



The Brown County Voter

September 24, 2012

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| Tuesday, Oct. 2 | Candidate Forum: School Board and State Offices
7 pm at the County Office Building meeting room
Sponsored by Brown County League of Women Voters
& Farm Bureau
(See some questions page 2, and ask some of your own) |
| Wednesday, Oct. 3 | Televised Presidential Debate: Domestic Policy
9 pm EST |
| Thursday, Oct. 4 | Candidate Forum: Local Offices
7 pm at the County Office Building meeting room
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| Thursday, Oct. 11 | Vice Presidential Debate: Foreign & Domestic Policy
9 pm EST |
| Monday, Oct. 14 | League board meeting
10 am Library - Everyone welcome |
| Tuesday, Oct. 16 | Presidential Town Meeting: Various Topics
9 pm EST |
| Monday, Oct. 22 | Presidential Debate: Foreign Policy
9 pm EST |
| Tuesday, Nov. 6 | Election Day |

League's Questions for Local Candidates

For School Board Candidates

1. List the occupations, training and experience that qualify you for this office.
2. The knowledge of other languages and cultures in this global economy has become increasingly important. What are your views on introducing foreign language skills in the earlier grades?
3. Brown County School Corp. has made great strides in infrastructure. What do you see as additional improvements and services?
4. The CRC is a valuable asset to the community. What do you see as the School Board's role in assuring the continued funding of the CRC?

For County Council Candidates:

1. List the occupations, training and experience that qualify you for this office.
2. The future of the Sock Factory is a major issue in the county. How long can the county maintain the liability of owning this property?
3. How do you suggest funding the courthouse renovation/addition and keeping up with the repair and maintenance of the county roads?
4. TIF (tax increment funding) could aid in the projects such as the Opry and Schooner Valley Village. How would such a funding mechanism benefit/not benefit these and other future projects?

For County Commissioner Candidates

1. List the occupation, training and experience that qualify you for this office.
2. It looks like the Sock Factory will be a major liability for the county. What solution would you suggest for the future of the property?
3. The two major projects facing the county

are the renovation/addition to the Courthouse and the repair and maintenance of county roads. Both are estimated to cost between 3 and 4 million dollars each. What are your priorities for these projects?

4. The Sock Factory and other fires showed that Brown County has a problem with water delivery and pressure. What do you see as a solution to this problem?

For County Treasurer Candidates

1. List the occupations, training and experience that qualify you for this office.
2. Do you have any innovative ideas of ways to handle tax sale property: for example, offering people a payment plan?

For County Surveyor Candidates

1. List the occupations, training and experience that qualify you for this office.
2. Since the Surveyor does most of the work outside the office, how can we be assured the collected information gets to the proper County Office in a timely manner?

For County Recorder Candidates

1. List the occupations, Training and experience that qualify you for this office.
2. Timely and accurate recording is crucial to this office. How do you make sure this is done?

For Circuit Court Judge Candidate

1. List the occupations, training and experience that qualify you for this office.
2. If and when the County Courthouse is remodeled and added to, what would be on your wish list for the court improvements?

Voter Registration

The League of Women Voters of Brown County is registering voters at the Nashville IGA on Fridays from 4 to 6 pm and on Saturdays from 10 am to noon between now and the first week of October.

People who should register are:

- Those who have never registered before and who will be 18 by Nov. 6;
- Those who have moved since last registering to vote;

• Those who have not voted in so long they might have been purge from the records.

If you are unsure about your registration status, you can check online at:

www.indianavotes.in.gov or
www.indianavoters.com

There you can also actually register, find your polling place, see who will be on your ballot and more. Tell your family and friends!

Voter ID Requirements

by Julie Winn

Election Day is Nov. 6. Save the date! It is our civic duty and our privilege to vote, and by voting, to help decide our way forward.

If you are eligible to vote and have not yet registered, you have until Oct. 9 to do so. Visit the county clerk or stop by the Brown County IGA Friday afternoons from 4- 6 p.m. or Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon.

