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State representative to run for 53rd District senate seat

A man who has represented the western part of Illinois for five terms now wants to represent the 53rd district as its senator.

Dan Rutherford (R-Pontiac), announced his candidacy Monday in Pontiac. Tuesday, Rutherford was stumping Vermilion County, including Hoopeston.

Rutherford has served as representative for nine years and, if elected, will keep much of his constituency. The 53rd District includes northern Vermilion County, along with all or parts of Iroquois, Champaign, Livingston, McLean, Woodford, Tazewell, Ford and LaSalle counties.

Rutherford has several issues he hopes to address as a senator, including that of property taxes to fund schools. He does not support increasing taxes but believes a local tax swap should be considered. He would seriously

Crown Ford Mercury to award \$1,000 FFA scholarship

Crown Ford Mercury of Hoopeston is sponsoring one \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to local FFA members in the spring of 2002. It is one of 400 Ford Trucks/FFA scholarships to be awarded by Ford dealers to FFA members in their trade area who are seniors planning to attend college in the 2002-03 year.

Applications for the scholarship are available at Crown Ford Mercury, 623 S. Dixie Highway, Hoopeston. Applications and a list of participating dealers is also available online at www.ffa/activities/scholarships.org.

This is the fifth year of the Ford Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program, which has awarded \$1,690,000 to FFA members since 1997. Ford Trucks is the largest sponsor in the FFA scholarship program.



RUTHERFORD

Rutherford is aware of how planned Medicaid cuts will affect hospitals, including Hoopeston's. However, he does not blame those cuts on Governor Ryan. During the November veto session, Republicans

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evaluate letting school district residents vote by referendum to raise a local income tax in exchange for a dollar for dollar reduction, up to 50 percent, in the annual extension of real estate taxes.

Long term care is another issue Rutherford would like to fix, especially reimbursement levels for nursing homes. While not increasing the budget, Rutherford would like to tie Medicaid payments to the level of care nursing home residents receive, with more money going for those who require more care.

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Christmas Scavenger Hunt

5 p.m. Dec. 15

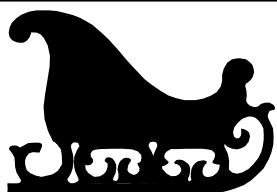
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Bowling Scores



Thursday Afternoon Ladies League Standings 11/29/01

1. Pla-Mor Lanes	24	12
2. Gress I	21½	14½
3. Knuth's	20	16
4. Rex's	16½	19½
5. Crunch's	14	22
6. H&R Block	12	24

High Team Game: Rex's 847, Gress I 807, H&R Block 795;
High Team Series: Rex's 2,414, Gress I 2,383, Pla-Mor Lanes
2,314; **High Individual Game:** Jo Anne Gress 202, Thesia
Pierce 201, Linda Van Burk 201; **High Individual Series:** Jo
Anne Gress 537, Thesia Pierce 519, Linda Van Burk 515.

Senior YABA Standings 12/8/01

1. Lopsotpy	22	11
2. Lil Bowlers	22	11
3. Hot Shots	20	13
4. Shibby	19½	13½
5. Pin Snappers	17	16
6. No Limit Soljuz	17	16
7. The Simpsons	7	26
8. Shibby 2	6½	26½

Team Scratch Game: No Limit Soljuz 651, Shibby 648, Pin
Snappers 627; **Team Scratch Series:** Pin Snappers 1,830,
Shibby 1,824, No Limit Soljuz 1,811; **Team Handicap Game:**

Shibby 846, Lopsotpy 836, No Limit Soljuz 802; **Team
Handicap Series:** Lopsotpy 2,444, Shibby 2,418, Lil Bowlers
2,277. **Boys Scratch Game:** Matt Watts 198, Arik Burens 193,
Anthony Cappellano 189; **Scratch Series:** Chris Huddelston 520,
Curtis Warner 512, Ronald Cappellano 508; **Handicap Game:**
Brad Garner 242, Matt Watts 242, Ronald Cappellano 226;
Handicap Series: Zack Sage 638, James Cappelloano 629,
Callahan Russell 626. **Girls Scratch Game:** Michelle Garner 154,
Brittany Rowe 107, Ashley Simpson 86; **Scratch Series:**
Michelle Garner 387, Brittany Rowe 290, Ashley Simpson 252;
Handicap Game: Michelle Garner 224, Brittany Rowe 206,
Ashley Simpson 186; **Handicap Series:** Michelle Garner 597,
Brittany Rowe 587, Ashley Simpson 552.



Police News



Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident re-
ported at 3:30 p.m. Monday at 825 W. Elm. An un-
known vehicle hit a parked 1992 Pontiac owned by
Linda L. Brown of Parkview Court.

A woman's ring was found Monday in the 200 block
of West Main. The owner may identify and claim it at

the police station.

A 38-year-old man reported Monday that someone
broke the driver's side front door glass and took a Nokia
phone. The damage occurred in the 400 block of East
Penn.

The car is owned by Crown Ford on Rt. 1.

Senate continued from other side

worked to expand the area from which Ryan could make
budget cuts but that plan was blocked by Democrats,
leaving only certain areas available for Ryan to cut. "He
wasn't able to go over the whole budget," Rutherford
said.

The infrastructure of small communities is also impor-
tant to Rutherford, who would like to find ways to help
with large capital expenses such as new sewer systems
and water towers. "I don't want to have the small towns

getting behind the big cities," he said.

Agriculture is another area of concern. As former head
of the Illinois Department of Commerce's International
Operations under former Gov. Jim Thompson, Ruther-
ford was responsible for Illinois' overseas trade bureaus.
"Illinois is the third state in the nation in exporting agri-
cultural products and fifth in exporting manufacturing
products," he said. "There's no question the global mar-
ket is a big part of the economy of this state."

Rutherford said he would work to increase exports of
not only ag products but also value-added items such as
soybean oil, and would like to increase university fund-
ing for research into more value-added products.

Weather



Cloudy, rainy today. High 51. Tonight, showers.
Low 46. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, scattered show-
ers. High 49, low 33.

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