

School board candidates answer questions Monday

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"Knowing what that dollar buys, I really haven't had a chance to study it. But it seems to me, we're a little high taxed right now. We need to take a look at that, where the money is going."

Troup believes the tax rate will be stable and does not see any large increases coming. "I think the tax rate is about where it should be... is about right and there will be some fluctuation." Pointed out was the fact of 100 additional students needed to be educated and "the board is diligently trying to keep taxes down."

Jordan pointed out a big reason for a difference in tax rates over past years is because of assessed valuation. He cited some figures where, based on the corporation size, it's in the top 90-95 districts in the state. He noted the state does fund 60 percent of the program with 40 percent being funded locally. He stated that the corporation's tax rate is 242 out of 300 plus school districts.

"I'm not going to say our tax rate is right or wrong. I'm going to say this, I don't think this board has spent a dime of your money that has not been given a lot of consideration... and does it better the educational opportunity of the student."

Roberts commented he does not believe anybody enjoys paying taxes. "I feel we are probably

in the range we need to be." He added the corporation is in the ball park of spending per student and that is where "I will try to be looking... we probably could never spend enough, and never spend too little."

Other questions were: Should the corporation offices be moved to the old Syracuse High School and administration office used for expansion of the high school; how to make sure teacher input is taken seriously by administrators; problems in education facing the corporation; where education is heading the next decade; and how quality time of teachers can go back to focusing on the children and not on mandates from the government.

Why Running

Each candidate was asked why he is seeking election and to give his particular areas of interest or concern, qualities, goals and ideas to be brought to the board.

Jordan's response was he has worked with the board as a team member helping to establish and implement policies that would provide an educational environment to meet the changing instruction and personal development and enhance the educational opportunities. For the next four years he has three key goals in mind: think always in terms of children first, provide an education that not only meets all children's immediate needs, but

prepares them for the future, and administer school costs by minimizing expenses and maximizing education. "We should not spend a dollar that is not appropriate for improving education."

Roberts is seeking election because of his interest in serving the community and in the improvement of education for the young. His goal as a school board member is "to provide our students with educational opportunities so that they may fully develop their human potential. It may be a lofty idea, but I would like to see every student become a productive member of our society."

Ross' response was that he feels it is time for him to take his expertise, education/mathematics and put them to work. "I'm a computer user and I know the technology is moving so fast, that I can understand how a child can't keep up. I'd like to take my expertise and be able to pass it on and help the administration understand some of the problems I see in educating our children."

Troup responded he believes he can still contribute to his community by serving as a board member. "I have four years experience in all areas of board membership." He further stated "I bring to this position, stability, family values and a concern for my community. I show that I care by contacting members of the community about how new policies will affect them and listen to their concerns."

One other question that the candidates voiced opinions on was moving the administration office to Syracuse Junior High and using the administration office for high school expansion.

Roberts, Jordan, and Troup felt this was not a viable solution as the present administration building is not suitable, nor designed for high school expansion, nor is it feasible, monetarily, to remodel the Syracuse High School.

Ross commented he has not seen the building (Syracuse Junior High) and pointed out he would have to see it before making any comments.

Refreshments were available and were provided by members of the Parent-Teacher Organizations in Milford, North Webster and Syracuse.

How fast?

The fastest speed at which a giant tortoise can crawl is about five yards a minute.

It's our business —

The year ahead — 1991

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Fall is the traditional time for economists to make predictions for the year ahead. As is usually the case, there is considerable disagreement as to what the future holds. With the turbulent world situation, the outlook crystal ball is cloudier than usual.

In the summer of 1989, the prognosticators were becoming uneasy. The period of strength and prosperity without a recession had been underway for a new-record length of time. Increasingly, some economists were seeing a recession by mid-1990.

The growth between mid-1989 and mid-1990 did slow substantially from the levels of the years 1983-88. However, by mid-1990 we certainly had not fallen into a full-blown recession. In July 1990, the consensus of 34 reporting economists was that we would again escape a substantial recession.

sion in business through mid-1991. However, they saw continued sluggish growth accompanied by a 4 percent inflationary increase in prices.

