



The Brown County Voter

May 18, 2012

Calendar

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| Thursday, May 24 | Should Brown County consider Vote Center Forums?
Panel Discussion
7 pm County Building meeting room |
| Monday, June 11 | League board meeting
10 am Library
Everyone welcome |
| Monday, June 11 | Annual Meeting
6:00 pm Library
Dinner 6:30; RSVP
Everyone welcome
(See information page 2) |
| Monday, July 9 | League board meeting
10 am Library
Everyone welcome |
| July 29-August 4 | Brown County Fair
Volunteers needed for League booth! |
| August 3-19 | Indiana State Fair
Brown County volunteers needed for State booth,
one day to be determined |

“Everyone Welcome”

When we say that everyone is welcome at the League meetings, we really mean everyone! You need not be a board member to attend board meetings. More people are needed to attend to all the projects of the Brown County League of Women Voters. If you are available on a second Monday morning, come and participate in our dynamic meetings. You might connect with an issue you care enough about to become involved in. If regular meeting times don't work for you, come to our community meetings or volunteer to help out. Everyone has something to offer. Call President Pam Raider at 988-0035.

Annual Meeting Monday, June 11, 2012

Proposed Budget May 31, 2012 thru April 2013

Brown County Library Downstaris Room B

- 6:00 pm Social time
- 6:30 pm Greek dinner catered by Marcia Placke \$15
RSVP by June 7 to Janet Kramer,
bluejayhill@att.net or 988-7378
- 7:10 pm Short Business Meeting and
Election of Officers
- 7:15 pm "State of the County"
County Administrator Mike Thompson
Bring your questions!

Menu

- Greek Chicken and Potatoes
- Vegatarian and gluten free Pastichio (eggplant)
- Greek Salad Pita Bread
- Baklava
- Sweet and plain Iced Tea

Please plan to attend and bring a guest!

Suggested 2012-2013 League Program

Revisit and update our position on Emergency Services

Look a the LWV State position on Health Care and determine how it applies to Brown County.

Support the Vision 2020 Project by supporting the efforts of the B.C. Partnership and, if needed, sponsor additional community conversations.

New Study: Research the quality, availability, and efficiency of delivery of water to Brown County for needed purposes, such as drinking water, firefighting, etc. Revisit position on Lake Monroe Watershed and look at Bean Blossom and Indiana Creek Watersheds.

Income:

Membership Dues \$1215.00
Donations 500.00

Total Income \$1715.00

Expenses:

PMP National \$ 960.00
PMP State 364.00
Pres. Postage, printing fund 100.00
Newsletter postage, printing 100.00
State, National Meetings 100.00
Signs 400.00
Miscellaneous 100.00

Total Expenses \$2024.00

Balance in Treasury, May 31, 2012

\$3226.00

Nominating Committee Report

The members of the nominating committee submits the following slate:

Officers

		Term Expires
President:	Pam Raider	2013
1st V.P. and Secretary:	Julie Winn	2013
Treasurer:	Marge Cook	2014

Directors

Mary Perez	2014
Ruth Reichmann	2014
Judy East	2013
Janet Kramer	2013
Kristie Seastrom	2014

Newsletter: Judy East

Voter Service: Janet Kramer

Membership: Janet Kramer

Partnership B.C. Ruth Reichmann

Planning & Zoning Kristie Seastrom

Health Care Bill Todd

Observer Reports

April Partnership Meeting

by Janet Kramer

We had a report on the Broad Band Initiative Task Force by Mike Laros, Chair. Out of the 2020 Vision a need for high speed internet should be county wide and affordable. They are working towards this by finding a downtown Nashville "WiFi" hotspot and remote public access computer centers to meet the interim needs of residents who do not have or can afford this service. They are focusing on existing infrastructure and alternatives for expanding, identification of potential locations, equipment needs, and meeting with providers.

Brown County for Commonsense Health Care

by Judith East

This small group, which has been meeting for about a year, has applied to the IU Kelley School of Business to have graduate students in A569 work on a health survey in the fall semester. Professor Jim Grandorf has been very encouraging about our application.

If chosen for a class project, four or five

students will each spend ten hours a week trying to answer questions such as:

1. Who needs health care in Brown County? How about dental care?
2. What are the gaps in the field of health care?
3. What is the level of awareness of existing health services in Brown County?
4. What commercial clinics might consider locating in Brown County (e.g. CVS Minute Clinics)?
5. How can we lure those clinics in?
6. How can we market healthy lifestyles to low income people?
7. Are we teaching our children about healthful living? What is in the school curriculum?
8. Is there any improvement in our citizens' health habits?

A project summary will be presented at the end of the fall semester.

Brown County for Commonsense Health Care meets fourth Thursdays at 7 pm downstairs at the Library. Everyone is welcome.

State Position on Health Care

The position is based on and supplements the national position which advocates that all U.S. residents should have access to a basic level of health care, supported by public funding and administration.

It is the responsibility of the state to regulate health care facilities and ancillary facilities, to license health care providers, and in other ways to protect the health of Indiana residents. This role is mainly the responsibility of the Department of Health, with other state offices and bureaus and local health departments having a regulatory and/or enforcement role. Protection of the health of Indiana's residents requires that the state establish, maintain and enforce adequate standards for health care agencies and workers.

Coordination of care is essential for those receiving both short- and long-term care. It requires identifying and assessing need, determining a plan for delivery of services, advocating for those in need, and reassessing service delivery over time.

Certain services for daily living and general health maintenance can be provided in the home and community by family caregivers and professionals. When supported by public funding, these services should be at least as cost-effective as those in residential institutions, and of comparable quality.

Governmental and non-governmental funding of programs to promote healthful lifestyles is to be encouraged, but the state should act where adequate local programs do not exist.

Hospitals should not make up shortfalls from Medicare and Medicaid by shifting costs to commercially insured and paying patients. This burden should be spread among all taxpayers until a single payer system is adopted.

The state should have a process for allocating services to underserved areas and should ensure a mechanism for local input.