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An Interview with Duane E. White

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Duane White, a parent who was opposed to a school consolidation initiative for Abingdon, Avon and Bushnell-Prairie City school districts, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Agriculture in Illinois - School Reorganization* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Duane White was born in Avon, Illinois on January 16th, 1962 and graduated from Bushnell–Prairie City High School in 1980. He earned a Bachelors degree from Western Illinois University in Vocational Education in 1985. He farms part time, and also works in a management position selling agriculture related insurance products. Duane became involved in the three-way consolidation of Abingdon, Avon and Bushnell-Prairie City school districts, serving on the Building and Grounds Committee in the Committee of Ten. He was most involved with the impact of consolidation as it impacted the use of school buildings, and also on transportation issues. He was a member of the “Just Vote No” Committee and was a vocal opponent to the proposed consolidation. The three-way consolidation was defeated in March, 2012.

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