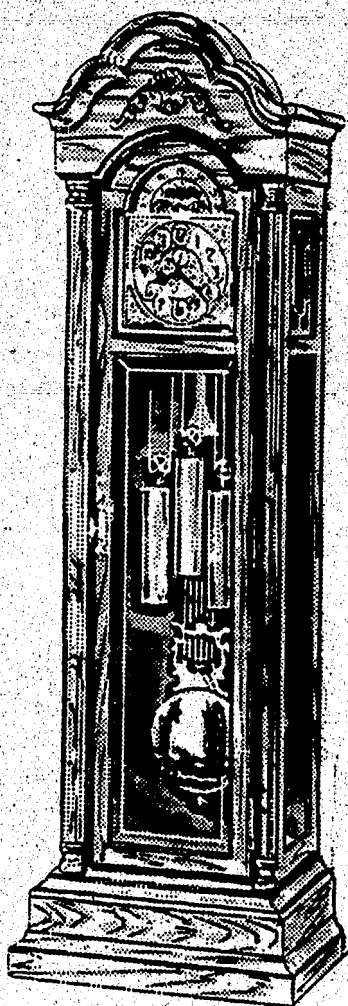
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# Collector specializes in Apollo 11 moon mission

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Neil Armstrong

BY SANDRA G. CONLEN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

If you can't get to the moon, the next best thing to do is to dream about it or collect items about those who did.

Lillian Machowski has spent the last 20 years collecting memorabilia about the first landing mission on the moon July 20, 1969, when Apollo 11 touched down.

Machowski, a Shappie Road, Independence Township resident, has cataloged more than 660 items in her collection about Apollo and the astronauts aboard the rocket ship.

"Most of it I collected right after it happened," she said. "I asked for eyes and ears (of others) because I couldn't be everywhere (to do the collecting)."

Machowski said she has tried to keep most of the collectibles in their original wrappers or containers.

*"I was on the couch. Everybody was asleep. I was praying and crying -- I was so moved -- I woke up my father."*

Lillian Machowski

marked with the price. Although she hasn't calculated how much she has spent on the items, they're becoming more valuable with time.

One of her favorite items is a picture of three astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin (Buzz) Aldrin Jr. and Michael Collins, purchased for 19 cents at Wrigley's, a supermarket chain no longer in existence.

Most of the items bear price tags of 20 years ago, for example, gift wrap with space flight on it and packaged by American Greeting is marked 35 cents.

"There's a price you won't see today," said Machowski.

She even has a box of bubble gum, wrappers intact, about the size of baseball cards, bearing the Apollo flight.

Machowski likes to display her collectibles for other to see. She had several showings during the 10th anniversary at area malls, including Hudson's at the Pontiac Mall (now the Summit Place) and at Meadowbrook Mall.

She currently has over 100 items on display at Montgomery Developmental Training Center in Waterford where her 22-year-old daughter, Marsha, is a student.

Machowski has been married to her husband, Ed, for 41 years; and her son, Tom, has two sons. She's planning a trip to the space museum in Jackson with her grandsons.

Machowski's daughter has cerebral palsy and requires 24-hour care, which Machowski lovingly administers. Because of Marsha's disabilities Machowski doesn't travel much except in her dreams.

"I like to write science fiction," she said. "I've probably been around the world four times."

