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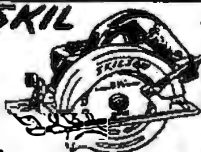
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## Police News



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 3:28 a.m. Friday to a house fire at 829 E. Wyman. No injuries were reported.

Billy W. Norris, 431 W. Penn, reported Friday that an unknown vehicle struck his 1993 Chevrolet Suburban while it was parked at 214 W. Washington.

Lucas R. Swartz, 16, of route 1, Wellington, was ticketed for driving too fast for conditions following an accident at 6:02 p.m. Friday.

Swartz, in a 1976 Chevrolet pickup truck, struck a 1986 Ford Mustang owned by Donald Coon, 703 E. Honeywell.

Coon's car was parked at Hoopeston Area High

School.

Swartz forfeited his license in lieu of bond.

Ronald A. Breeding, 104 Kenwood Rd., Apt. 60, Champaign, reported Sunday that someone broke the passenger side window of his pickup truck while it was parked in the 100 block of First Ave. A gold Elgin watch was taken.

Jeremy L. Powell, 1003 1/2 W. Main, reported Sunday that someone took the back sliding window from his 1987 Nissan while it was parked behind his home.

Daniel P. Silver, 1210 E. Thompson, reported Sunday that someone took the mailbox from his home.

## Briefly

### Music Booster winners

Winners in the Music Booster calendar drawing are: Dec. 11, Ron and Ann Lindvahl, Taylorville; Dec. 12, Ron and Marilyn Longfellow, Hoopeston; Dec. 13, FMC, Hoopeston (donated back), Dec. 14, Terri Herring, Lima, Ohio; Dec. 15, Cathy and Chris Layden, Hoopeston.

### Marketing workshop

Dr. Darrel Good of the University of Illinois will present a crop marketing workshop at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Hoopeston Public Library. The workshop is sponsored by the library and Demeter, Inc. For more information, call the library, (217) 283-6711.

### Christmas concerts

Hoopeston Area grade school students will present their Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec.

12 in the John Greer gym.

Rossville-Alvin students will present their concert Dec. 13. Grade school students will perform from 6:30-7:15 p.m., followed by high school students from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

### Yard decorating contest

Don't forget the Christmas yard decorating contest sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees and Just the Facts. Winners in traditional, religious and most original categories will receive \$20 prizes. Send your nomination to: Just the Facts, P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston, IL. 60942 by Dec. 22.

### Senior citizens to meet

Rossville Area Senior Citizens will meet at noon Dec. 11 for a potluck. Blood pressures will be checked. The program will be presented by the Rossville-Alvin Junior High music department.

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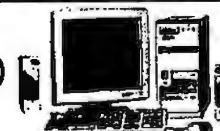
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## December? Is it time for Christmas shopping already?

'Twas two weeks before Christmas and all through the house,

Not a creature was stirring,  
And that was the problem.

It is not possible that it's already Dec. 11 and there are only two weeks left until Christmas.

Where has the time gone?

I drive around Hoopeston and see people are in the holiday season.

Trees are up and decorated (and probably already have presents under them, although it would be rude to peek in windows to find out for sure.

Houses are decked out in holiday splendor: wreaths, lights, both multi-colored and white, twinkle in the darkness. Lighted Santas and manager scenes decorate the local landscape.

And then there's me.

To be honest, I'm not as far behind as I've been other years. I have at least thought about getting a tree and getting it decorated. I've thought about Christmas shopping. I have a list of who I have to buy for, although I haven't the foggiest idea what I'll be buying.

My problem is, when the Christmas shopping season starts (which seems to be shortly after Easter these days) I refuse to be bogged down in the commercialism of the holiday. I tell myself "It's only October. I've got plenty of time."

The next thing I know, it's Dec. 11, Christmas is two weeks away and I am not ready.

While I prefer to think holding off getting ready for Christmas until December is somehow more noble than cleaning off the Thanksgiving table and getting the decorations out, there are some inherent problems in being so noble.

For example, by the time I get around to getting a tree (a real one) they will have already been thoroughly picked over.

The tall, majestic kind will already be ensconced in someone else's home, their finery carefully draped on each branch.

What will be left are trees with character: odd bends here, missing branches there, trees just begging for a good home, trees that won't complain if their decorations don't follow a particular theme.

In short, trees other people laugh at.

Gifts will be as picked over as the trees. Forget about getting Mom that one special appliance she wanted. It

disappeared the day after Thanksgiving.

As for nieces and nephews, they won't be getting those special toys because they haven't been spotted since the week before Halloween.

Did you ever notice that sweaters and jeans don't get the same "oohs" and "aahs" that accompany the high fashion doll, complete with car, penthouse and complete wardrobe?

Like most other years, I'll probably feel lower than whale doo-doo as I scour the store for the perfect gift that is no longer there. I'll promise myself that next year, I'll do it right, get an earlier start.

I'll comfort myself with the (crazed) notion that there are still two weeks left and surely the stores will get another shipment of merchandise before Christmas and the perfect gift will be there after all. I'll keep returning, hoping and becoming frustrated when nothing new appears.

You'd think I'd know better by now. I've gone through this for more Christmases than I care to remember.

It's my own private Christmas tradition.

I wonder how everyone would feel about handmade mittens this year?



## Weather

Partly cloudy and cold today, with a chance of flurries. High in the upper teens or low 20s. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the single digits. Tomorrow, variable cloudiness. High near 36, low near 9

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