Then came the war-like moves of Iraq and the resulting response by the United States and much of the world. Trouble in the important Middle East oil fields sent world oil prices up sharply.

The same 34 economists in late August were asked to look into the future again. This time they saw a much weaker future than they had forecast in July. Fourteen of the 34 were predicting a business recession sometime between mid-1990 and mid-1991. This group differed in the expected timing and severity of the recession. Some thought there would be substantial economic troubles before the end of this year; others thought the major recession problems would develop in early 1991.

The remaining 20 outlookers also predicted a much weaker economy ahead than they had foreseen earlier. However, they estimated the economy would

NEW ADDR 200 Your Street	OLD ADDR 800 Your Street
OCCUPANT John Doe	TX 457-0000
OWNER if rental home name of owner here	TX Phone no. of owner
HEALTH/FIRE HAZARDS	
List here if gasoline is stored in a garage or shed in a large quantity or other items that can cause harm in the event of a fire.	
DIRECTION/LANDMARKS Third house North of Our Street right hand (East side) of Your Street	
FIRE 1ST ALM	Fire department 2ND 3RD
EMS 1ST ALM	Will Fill This 2ND 3RD
PAGE 2	
UTILITY INFORMATION	
GAS NIPSCO (Company name) TX	1-800-422-6199
ELECTRIC NIPSCO (Company name) TX	1-800-422-6199
MEDICAL INFORMATION	
1 PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENTS	Wheel chair used, Poor eyesight, deaf in one ear
2 MEDICAL CONDITIONS	high blood pressure, heart problems
3 ALLERGIES	Penicillin, milk
4 PHYSICIANS	Dr. Joe Quack TX His Phone No
COMMENTS There are 17 people living in the home 2 adults 10 children. Children's bedrooms in lower portion of home. Taking medication for nerves and tension	

How to fill out E-911 forms

Questions continue to arise on how the recent forms mailed to residents and businesses in the town of Syracuse should be completed.

A sample of a completed form is shown above.

The person completing the form should place his or her new and old address where indicated. The name of the person who resides there or business name should be placed at the occupant location, followed by the "TX" "TX" means telephone number.

If the owner of the location is different than the person listed for the occupant, the owner's name and telephone number should appear on the next line.

Under health/fire hazards a list should be made of those items which could cause harm to those on the scene or living in the area if there was a fire. Examples would be: 50 gallons of gasoline in the garage, gun powder in the basement, swimming pool

chemicals (chlorine, acid and so on).

Directions and/or landmarks to the location should be given. This could include the direction and number of homes from the nearest street or road, which side of the street, what housing addition, across from a specific school or church, or a business.

Fire department officials will complete the next two lines where it states "Fire 1st alm:" and "EMS 1st alm."

Utility information is also sought. Persons need to indicate if there is gas provided to the location and what company provides it, plus the telephone number. The same for electric supply.

Medical information should be completed for all who reside in the home. This becomes important in an emergency. List any physical impairments someone may have no matter how big or small.

Make sure the medical conditions are listed. Emergency personnel need to know if someone has high or low blood pressure, is a diabetic, is a bleeder. Again make sure it is listed, no matter how big or small.

The same goes for allergies. If medical attention is needed by a resident of a home, this information is needed by medical personnel. Remember: A patient may not be able to talk.

Names and telephone numbers of physicians are also needed. If there is more than one doctor, list all.

Space has been provided for comments. Persons completing the form can include how many persons reside in the home, if there are children where their bedrooms are, what medications are being taken and by whom.

All the information on this form will be typed into the E-911 system. When an emergency occurs at a location, all of this information will be available to emergency personnel responding.

Syracuse Fire Chief Jerry Byrd asks all persons who received this form to complete it and return it to the fire station as soon as possible. Those who did not receive the form should contact the Syracuse Clerk-Treasurer's office.

Critical shortage

There is a critical shortage in America — sleep! The majority of Americans are getting at least an hour to an hour and a half too little sleep every night.

