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Board of Aldermen gives outlook for 2020

opportunities available to those that might not have been able to get on a merry-go-round or slide before, something we can all be very proud of.

Paving streets! There's been lots of paving going on throughout the city, a lot of which, this year, has been in Ward 4. Lakeview Drive is a main artery through this city, and I was glad to see it on the list and accomplished before the end of the year. Many more streets are scheduled for paving, and you can always access the paving list through the City's website.

Park upgrades across the city! Clinton is in the process of upgrading many of its parks across the city. Some of our parks are aging and will be getting new equipment that addresses safety and accessibility. Our parks are part of what makes Clinton such a wonderful place to live, and I'm proud to be involved in the upgrade process.

Creating jobs! Clinton saw the opening of the Continental Tire plant at the end of 2019. They will continue to grow their plant for years to come. Clinton and its citizens are a community with an atmosphere Continental wanted to call home. We're glad to welcome them here and the opportunities the new plant will bring. Clinton is also enjoying growth throughout our industrial park, commercial and retail sectors, a strong indication of how much Clinton

is growing and thriving.

All of this keeps Clinton the city you're proud to live in, be a part of and call home.

Thank you again for supporting me and letting me be a part of your lives. Your leadership, through us as your elected officials, has led to a stronger, more vibrant, and livable city!

Jan Cossitt Ward 5

Someone said, "Never let the things you want make you forget what you have." With that said, before I look forward, let me take a moment to look back over 2019 and reflect on all that has been accomplished and express my appreciation to those who made things happen.

To the mayor and my fellow Board members whose hearts' desire is to make Clinton all it can be.

To the City departments, their leaders and workers, who protect, provide and ensure the quality of life we have grown accustomed.

And above all to the citizens of Clinton, who have chosen to live here and raise their families. For giving



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of time, talent and treasures to make Clinton a better place to live.

I say thank you, thank you, thank you.

There is a saying, "alone you can do so little, but together we can do so much."

So, I guess my reflection of 2019 is my vision for 2020.

Keep on keeping on.

Mike Cashion Ward 6

2020 is setting up to be a banner year.

On the economic development front, we are extremely hopeful that many of the seeds that have been planted over the past year or two will take root. Many businesses are now taking serious looks at Clinton. Recruiting a business is not something that happens overnight. It is a time consuming process that is predicated on market conditions, financial status of the business and in depth market analysis. Our approach has been very targeted, and it is our hope that our persistence will pay off.

I am also pleased to announce that Ward 6 will be piloting a speed calming program designed to slow down traffic on certain through streets in the city. This has been a four-year



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process that includes data collection, engineering studies and neighborhood engagement. Once the speed calming project is completed, it will be reviewed for effectiveness before being considered for a citywide roll out.

The Magnolia Road reconstruction should begin in early spring of 2020 and provide a much needed rebuild of Magnolia Road.

A VERY important activity that we will all be participating in is the 2020 census. In the last census, Clinton was undercounted by several thousand, as part of Mississippi College was excluded. We have taken steps to verify the accuracy of the addresses that the census will be counting. We are encouraging everyone to participate in the count, because there is so much at stake.

Many federal dollars are tied to population, so an accurate count means the potential for more dollars from the Feds. We will also use this information to market the city. Businesses look for population growth patterns as they consider additional locations. The higher the growth rate, the better we look. Finally, census data helps us determine if we have to redistrict ward lines and where those lines should be drawn. As you can see, the census is important for a lot of different reasons.

Hope your 2020 is the best year ever!



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