

Voters wait for more information on bond election

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including another elementary school — to accommodate rising enrollment figures.

"I will probably support it again. It doesn't surprise me that there's crowding, just because of our [level of] population growth," said Hillebrand, who currently has a son attending Northville High School.

She also said having high quality schools is important element for the community as a whole.

"I really do think the schools are a critical to the kind of community we have now," said Hillebrand. "I do agree we have to keep the quality of our school top notch. I want the best schools. I've always supported the schools. I moved here 15 years ago because of the schools. The reason I came out here was the high quality of the schools."

Northville Township resident Arthur Anderson said he is in favor of the bond issue.

"We're growing and I guess we've already reached capacity," he said. "The new high school is super. We've gone through it a couple of times."

John Ukrop, a township resident, also approved of the school bond.

"It's just common sense thing to do," said Ukrop. "If we neglect the educational system, we're just asking for problems down the line."

Tom Swigart, a city council member and Northville resident, said, "I think I can go for it."

He said that as voting day draws closer, he will studying the bond issue more carefully.

"I'm certainly in favor of a good school system," said Swigart. "From what I understand the earlier bond issue was paid off more expeditiously than they expected. The school system is a contributor to the quality to the community, provided they use our money wisely."

Carolann Ayers, mayor protem for the city of Northville, said she was undecided about the bond at this point.

"Up until this time I have not informed myself well enough about the election," said Ayers. "Generally, because of the extremely cooperative relationship that city council has had with the school district, I'm generally favorable towards their efforts. However, I have not focused on this bond issue yet. I will focus on it before the election."

Some residents, however, were strongly opposed to the \$26 million dollar bond proposal.

"I'm against it 100 percent," said Northville resident Herbert Ware. "I hate to shell out money. I always vote against it."

Gary Wall, a resident of

Northville township, also shared a similar opinion.

"I'd turn it down in a second," said Wall. "Absolutely no. Enough is enough. We have enough schools here already. Our schooling here is really good. I believe we have enough [space] for the next 10 years."

What will be built with the bond money?

If voters opt to approve the district's upcoming request for the estimated \$26 million dollar bond, additions for the Northville school district will include a brand-new elementary school, additions to Winchester Elementary, Moraine Elementary and Northville High School as well as a storage addition at Amerman Elementary. Furthermore, the district is requesting fiberoptic cabling to the new elementary and the establishment of a redundant loop to complete the district's technology structure.

According to school officials, the new elementary would accommodate the projected peak enrollment and would be of adequate size to implement the board of education's lowered class size targets. In addition, the Amerman storage addition will provide space to properly store cafeteria tables, equipment, folding chairs and supplies.

The additional classrooms and the remodeling of the south centrum at Moraine Elementary and the additional classrooms at Winchester Elementary will provide space to implement lower class sizes and provide adequate space for special classes, said school officials.

The Northville High School addition will accommodate the projected peak enrollment of approximately 2,200 students. The current facility is expected to exceed capacity in 2005-2006 using the most likely projection, officials said.

In addition, the fiberoptic cabling project will connect the new elementary school to the district's wide area network and will provide a redundant loop for many of the district's school buildings.

School officials said that the need for increased classroom and building space has become mandatory for the district with enrollment figures soaring, officials said additional room is needed to accommodate the level of growth and will enable the district to keep class sizes low.

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Obituaries

EVA F. BREWER

Eva F. Brewer, 93, of Salem Township died July 21. She was born October 8, 1907 to the late John and Elizabeth Hillkert. Prior to living in Salem Township, she was a resident of Ann Arbor and a member of the Calvary Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her dear children; Patricia Harteg of Plymouth, Alan Royce Wald of Germany; 12 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands; Charles Wald-1962, Fritz Schmerberg-1974 and Theron Brewer.

Visitation was held on Monday from 1-9 at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake(10 Mile), South Lyon. A funeral service was at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements were made by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

FLORENCE LUELLE MARTIN

Florence Luella Martin, 84, died July 17 in the Kindred Hospital in Lincoln Park, Michigan. Mrs. Martin was born July 29, 1916, in Gillespie, Illinois to the late Thomas Joseph Quinn and Mary Edith Ford.

She was a clerical worker and a classical pianist prior to her retirement.

Mrs. Martin is survived by a son, Charles Martin of Northville; three siblings, Thomas J. Quinn of Ocala Flori-

da, Eugenia M. Magalotti of Ocala, Florida and Dorothy Q. Garrett of Ocala, Florida.

