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Complaining neighbors lose fight on concerts

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Readings at the center's road entrance ranged from the mid-40s to the 70s. But some staff said they put their backs to the road when they took the readings.

Bill Shortt, who lives three doors south of the center, asked commissioners that if the average decibel reading in his backyard was 47, would they like to live nearby when the reading for a jazz concert hits 70 decibels?

"That's what we as neighbors are com-

plaining about," Shortt said. "We have literally a flock of complaints we can't live with. We simply don't think the community center in a purely residential neighborhood is any place for amplification."

Shortt suggested putting the center on a "special permit deal." If the center needs to amplify something they have to ask the city council for permission. "Don't give carte blanche," Shortt urged.

STILL OTHER residents supported the

center and its outdoor concerts and activities. "I am sick and tired of reading in the newspaper about people complaining about concerts at the center," said Branchester resident Bruce Jacob. "I can't believe people are opposed to having culture in their backyard."

But Shortt and neighbor Donald Stolberg said they aren't opposed to the center or culture. They're just opposed to amplification.

Others urged commissioners to ensure the continuation of the center, including its need

to have concerts to keep the center financially afloat. State Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, cautioned commissioners against spot enforcement.

"If noise is a problem . . . then every citizen in this community deserves the same protection," she said. Any restrictions on the center should apply to other areas of the community, she said.

Comments made by Stolberg, including remarks that the issue is a political one and all he wants "is to exercise my right to be left

alone," drew an angry response from commissioner Jack Rajkovich. He accused Stolberg of taking "cheap shots" against city staff.

Planning commission chairwoman Joanne Smith urged a decision based on sound judgment.

"I don't think from what I've heard and seen . . . anything in the past year that warrants closing down the whole operation of that outdoor amphitheater," she said.

Clarenceville tax hike proposal dashed by voters

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ready has a high millage rate, apparently doomed the bond issue to defeat.

"People are very cautious right now," said interim superintendent Ralph Skrocki. "It's for the same reason why people aren't buying cars and why the Fed keeps reducing interest rates. They are frightened they might not have a job next year."

Monday's overwhelming defeat of the re-

quested 4-mill tax increase carries one certainty.

"What we learned is that voters won't approve 4 mills," said Dale Weighill, president of the Clarenceville Board of Education. "We learned that we have to reduce the number of mills requested."

BOARD MEMBERS will take the next few months to decide what to do next, Weighill said.

One option is to ask voters to approve a lower millage, perhaps a 2 mill tax increase,

to pay for renovations to the four schools.

In the meantime, Clarenceville officials must grapple with deteriorating buildings needing maintenance which were to be fixed up with the 30-year bond issue.

Clarenceville gets \$100,000 a year from a one-half mill building and site levy set to expire in 1995. Each year, the district spends about \$75,000 of this money to repair school roofs. This year, the money was used to repair the Grandview Elementary roof.

The remaining \$25,000 will be spent to make more critical repairs, such as repair-

ing the heating system at Botsford Elementary, Skrocki said.

EARLY MONDAY night Weighill said he suspected the millage might be defeated because of the high voter turnout.

"We heard there were voters who didn't know how to use the machines. For others, we had to call to see if someone could vote because the registration had expired."

"I saw a lot of middle-aged people voting, and I don't think they had kids in school."

Clarenceville officials don't know who distributed the fliers in mailboxes over the weekend. They apparently were left late in the evening or early morning because no one saw them being distributed, Weighill said.

"I think it had an impact," Skrocki said. "It was not the whole factor, but it brought out a large number of people. There were a multitude of reasons for the turnout but the people conveyed their message to the board and the board will reassess."

"The public is aware of our problems, but they're saying not that much and not now."

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police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

● **THEFTS REPORTED**
A 1985 Jeep Cherokee valued at \$8,000 was reported stolen from the Bel-Aire Lanes parking lot Sept. 20. It was later recovered in Detroit, where two teens were arrested.

Clothing valued at \$135 was reported stolen from a car parked in the TJ Maxx parking lot, 33049 Grand River Sept. 20.

About \$1,875 cash was reported stolen from the Brass Pointe restaurant, 24234 Orchard Lake Road, Sept. 19-20.

A 1989 Honda valued at \$12,000 was reported stolen from Pine Grove in the Mulrwood Apartments at Drake and Grand River, Sept. 19-20.

A 1979 Chevrolet valued at \$8,000 was reported stolen from Karen Ct., Sept. 20.

A VCR, CD player, 35mm camera and costume jewelry valued at \$1,905 were reported stolen from a house on Grayling, Sept. 20.

A telephone valued at \$1,000 was reported stolen from a 1990 Buick at the Summit Apartments on Northwestern Highway, Sept. 20-21.

A telephone, clothing, two pewter figurines and a sweatshirt valued at \$1,140 were reported stolen from a 1989 Chevrolet at the Summit Apartments on Northwestern Highway, Sept. 21.

Golf clubs and cellular phone antenna valued at \$800 were reported stolen from a 1987 Volvo at the Summit Apartments on Northwestern Highway, Sept. 20-21.

A 1989 Geo Tracker valued at \$12,000 was reported stolen from Glen Oaks County Golf Course, 30500 13 Mile, Sept. 21.

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Wednesday, October 23, 7:30 p.m. - Ian T. Jackson, MD and Peter M. McCann, MD
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Tuesday, October 29, 7:30 p.m. - John R. Pflifer, MD
"Varicose Veins: The Latest Therapies for a Common Problem"
Dr. Pflifer, immediate past chairman of the Providence Department of Surgery, explores the outpatient treatments available at Providence for varicose veins—a problem that affects one of every four adult Americans. Treatments range from sclerotherapy to ligation and stripping—a procedure that removes the involved vein.

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