What is causing this huge problem? Complex work schedules, social and economic trends, social pressures, all-night TV, the reasons are many. And many people have come to consider sleep their most expendable item.

According to the National Institute on Aging, at least 13 million Americans say their lack of sleep is a source of misery to them. — Health News Network



FIRST FLASHING SIGNAL IN COUNTY — The intersection of Old State Road 15 and CR 900N, south of Milford, is the first site in the county to have a flashing signal light.

The light, activated on October 24, was installed after the county commissioners approved the action earlier this month. The intersection, which is now a four-way stop, has been the scene of a number of serious accidents over the past several years prompting the action by the commissioners. (Photo by Scott Davidson)

Flashing signal light activated at Old SR 15 and CR 900N

By SCOTT DAVIDSON
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After a number of serious accidents at the intersection of Old State Road 15 and CR 900N, action was taken on October 24 to try and make the location a safer spot for motorists traveling in the northern portion of the county.

The intersection, located about two and a half miles south of the town limits of Milford, is the first location in the county to have a flashing signal light installed. The final work on the flashing beacon signal and the installation of the additional stop signs to make the intersection a four-way stop was completed last Wednesday afternoon.

The flashing beacon light, along with the additional stop signs, received approval from the county commissioners earlier this month after Ken Traylor, county highway engineer, recommended that the action be taken to try and make the intersection safer for area motorists.

The intersection, which has been the scene of a number of serious accidents over the past several years, received even more attention after residents of the area complained about the problem after a two-car collision there on August 1 sent four per-

sons to area hospitals with serious injuries.

"This is something that is needed and we have to do something to try and make the intersection safer somehow," commented commissioner Maurice Beer at the October 9 meeting of the commissioners. Beer, who himself resides within a half-mile of the intersection, added that he had heard about the problem from area residents and understood their concern over the matter.

After studying the intersection, Traylor made his recommendation for the flashing signal light at the commissioners meeting on October 9 and received their approval for the action. The cost of the project totaled around \$5,700 after initial estimates placed the work at around \$3,500. The extra expense was incurred after NIPSCO refused to move electric poles for the project and the county had to incur the cost itself.

With Old State Road 15 acknowledged by local officials as a highly-traveled section of roadway in the county, there is hope that the new flashing light and four-way stop will make the intersection safer for area motorists. "I realize that some people won't like the fact that they now have to stop while traveling on Old 15 north or south-bound, but this is the action that we thought would be the best

alternative at the current time for the problem," added Beer earlier this month after the commissioners moved 3-0 to approve the action at the intersection.

Voters go to polls Tuesday

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paigh, Hudnut says he has saved \$53 million since Hogsett was sworn in as secretary of state.

Other state races and the candidates are: auditor of state, Ann G. DeVore, Republican, versus Ann A. Whaley, Democrat; treasurer of state, Marjorie H. O'Laughlin, Republican, versus Thomas L. New, Democrat; clerk of the supreme and appellate courts, Daniel Rock Heiser, Republican, versus Dwayne M. Brown, Democrat; and state representative, district 18, David A. Wolkins, Republican.

There are four write-in candidates, one for secretary of state and three for US Senate, in this year's election. Those write-in candidates are: Theosis Nunn, for secretary of state; Stephen W. Dillon, Senate; Richard W. Eisenhour, Senate; and John L. Plemons, Senate.

Propositions
In addition to selecting the can-

didates for national, state, county and local offices, voters will also be making decisions concerning two amendments to the Indiana Constitution.

Proposition one asks voters whether there should be a deadline for the General Assembly's action on a gubernatorial veto. It reads, "Shall Section 14 of Article 5 of the constitution of the state of Indiana be amended to require the General Assembly to act on a governor's veto before adjournment of the next regular session of the General Assembly?"

Currently, when the legislative session has adjourned for the year, the governor must return the vetoed bill to the house of origin on the first day of the next session. Indiana's Constitution does not specify a deadline for any action on the veto in this circumstance.

Proposition two addresses existing constitutional prohibition against the purchase of stock

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