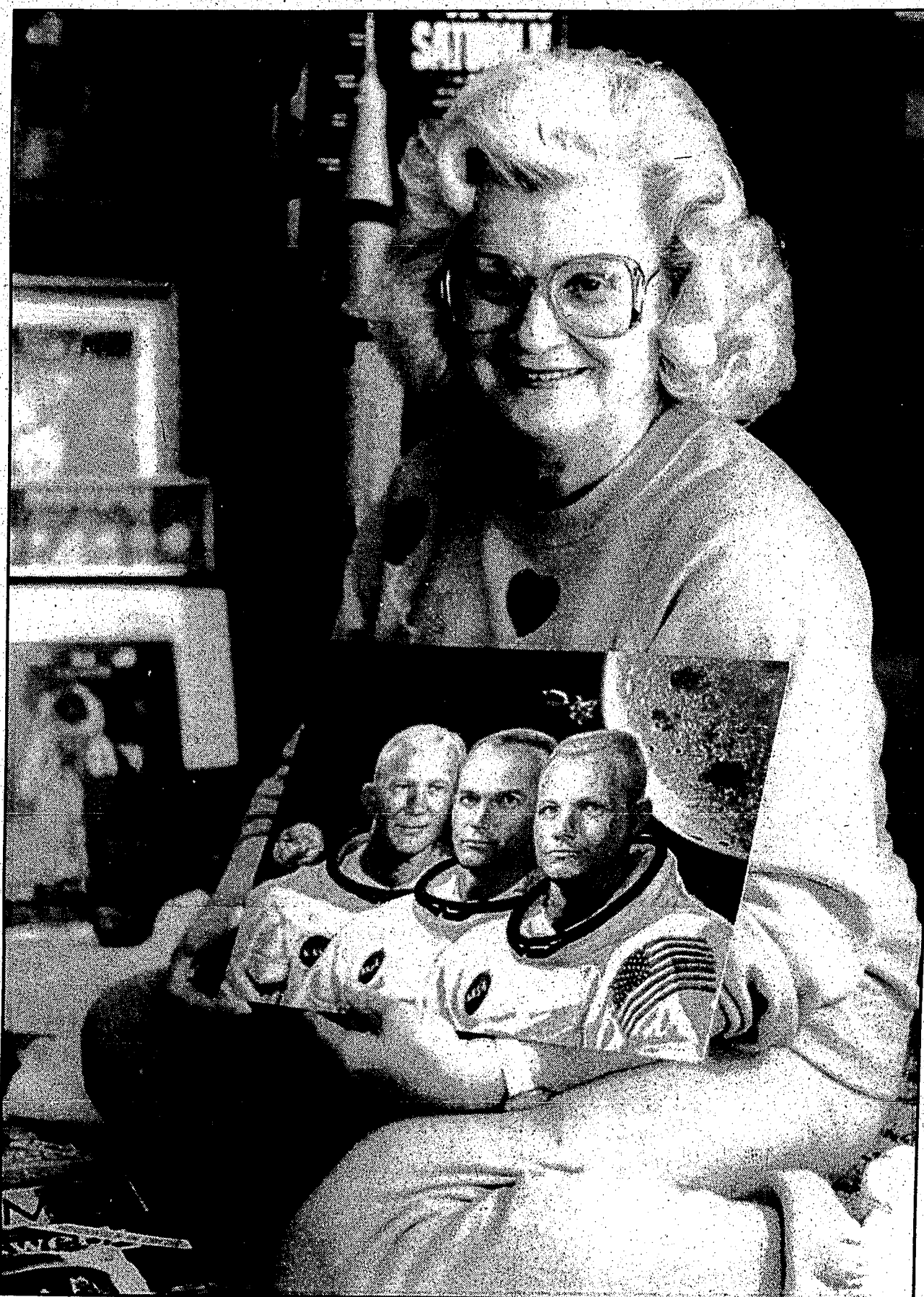
Machowski doesn't stop with just her collection of the lunar landing. She likes to bake cakes and make candies and has a doll collection. Marsha also has a doll collection.

"I love gardening," she added to the list of her hobbies, and she wants to learn how to play the piano sometime in the future.

When asked if she would go to the moon if she had a chance she replied, "Oh, God, I'd love it."

She remembers clearly what was happening during the actual lunar landing that was televised on July 20, 1969.

"I was on the couch. Everybody was asleep. I was praying and crying -- I was so moved -- I woke up my father," she said.



LILLIAN Machowski poses with a picture of the three astronauts who landed on the moon: Neil Armstrong, Edwin (Buzz) Aldrin Jr. and Michael Collins.

## Battling blight with ordinance

BY TRACY KING  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A plan to better control the exterior condition of homes in Independence Township won a first approval from the township board July 11.

Members unanimously approved an addition to the Property Maintenance Ordinance, which establishes a procedure for handling property violations.

The new provision requires property owners to maintain exterior improvements so they will not result in a blighting effect, a reduction in surrounding property values or harm surrounding properties.

The improvements include things such as driveways, parking lots, screening, drainage and grading of a property.

The proposal was primarily designed to cover homes under construction, said Beverly McElmeel, building department director.

"Homes that are under construction longer than

what's reasonable -- say an 18-month period -- are a problem in the neighborhood," McElmeel told the board.

"I don't have an ordinance on the books that would allow me to deal with that situation," she said.

McElmeel described one home on Rattalee Lake Road that had been under construction for four years. The grounds were overgrown and ungraded, McElmeel said.

Under the ordinance, the property owner would be notified in writing of a specific problem. If the violations are not corrected within a period of time, a hearing is scheduled to allow the property owner to explain why the improvements should not be required.

Board members questioned the definition of "blight" and asked what constituted a violation.

Township Attorney Gerald Fisher said it was difficult to be more specific in the language of the ordinance because a wide range of situations may need to be addressed.



