

## Bit by bit

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**TALL TASK:** Workers from Terry's Tree Service of Lexington started from the top of the giant cottonwood tree on North Market Street Thursday, taking the century-old landmark down piece by piece. Village board members agreed with a tree board recommendation in April that the mostly-dead tree that stands partly on Lane and Dee Ann Birkel's property should be removed. After a land survey and trunk analysis, trustees voted in June to spend what remained of the Shady Brady tree grant to have the tree cut down.