

VOICES

Rising costs means budgets must rise

We have candidates for election saying they will reduce property taxes. We even have one promising to eliminate them.

A great idea.

Oh, wait a minute.

The costs of everything are increasing: gasoline for our deputies; asphalt for our road department; medical supplies for our EMS.

To even maintain our current level of service, the city and county budgets must rise. Yes, rise. You know what that means.

Also, pay for our teachers is way too low. Would you want to face an English class of 7th grad-

ers, whose hormones are about to blossom at any second, for anything under 80k? Well, would you?

Our situation is exasperated by elected officials giving unnecessary tax breaks for conglomerates from outside our area to build stores and factories which they would have done, because we are a growing market, even without the giveaways.

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