# 21-unit condo development in Springfield OK'd

BY BONNIE WATTLEWORTH  
Clarkston News Special Writer

The Springfield Township Board unanimously approved the first phase of the Country Lane Estates site condominium cluster July 13.

Phase I consists of 21 condominium units to be built on part of a 100-acre site on Scott Road.

The board will consider and vote on Phases II and III of the development separately. These two phases would add 44 condominium units to the site.

When the plans were introduced to the board at the June 7 meeting, they were opposed by several area homeowners because of possible drainage and traffic problems.

Area resident Larry Howard voiced concerns July 13 that the site might increase water drainage onto his property, which has had problems with flooding in the past.

"It's one of my concerns that it will flood me right

out," he said to the 7-member board. "There is water laying out there (on his property) right now."

But the plan passed by the board included amendments designed to protect area residents from possible drainage problems.

Engineer-Del Lohff of Kieft Engineering in Independence Township, explained that the site plans include the addition of a berm, or dirt mound, which would increase the water storage capacity of an area near Scott Road.

"The area has excellent natural retention," said Lohff, who represented the developer. "We will be adding a slight amount of drainage, but we've got plenty of storage capacity."

Board Supervisor Collin Walls explained that drainage from the site will travel north into the berm area and northwest into a 13-acre wetland area.

The berm will allow extra water retention in the event of heavy rainfall, Walls said.

Howard said he had no objections to the addition of

the berm.

Future Country Lane Estates buyers will own only their unit and the small parcel of land their unit occupies.

A condominium association consisting of all homeowners owns the property around the units. The association also is responsible for maintenance services, such as snow removal.

The association already has been created, but it has no members or board of directors, said the developer's attorney Lee Knauff. He compared the association to a skeleton.

"Life will be breathed into the skull," he said. "All we need to do is sell some lots and get some members."

## Clintonville field hot spot for car thieves

BY BONNIE WATTLEWORTH  
Clarkston News Special Writer

Two cars were stripped and burned last week in a field off of Clintonville Road north of Mann Road, Independence Township, a fire department official reported.

Capt. Steve Ronk of the Independence Township Fire Department said the Clintonville property seems to be experiencing a streak of similar arsons.

"It seems like every other night we're up with a gutted-out car," he said.

The quarter-mile area is a popular spot for out-of-town car thieves to drop off stolen vehicles, Ronk said. The thieves drive the stolen car to the property via I-75, strip it and then burn it.

"It's easy access -- it's a remote area," Ronk said. "They bring them up the expressway and dump them off."

Ronk also said he thinks the field's popularity stems from its "extensive network of roads," created by motorcycle riders and people who go "four-wheeling."

The Clintonville property has had similar streaks of vehicle-burnings in the past, he said.

One of the two cars destroyed during the latest streak was from Sterling Heights. The other was stripped and burned to the point that its vehicle number could not be identified.

"It had no identifying marks," Ronk said. "Everything was removed or burned."

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department's arson unit is investigating the incidents.

## Cleanup set for next 2 Saturdays

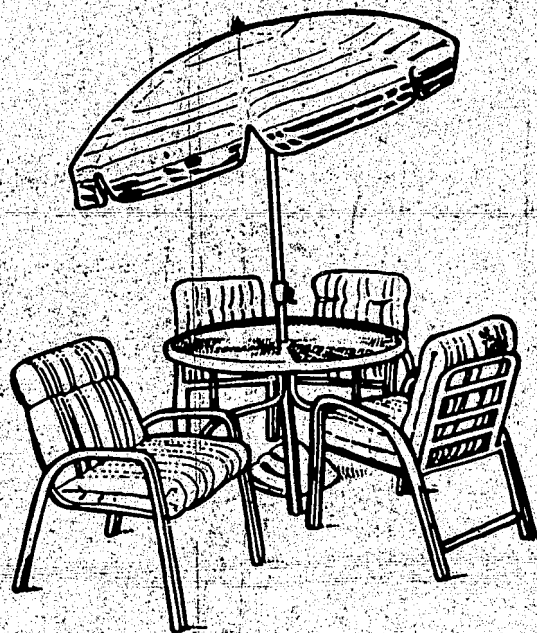
So long, old sneakers, broken furniture and fallen tree limbs. Residents in Independence Township have two more Saturdays to dump refuse for a small fee.

Usually, township officials schedule a spring cleanup day, but this year it was delayed until three summer Saturdays. For the remaining days, the dump site at the department of public works is open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 22 and 29.

Participants must prove residency before dumping.

