

## General Primary Elections Offer Lots Of Options



Marshall County residents will have the opportunity to head to the polls on Tuesday, March 17 to vote on county, state and federal positions in the general primary election.

This year residents can opt to use the new ADA compliant FVT touch screen voting machine, stationed at each polling place and at the courthouse. Jill Kenyon, Marshall County Clerk and Recorder noted that voters will find the new machine very easy to use.

Kenyon said she has sent out over 400 ballots to residents who have opted into mail in ballots and nearly 70 people have come in to vote early. Polls will be open on March 17th from 6 am to 6 pm. Voters can also fill out their ballot at the court house ahead of election day.

The Marshall County Board race is seeing some competition this year in two of the districts.  
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This is the new handicap accessible machine that darkens the oval when a voter picks the candidate. It is called the FVT.

## Illinois Lawmakers Weigh Options To Change Rising Property Taxes

By Glenn Minnis | *The Center Square*  
Republican state Rep. Joe Sosnowski has filed legislation he hopes will make life easier on Illinois residents now facing some of the highest property taxes in the country.

With the issue of affordability being a critical one across much of the nation, Sosnowski recently filed House Bill 4626, which seeks to cap rising property taxes by basing costs on the equalized assessed value of a home in the year that it was bought.

Final assessment costs would then not increase for as long as the person owns their home, with the goal being to make housing more attractive and affordable for first-time buyers, working families and

fixed income seniors.  
"We're not growing, and one of the biggest problems is we have the highest property tax rate and the highest overall combined tax rate of any of the 50 states," Sosnowski told *The Center Square*. "This legislation would be an immediate help to homeowners. It allows people to have an investment that grows, similar to retirement accounts and things that just because they grow in value doesn't mean you pay more taxes year to year."

With Illinois also being home to the most local taxing bodies, House Bill 3723 would also cap annual property tax increases at 1% for seniors and House Bill 3724  
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## The Chief Senachwine Chapter Honors Good Citizens From Area Schools At Latest Meeting

The March 6 meeting of the Chief Senachwine Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, was held at Henry's First Presbyterian Church, Regent Jean Galetti presiding.

Honored by the chapter for their school and community activities were Taylor Rowe, Henry-Senachwine High School; Hannah

Klingbiel, Midland High School; and Cadie Bickett, Putnam High School. Chosen by staff and senior students from the three schools, the students were selected on the characteristics of leadership (personality, self-control, initiative), service (cooperation, helpfulness, personality), dependability (truth-  
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## Midland Middle School February Students Of The Month



Pictured left to right: Kendall Poinant, Aubryn Eberle, Nathaniel Gonzalez, and Isabella Dorsey



Honored by the Chief Senachwine DAR Chapter as Good Citizens at a reception on March 6 are (left) Hannah Klingbiel, Midland High School; Taylor Rowe, Henry-Senachwine High School; and Cadie Bickett, Putnam County High School. The students were selected on the basis of leadership, service, dependability, and patriotism.

<p>Remember to <b>VOTE!</b> Your voice, your choice, your vote.</p>	<p>RE-ELECT <b>JILL M. KENYON</b> COUNTY CLERK &amp; RECORDER</p>	<p>RE-ELECT <b>CYNTHIA M. NIGHSONGER</b> COUNTY TREASURER</p>	<p>Your vote and support on Tuesday, March 17 will be appreciated</p>
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<p><b>VOTE BILL MAUPIN FOR COUNTY BOARD</b> DISTRICT #1 VOTE TUESDAY, MARCH 17</p>	<p>Please turn to page 4 to see a more complete ad on how and why I want to represent you on the Marshall County Board</p>
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<p><b>Varna Fire Department</b></p>	<p><b>FISH FRY</b></p>	<p>Friday, March 27 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. \$12.00</p> <p>Fish (Pollock), Fries, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert, Water, Lemonade, Coffee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Raffle Tickets</li> <li>◆ Silent Auction</li> <li>◆ 50/50</li> <li>◆ Carry-Outs Available</li> </ul>
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