Memorial services for Mrs. Martin will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 28, 2001 in the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville. Interment will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Michigan Alliance For The Mentally Ill.

IDA C. WRIGHT

Ida C. Wright, 100, died July 19, at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills, Michigan. She was born July 5, 1901 in Breeze, Illinois. Mrs. Wright had lived in Novi since 1999 and in West Bloomfield for 20 years before that.

She is survived by a son, Fount William (the late Frances) Wright, of Sterling Heights, MI, a daughter, Davis (the late Norman) Thornton of West Bloomfield, MI, 4 grandchildren; Terry & Keith Thornton, Gloria Dixon & Warren Wright, 3 great-grandchildren; Jay & Nicholas Thornton & Anne Marie, and 1 great-great grandchild; Lauren.

The funeral services were held July 23, Monday, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave, Farmington, MI 48335. The Rev. Louis A. Santos, of Southfield Presbyterian Church officiated.

Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Memorials to Hospice of Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Ste. 212, Southfield, MI 48075 would be appreciated.

VELMA L. BELASCO

Velma L. Belasco, 87, a resident of Northville since 1922, died July 13 in Marywood Nursing Home, Livonia. She was born Dec. 14, 1913, in Detroit to Lucius and Grace (Hyser) Blake.

Mrs. Belasco earned an associate degree in business. Her working background included Burroughs in Plymouth and later, Atchison Clinic as an accountant and medical assistant. Mrs. Belasco owned the Bel-Nor Restaurant in Northville. Her memberships included the V.F.W. Women's Auxiliary Post No. 4012, Northville; a lifetime member of Northville Woman's Club; and an active participant in the Suburban Republican Women's organization.

She is survived by a daughter, Judy Belasco Bryant of Tennessee.

Mrs. Belasco was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Walter Belasco in January, whom she married in February 1941; and a sister.

Services were held Thursday, July 19 at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville. The Rev. Pauline S. Hart of the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon was the officiant.

Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville. Memorials to Leader Dogs for the

Blind, P.O. Box 5000, Rochester, MI 48308-5000 or the charity of your choice would be appreciated

ELLEN CUSTER

Ellen Custer, 91, died July 22 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. She was born March 31, 1910, in Prescott, Mich., to Charlie and Nelly (Miller) Hostetter.

Mrs. Custer was employed at Maybury Sanatorium for 25 years prior to her retirement. A resident of Northville since 1928, she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Northville.

Mrs. Custer is survived by her husband of 71 years, Ray of Northville; daughter, Shirley (Richard) DiLorenzo of Muncie, Ind.; sister, Mary Kamara; brother, Byron Hostetter of Prescott, Ariz.; and many nieces and nephews.

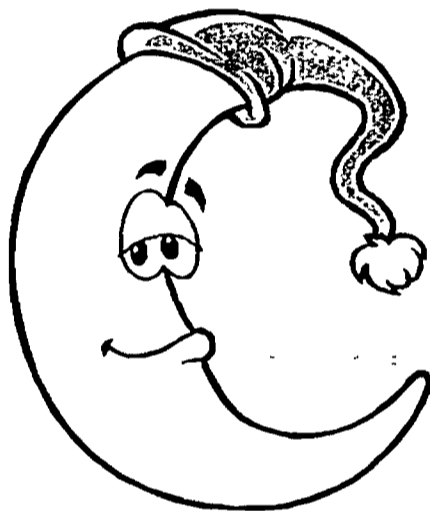
Services were held on Wednesday, July 25 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville, with Pastor Jon Wilkes of the First Baptist Church officiating.

Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

Memorials to the Salvation Army, the Detroit Rescue Mission, or the Pontiac Rescue Mission would be appreciated by the family.

A memorial service for former Northville resident Carl Johnson will be held Aug. 2 at 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

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Thursday, July 26
Archivists, Cady Inn, 9 a.m.
Sunday, July 29
Mill Creek Community Church,
10 a.m.
All Buildings Open to the Public,
1-4 p.m.
Tuesday, July 31
Stone Gang, Cady Inn/Grounds,
9 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 1
Mill Creek Community Church
Prayer Meeting, Church, 7:30 p.m.

Take a Sunday afternoon to come visit the village. Docents (hosts/hostesses) are available in each of the buildings to share the history of the buildings. The village was created in 1972 by the Northville Historical Society on land donated to the city of Northville by the Ford Motor Co. Once the site of a grist mill, the village consists of a church, gazebo, school, rustic wooden bridge, blacksmith shop, general store, interurban station, and several homes reminiscent of an era gone by.

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