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## Illinoisans vote down constitution change, progressive tax

Minutes before midnight Tuesday, proponents of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's so-called "Fair Tax" said no announcement would be made until every ballot was counted.

Shortly after 9 a.m. Wednesday, they gave up. "We are encouraged by the Illinoisans who cast their ballots in support of the Fair Tax despite the onslaught of misinformation and lies from those who were desperate to defeat the amendment," said Quentin Fulks, Vote Yes For Fairness chairman, in a statement issued at 11:36 p.m. "Until every ballot is counted, we will stand with the Illinoisans who cast a ballot by mail, early and in-person today to ensure their voices are heard."

At 9:03 a.m. Wednesday, in another statement, Fulks said, "We are undoubtedly disappointed with this result but are proud of the millions of Illinoisans who cast their

ballots in support of tax fairness in this election."

Rather than blaming Illinois' financial woes on too much spending, Fulks pointed the finger at "a tax system that has protected millionaires and billionaires at the expense of our working families, a crisis that was only made worse by the Coronavirus pandemic. Now lawmakers must address a multi-billion dollar budget gap without the ability to ask the wealthy to pay their fair share. Fair Tax opponents must answer for whatever comes next."

Final figures were not available at press time, but with more than 90 percent of votes counted, the ballot initiative received 45 percent of the vote, short of the 60 percent needed. "No" votes made up 55 percent of the total

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## Commission seeks logo design for Hoopeston sesquicentennial

Attention Hoopeston visual artists: Your city needs your skills!

The Hoopeston Historical Preservation Commission is looking for a logo for Hoopeston's sesquicentennial next year and is turning to current and former residents to come up with creations.

The winning designer will receive \$100 for the effort, compliments of Just the Facts. "I'm pleased to partner with the commission on this effort, said Just the Facts publisher Lourdine Florek. "As the commission has worked on the sesquicentennial, it has used examples from the 1971 centennial as a backdrop. I'm sure those who put together the bicentennial in 2071 will look at what was done in 2021. It will be an important part of Hoopeston history."



The 1970 Centennial Seal, shown, was designed by Harold L. Morrison. The design was chosen from several entries by residents to be displayed on all official celebration material.

There is no specific theme or slogan for the sesquicentennial so artists are free to let their imaginations free to create in their medium of choice, whether it is paint, photography, digital or mixed media. Designs may be submitted digitally or in hard copy and should be no larger than 5 MB. Designs may be in black and white or color. Artists should check their designs before submission to assure the design is visually appealing in black and white.

Digital submissions, in either PDF or JPG format, may be emailed to Florek at [publish@justthefacts.net](mailto:publish@justthefacts.net). She will make sure designs fit the guidelines before sending them to the commission, which will choose the winning design, which will be used in

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### Toys for Kids signup

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This is for Hoopeston Area school district residents; income qualification will be based on the district book

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at that time.

Had the initiative passed, it would have changed Illinois' constitution, which includes a flat tax, implementing instead a progressive tax which proponents said would have higher tax rates for higher income brackets.

In the weeks leading up to Tuesday's election, Illinoisans were bombarded on television, text and email to vote in favor of the change. Pritzker spent an estimated \$60 million of his own money pushing the tax change.

Locally, voters in Danville and the county at large voted against the initiative.

That togetherness did not extend to the presidential race, where Danville voters chose the Democrat Biden/Harris ticket 5,077 to the Trump/Pence ticket, 4,683. Illinois, as a whole, is backing Biden.

waiver. Parent/guardian applicants must bring proof of residency and children.

### Meetings

Rossville Village Board, 6 p.m. Thursday, village office, to discuss demolition/remediation and demolition bids regarding 106 E. Attica.

Danville voters - and the state - also chose incumbent Sen. Dick Durbin (D), 5,079 to challenger Mark Curran, 4,288. In the county, Curran received 14,452 votes to Durbin's 6,285.

The U.S. Congressional seat currently held John Shimkus will remain in Republican hands, as Mary Miller defeated Democrat challenger Erika Weaver.

In county races, incumbent Jacqueline M. Lacy handily won another term as state's attorney, receiving 15,476 votes countywide, compared to 5,739 for Democrat challenger Sandra Lawlyes. In Danville voting, Lawlyes edged Lacy, 5,019 to 4,760.

In the contest for circuit clerk, Republican incumbent Melissa Quick took both Danville and the county, defeating Gwendolyn Meeks.

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materials marking the celebration.

Hard copy submissions may be taken to Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

The deadline for both is December 1, 2020. The commission will review submissions and announce its choice at the Community Awards Ceremony in January 2021.

Organizers hope Hoopeston's sesquicentennial will be a weeklong event starting Sunday, June 27, 2021, and culminating with fireworks and other events on Saturday, July 3, 2021. Without enough donations and volunteers, the anniversary may have to be cut back to a one-day event, said Mayor Bill Crusinberry.

For more information, or to volunteer to help with sesquicentennial events, contact a commission member - Marta Pierce, Brad Hardcastle, Jeanette Andre, Kristy Kelnhofer, Valarie Hinkle, Debbie Benjamin and Ellen Scharlach - or call Hoopeston City Hall, (217) 283-5833.

### Weather

Decreasing clouds today. High 69. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 46. Tomorrow, sunny. High 71, low 45.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

### Bowling practice start

Hoopeston Area boys' bowling practice will be held at 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Fast Lanes. All who are interested are urged to attend.

### Veterans' Day service

Because of coronavirus restrictions, this year's Hoopeston Veterans' Day service will be held virtually. Segments of the program have been prerecorded and will be aired beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11 on NewWave channel 16 or at [www.hoopeston.k12.il.us](http://www.hoopeston.k12.il.us).

### Miracle Tree forms available

Signup forms for Miracle Tree and Santa Cares, Too are available at Grant Township offices, 525 S. Market. The programs are for Hoopeston children ages 0-12.

Forms may be picked up from 12:30-2 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays during food cupboard hours. Use the parking lot on the west side of the building and the west

side door. Forms, along with proof of address and children in the household, must be returned by November 12. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applicants will receive a receipt as proof of signup. In case gifts are not turned in, the receipt is proof the applicant signed up. This step eliminates fraudulent activity that has occurred in the past.

### MTAD prefilling

Prefiling for the Grant-Butler Assessing District (MTAD) will be 10 am-12 Noon on Monday, Nov. 9 and 1-3 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 525 S. Market St., Hoopeston, for the purpose of accepting candidate petitions for the MTAD Republican Caucus election to be Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020 for the office of GRANT-BUTLER MULTI TOWNSHIP ASSESSING DISTRICT (MTAD) ASSESSOR.

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