



Letters to the editor

Prevent politicization of our courts

At the Aug. 4 primary election we will vote on a proposed constitutional amendment to change the way we select our Supreme Court justices.

The amendment would abolish the merit system we have had since 1958, widely admired across the country, and replace it with elections for all new justice positions.

Our conservative Republican legislators created this proposal hoping that eventually more conservative elected justices will overturn the court's existing decisions on abortion and school finance.

Kansans have already told them in the 2022 election that they favor abortion rights. But "no" was not the answer they wanted, so they are trying a new tack. Most of us also favor funding for our public schools.

This attempt to politicize our court deserves to be defeated. The merit system works superbly.

As the old saying goes, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

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move out of the area from the negative effects of these data centers.

These data centers that you are considering approving in the Pott County area take up a lot of farmland and less farmland means less food for our population. They cause pollution, including light and noise pollution that could force people who live nearby to move. Pollution and water loss will impact recreational opportunities such as boating, fishing and hunting. This also effects the wildlife especially since the flint hills are known for their open areas and wildlife.

Data centers also use a lot of water for cooling down the computers and they use a bunch of energy. We need water to live, for drinking, cooking and bathing. We also need energy for our houses to function and we can either pay more for the same amount of energy we have now or keep paying what we pay now for less energy.

In conclusion, I hope you will consider the effects of the data centers of the young people in the area. I urge you you to say no to the data centers in Pott County. and to keep in mind the people of the community and not the income of the data center corporations.

daily just to cool their equipment. In a world where clean drinking water is already depleting, having data centers just make the situation worse so that it will be a lot sooner when we run out of water. Next, the amount of electricity needed to run these centers puts a lot on the community because the electricity bill goes to the innocent people who live nearby that might already be struggling. Also, it can cause a lot of power outages and makes a lot of loud, annoying noise. Lastly, the sheer amount of land needed and money it takes to build them is not worth it at all.

I respectfully ask that the board take into consideration the points I have presented.

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Who is subsidizing whom?

Saturday's article on data centers quotes Evergy official Jason Klindt who stated that data centers pay a 20% premium over what other industrial users are charged and that both user types subsidize residential rates. Residential rates in Kansas are currently