Please remember that in order to vote, you will need a photo ID issued by the State of Indiana or the federal government. The name on it must conform to your voter registration record and it must have an expiration date (unless it's a military ID) that is either current or expired since the last general election (Nov. 2, 2010). Examples include an Indiana driver's license or state ID card (also issued at the BMV), a U.S. passport, a military ID and, provided there's an expiration date, a student ID from a school in the state university system.

If you don't have one of these forms of identification already, or you have a friend or family member who doesn't, we urge that you begin working on getting one quickly. In order to obtain a newly issued Indiana driver's license or ID card, you will have to show documentation that may take time to gather. Please consult the Bureau of Motor Vehicles as soon as possible to make sure you understand exactly what you will need. You may need to produce items such as an original or certified birth certificate, naturalization papers where appropriate, legal documentation of name changes (including marriage certificates and divorce decrees), proof of Indiana residence and proof of your Social Security number.

Looking forward to a great Brown County turn-out!

New Website for Brown County League

Your local League has launched its own website at <https://sites.google.com/site/brown-countylwv/>. Check it out and consider bookmarking it for updates. Items and suggestions are welcome; please send them to judithaeast@yahoo.com.

Observer Report: Partnership Meeting, August

by Janet Kramer

The August Partnership meeting was held at the Purdue Extension Meeting Room. The featured speakers were from Tri Kappa, Psi Iota Xi, Lions, Rotary and Shrine clubs. We learned the history, activities and projects of each organization. The question was posed: do you know about Vision 2020 and do any of your activities fit within the vision? (Most participants were aware of it.)

County Administrator Mike Thompson gave the Government/Citizen Partnership update.

A survey was handed out for the Community Foundation for information on future planning.

The Quarterly Report from 211 was given out; 81 requests were received this quarter and 102 referrals were made.

Join in a Community Healthcare Conversation "Healthcare Reform and Medicare: Are you confused?"

October 9, 2012, 7 - 8:30 pm
Great Hall, First United Methodist Church,
219 East 4th Street, **Bloomington**

Invited Guests:

- Bob Zaltsberg, Moderator, Editor, The Herald Times
- Shelli Yoder, Indiana 9th Congressional District Candidate
- Todd Young, Indiana 9th Congressional District Representative (*declined*)
- Rob Stone, MD, Director, Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan
- Kosali Simon, PhD, Professor, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs, specializing in health economics and policy
- Beth Cate, JD, Associate Professor, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs

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Local Candidates Forums in October

by Pam Raider

Along with the right to vote comes the responsibility to inform ourselves of the important issues facing the country, the state and our local community. This is the role the League of Women Voters has filled during its 92 years of existence.

Your local Brown County League of Women Voters and Farm Bureau will again be hosting Meet the Candidates forums to help voters make informed choices this November 6th. On Tuesday, October 2, 2012, the School Board and State candidates will take their turn answering voter questions. On Thursday, October 4, 2012, the County Commissioners and County Council will take their turn. Both events will be held in the upstairs meeting room of the County Office Building at 7 pm. This is an opportunity to meet and hear from local candidates for office.

Our media partner, The Brown County Democrat, will soon print our questions for the candidates (see page 2) and will be at the forum videoing and streaming the event. We now have the capacity

to watch the event from home and interact by sending in questions. If you miss the event entirely, you will still be able to catch it on their website later.

Remember, you have until October 9th to register to vote. This can be done at the local BMV (where you can also get a photo ID) or the clerk's office (which can also answer any questions about photo IDs) or on line at www.indianavoters.in.gov or www.indianavoters.com. Until October 6th the League will be registering voters at the local IGA on Fridays from 4-6 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to noon.

Early voting begins at 8 am on October 9th and will run up through the week before the election. Early voting will take place in the downstairs meeting room (next to the Auditor's Office) at the county office building from 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday and the last two Saturdays before the election from 9 am to 3 pm. The polls will be open on Tuesday, November 6th, from 6 am to 6pm.

Vote! It definitely makes a difference on the local level.

Hope to see you at the forum and the polls.

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