

would if the deduction didn't exist. That deduction allows many to buy homes they otherwise couldn't afford and is strenuously defended by the housing industry. But critics say it does little to help lower-income people while it encourages others to go into debt for costlier homes than they

breaks like the deduction for charitable contributions and the income exclusion for employer-provided health insurance to obscure tax incentives for capturing carbon dioxide emissions or maintaining railroad tracks.

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paign. For two decades, Republicans have made opposition to higher tax rates their party's mantra. Neither side is eager to surrender.

The present faceoff is also a tactical duel ahead of an even larger war over revamping the entire tax code.

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR HUTSONVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Hutsonville Community Unit District #1, for 2012 will be held on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 6:45pm at Hutsonville CUSD Unit Office.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing to present testimony to the taxing district may contact Julie Kraemer, Superintendent, at the Unit Office at 500 West Clover Street, Hutsonville or by phone at (618) 563-4912

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2011 were \$822,996. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2012 are \$894,474. This represents a 8.81% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2011 were \$93,752. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2012 are \$91,040. This represents a 2.89% decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2011 were \$916,748. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2012 are \$986,514. This represents an 7.61% increase over the previous year.

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR PALESTINE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #3

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Palestine Community Unit District #3, for 2012 will be held on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 5:50pm at the Palestine Grade School.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing to present testimony to the taxing district may contact Joe Sornberger, Superintendent, at the Unit Office at 100 South Main Street, Palestine or by phone at (618) 586-2713

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2011 were \$1,121,068. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2012 are \$1,274,113. This represents a 13.65% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2011 were \$232,334. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2012 are \$234,000. This represents a 1% increase over the previous year

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2011 were \$1,353,402. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2012 are \$1,508,113. This represents an 11.43% increase over the previous year.