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Rutherford brings light bulbs, sheds light on state issues

ROSSVILLE—State Sen. Dan Rutherford brought a little light for residents here, then chatted with them, shedding light on issues of interest.

Rutherford (R-Pontiac) brought compact fluorescent light bulbs to the Rossville Village Office Thursday afternoon, then fielded questions on topics ranging from Gov. Rod Blagojevich's arrest to county and township interests.

Gary Weinard, Grant Township Road Commissioner and District I Vermilion County Board member, talked with Rutherford about several issues, including the Rossville Area Fire Protection District situation, where the board tried and failed to get a referendum to fund the new station after the board's plan to fund it, approved by their lawyer, was disallowed; the need for township road districts to merge, allowing them more funds for large equipment; and nursing home reimbursement.

Regarding the fire station, Rutherford said he was unaware of the issue but would check into it.

As for state government involvement in township issues, "the best thing that can happen in Springfield for township government is...nothing," he said, adding "townships have to come to a consensus themselves."

Rutherford told Weinard not to get his hopes up about more timely nursing home reimbursement payments, saying the state is behind in other payments, including those to waste haulers.

At a time when the state is strapped for cash, Gov. Blagojevich wants to add more programs. "You don't go out and expand new programs," he said. "It's going to get very bad."

The question ultimately is whether counties should be in the nursing home business. In earlier times, counties had poor farms, many of which became



State Sen. Dan Rutherford (R-Pontiac) talks to Pam Bell of Rossville about compact fluorescent light bulbs he brought to the village Thursday. Residents may pick up bulbs at the Village Office.

nursing homes. Now, with long-term care facilities, home care and other services, there is less need for county-owned nursing homes. However, I'm not for or against" county ownership," he said.

Regarding choosing a new senator to replace President-elect Barack Obama, Rutherford said he has not weighed in on a suggestion by some Democrats to

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Briefly

Nominating petitions available

Nominating petitions for Hoopeston offices are available for the April 7, 2009 general election. Packets may be picked up at City Hall from 7 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Positions include mayor; clerk; treasurer; Ward 1 alderman, four-year term; Ward 2 alderman, two-year and four-year terms; Ward 3, four-year term and Ward 4, four-year term.

Aldermen currently in those positions include Bill McElhaney, Jeff Johnson, Carl Ankenbrand, Bill Crusinberry and Bill Goodwine.

DVDs available

Hoopeston Veterans' Day ceremony DVDs are available for \$10. To purchase, call Dan Reed at 283-9511.

Men's basketball

First Baptist Church has open men's basketball from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. All area men are invited.

Obituaries

FOX - Corbin Fox, 92, of Danville, formerly of Rossville, died at 7:50 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008 at Provena United Samaritans Hospital, Danville. Funeral service was at noon Saturday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Potomac. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Park, Danville. Visitation was 11 a.m.-noon Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church, Hoopeston.

GREENBERG - Wanda Greenberg, 95, of Hoopes-

ton, died at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, 2008 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

STRAWSER - Jack A. Strawser, 58, of Milford, died at 6:01 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 2008 at Rush University Medical Center, Chicago. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Woodworth. Burial will be in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Woodworth. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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hold a special election to choose a new senator to replace President-elect Barack Obama, saying he believes some Democrats had a "ready, fire, aim" approach to the problem, wanting the election without considering the consequences.

A special election would be costly - \$30-\$50 million - and the tab would be picked up by Illinois' county clerks offices.

Additionally, if a special election is approved, Rutherford said the practice should be extended to all Constitutional offices.

Weather



Snow likely with accumulation of 1"-3". High 27. Tonight, snow likely. Low 21. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, chance of snow late. High 37, low 32.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

RCO announces parade winners

The Rossville Community is pleased to announce the winners for this year's 7th Annual Parade of Lights:

1st Place Business/Organization: Rossville Jaycees
"How the Grinch Stole Christmas"

2nd Place Business/Organization: North East Vermilion FFA "The Country Fair"

3rd Place Business/Organization: North East Vermilion FFA "Candyland"

1st Place Family/Individual: Dewain and Marilyn Moore "M&M Express"

2nd and 3rd Place in Family/Individual were not given do to lack of entries in this category.

There were 28 entries in the parade, twelve of which had requested to be entered in the "Best Of" category.

In addition the RCO would like to announce that Darren Duncan of Rossville was the winner of the holiday gift basket.

The RCO would like to thank all of the organizations and individuals who entered floats in this year's parade.

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