Following is the list of fees charged per type of load: automobiles, \$5; automobiles with single-axle trailers, vans and pickup trucks, \$10; pickups with single-axle trailers, flatbed single-axle trucks, dual axle trailers and five-yard pickup trucks all pay \$25.

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# Apartment developer wants exclusive water rights

BY TRACY KING  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Sharp words over water rights were traded between Independence Township board members and a developer July 12.

The board was discussing a water agreement sought by Dart Properties for its 286-unit multiple dwelling development on Sashabaw Road, just north of Maybee Road.

Dart representative Bernard Leahy told the board that his company was having difficulty finding wells to supply adequate water levels on the 49-acre site.

Leahy said Dart wants sole rights to water in the wells until the area is connected to the township's water main loop system.

Board members did not like the plan.

"I think that's an unreasonable thing to do," said Trustee William Vandermark. "It's a complete break with past precedent. The purpose of having a dedicated water system is so they support each other."

After further discussion, Vandermark made a motion to table the proposal, which provoked a heated response from the developer.

"It's been 48 days (since this was first proposed)," Leahy said angrily, adding that township attorney Gerald Fisher was not providing a "sufficient response." He accused Fisher of not responding quickly enough to his attorney's requests.

Trustee Frank Millard responded by offering to reject the proposal that night if the developer insisted on

a faster answer and intended to ramrod the proposal through the board.

Fisher also spoke up, saying he had already spoken with Leahy's attorney and had offered a proposal, but Leahy's attorney rejected it.

"They want to resume water rights for themselves," Fisher said. "It's inconsistent with the township."

"With all due respect, Mr. Leahy, you're out of line."

Fisher added that the two sides could probably come to some kind of agreement on the water issue.

Supervisor Frank Ronk told the developer that the township would move as quickly as "your attorney can fall within the guidelines of the township."

After the heated exchange, which lasted for several minutes, Leahy picked up his materials and stormed out of the meeting room.

## The first man on the moon

"One small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." With those words 20 years ago, astronaut Neil Armstrong secured a place in history July 20, 1969, as the first man to walk on the moon's surface.

Apollo 11, carrying Armstrong and Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. and Michael Collins, was the first manned spacecraft to land on the moon.

In May 1961, President John F. Kennedy had committed the United States to landing a manned spacecraft on the moon "before this decade is out." The moon landing program was named Apollo.

When Apollo 11 landed, and Armstrong stepped onto the moon's surface, he reported sinking approximately 1/8 inch into the fine powdery surface material.

Aldrin joined Armstrong, and together they took photographs, collected lunar soil and planted the United States flag.

## Machine shop adds 2,500 square feet

Carbide Form Master, Inc., earned praise for its landscaping as well as approval for a larger office and shop.

The Springfield Township Board unanimously approved a 2,500 square-foot addition to the Dixie Highway business at the July 13 meeting.

Additions are planned for the back and front of the building, said company owner James Stoglin.

"We will be making the office bigger and the shop bigger," he said.

Board members did not let the plan go through without asking Stoglin about the addition's impact on surrounding landmarks.

Trustee Dennis Vallad asked if the addition, which will be five feet from a well, could cause health problems by interfering with the water supply.

Supervisor Collin Walls said the addition would not

create health problems. But he did ask Stoglin if the addition would cause problems for utility workers trying to access the well.

"There is 15 feet alongside the building to get to the well," Stoglin said, adding that the space would give utility workers plenty of room to get to the well.

Vallad also asked if the addition would interfere with a utility pole and transformer that are 10 feet from the planned addition.

"The plans were drawn up by a licensed architect," Stoglin said. "He doesn't see a problem with it."

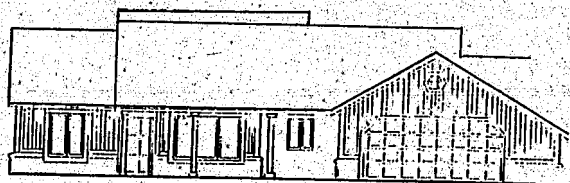
Carbide Form Master, Inc., is a machine shop manufacturing tools. But board members said no one would ever know it was a machine shop because of landscaping.

"You've made it an asset," said Trustee Lois Stiles, after approving the addition.



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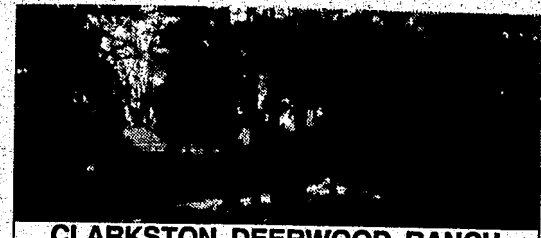
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