



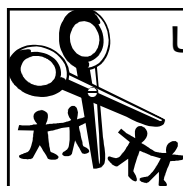
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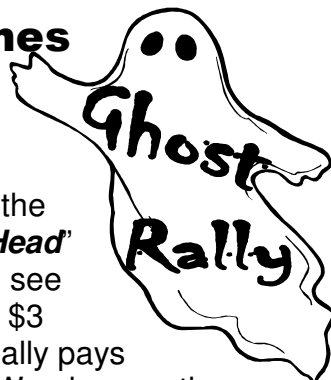
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Black praises, ponders in last scheduled local appearance

State Rep. Bill Black (R-Danville) mixed humor among messages on safety, government, next year's Farm Progress Show and change at Monday's Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting.

The meeting may have been Black's last as a representative of northern Vermilion County residents. In January, Hoopeston and the surrounding area will be represented by Shane Cultra of Onarga while Black's district will be shifted further east.

Black began his speech talking about the Farm Progress Show and the need to improve roads leading to it. "When the Farm Progress Show starts, it's going to be the biggest city in Vermilion County to a factor of five," he said. "Of course if farm prices don't improve, they're going to have farm equipment that nobody can afford to buy."

Other topics included:

- prescription coverage for senior citizens, including a new, income-based program that is often more beneficial than the Circuit Breaker. The state is currently printing brochures on the program which will be available locally in the future.

The \$340 million program is funded by tobacco settlement money and state and federal tax dollars.

- clemency for Death Row inmates, which Black said needs to be handled on a case-by-case bases rather than granting blanket changes to life imprisonment. "There are people on Death Row who are not nice people," he said. Families of victims currently going through clemency hearings are having to relive the horror of the crimes, he said, adding two families are from Vermilion County.

"I think the death penalty has to stay for a jury to impose and the state to have to carry out," Black said.

- state prisons, including a Supermax prison in Thompson, which is two years old and has never been used



State Rep. Bill Black makes a point at Monday's Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting

because there is no money for staff. "If you don't have the money to staff them, why would you build it," he asked.

In a related issue, Black called the privatization of prison food serviced "the dumbest thing I've ever heard of," because state officials approved the measure without calculating its cost. Aramark Corp., which provides the service, also had a contract with Ohio, which was

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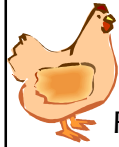
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Black continued from other side

cancelled and in Florida, the company has been fined for not meeting the contract, he said.

- the license-for-bribes scandal facing Gov. George Ryan. Calling Ryan “a quintessential grandfather,” Black said “I just have a hard time believing Gov. Ryan knew what was going on and that he personally benefited from it.”

The scandal may cause problems for Republicans in the November election. “This is the worst year to be a Republican since Watergate,” he said.

- the state budget, which shows less revenue than last year. This is the first year since 1955 that that has happened, Black said. Although next year’s budget will not follow suit, Black said officials must still hold the line on spending, including imposing a hiring freeze, “a real hiring freeze, not one where you announce it and hire them anyway,” he said.

Other special interest spending should also be curtailed. “We’re spending millions of dollars to multi-

millionaires to build a stadium for millionaire players for a game a lot of us can’t afford to buy a ticket for so we stay home and watch in on TV,” he said.

- an ethics law he plans to sponsor which would eliminate officials accepting anything from anyone. “I’m just ornery enough to see who is going to vote for it,” he said. The measure is not expected to make him popular with fellow Republicans. “The Republican caucus may very well be held in a phone booth,” he said.

- reapportionment. The population shift that changed Black’s district also took more power away from downstate Illinois. Black said 58 percent of people live north of Interstate 80.

“We’re losing our voice downstate,” he said. Tax money that funds necessities in rural counties mean nothing up north. “A lot of Chicago and suburban legislators have no concept of a volunteer fire department,” he said.

- change. “I don’t have to tell you things have changed

and not for the good,” he said. “The world has changed. I understand it but I don’t like it. This is a completely different world than most of us grew up in.”

Black talked about difficult times facing Vermilion County and the need to eliminate competition between communities. “What’s good for Hoopeston is good for Vermilion County, what’s good for the county is good for Hoopeston,” he said.

While Black will not represent this area after January, he said he won’t forget the people here. “We’re going to keep Hoopeston in our thoughts and in our prayers,” he said.

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Revival services

The Westside Church of the Nazarene is holding revival services at 7 p.m. nightly through Saturday. The church will host a bonfire, wienie roast, hayride and movie beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Open House

Family and friends of Jim and Charlotte Beckworth are invited to a 50th anniversary open house from 3-6 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Hoopeston American Legion.

The couple requests no gifts but cards are welcomed.

‘Trip to Hell’

A walk-through drama, “A Trip to Hell” will be presented from 7-9 p.m. Oct. 25 and 26 at The Coffee House (the old New Bethel Church) 204 S. Chicago St., Rossville. Admission is free.

Meet the Candidates

Milford will host a Candidates’ Night Oct. 28 at the Milford Depot. Harwood and Mathy will be on hand to answer questions.

Refreshments will be served and door prizes given.

Neighborhood Watch

Incoming Rep. Shane Cultra of the 105th District will speak at the Nov. 4 Neighborhood Watch meeting. It will be held at 6 p.m. at Country Terrace.

Police News



Two youths, ages 16 and 17, reported Monday that someone took their bicycles from the 300 block of South Third Ave. One is a 20” red and black Schwinn; the other is a 20” chrome Mongoose.

Weather



Chance of rain today, tonight and tomorrow. Today’s high 52, low 38. Tomorrow’s high 50, low 38.

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