

# New principal is named in Clarenceville

Daniel Kelly's nearly lifelong affiliation with the Clarenceville School District has taken a new turn.

After 13 years as a student and 14 years as a teacher in the district, Kelly,

36, has been named the new principal of Clarenceville Junior High School.

Kelly replaces Michael Couchman, the junior high school principal for the past three years. Couchman resigned

the position effective June 30 to become associate superintendent for Adrian Public Schools.

The Clarenceville Board of Education announced Kelly's appointment at its meeting July 14. Kelly, who was selected from more than 50 applicants, officially takes over the position on Aug. 1.

"The board was looking for the person who could do the best for Clarenceville. They felt I was that man," Kelly said. "I was a finalist before for the position (three years ago when Couchman was selected). I've learned a lot since then working under him."

"We worked pretty much together the past few years developing the jun-

ior high program. My plans are to keep the programs pretty much the same, but there's going to be some improvements."

KELLY HAS BEEN a teacher in the Clarenceville district, which includes parts of Livonia, Redford Township and Farmington Hills, since 1969. He has served as principal designate at the junior high and, from 1977 to 1979, director of continuing education. He also has been involved with advisory committees, inservice curriculum committees, student motivation committees, coaching, class sponsorships and North Central accreditation.



Daniel Kelly

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The National Automotive History Collection housed at the Detroit Public Library is the most comprehensive collection in the world, with more than a million cataloged items.

The collection serves the historical needs of writers, researchers, social historians, students, hobbyists and the news media. Visitors come from all over the country and from other nations.

The cataloged items are estimated to weigh about 200 tons and now a group of 25 retirees from automotive companies and their advertising agencies have volunteered to sort through another 60 tons of items which lie unsorted in boxes and crates in a dusty closed-off section of the original library.

"It's a mess," one of the volunteers told the Southfield-based Automotive Information Council (AIC). "Many of the boxes have not been opened in 20 years. We don't even know what's in them."

"It's a labor of love and keeps us active in the auto industry," said another. While he was talking, a volunteer was going through glass negatives of Packard cars dating from 1910 and another had just uncovered a 1916 catalog.

Because of a money shortage, the unsorted and uncataloged material remained covered with dust for several years until 1980 when the Smithsonian Institution in Washington told the Friends of the Library it would like to buy the collection, but the offer was never followed up. That's when the volunteers swung into action.

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**Carol Melampy**

Melampy, 15, is a 10th grader at Our Lady of Mercy High School. Her favorite subjects in school are art and biology. In her free time she enjoys swimming, running, backpacking and playing the drums. She's also involved in the Mercy track and cross country teams. Melampy hopes to have a career involving photography. She lives in the Heather Hills subdivision and delivers papers to Heatherett, Wood Rising, Castlemeadow, Walsingham and Nine Mile.

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