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Maple School students to perform 'Not a Creature was Stirring'

First, second and developmental first grade students at Maple Elementary School will present a holiday program at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Dec. 19.

Students will present "Not A Creature Was Stirring," about a family of mice who have never heard of Christmas. Each class will sing a Christmas song and explain a part of Christmas to the mice.

Students with speaking parts at the 10 a.m. showing include Ashlee Underwood, Rochelle Morgeson, William Decker, Andrea Crothers, Alex Hasbargen, Whitney Anderson, Chase White, An-

drew Hodge, Jennifer Stevens and Ryan Tyler.

The 12:30 performance will feature Erica Goodrum, Jarrod Schmitz, Robbie Zamaripa, Alicia Ramirez, Erica Jordan, Jill Lockhart, Benjamin Vance, Willie Keister, Whitney Garrison and Ryan Tyler.

Because of limited seating, guests are asked to attend only one of the two performances.

Other seasonal programs at Maple include the Early Childhood/C.A.R.E. program, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 18 and the kindergarten program at 10 a.m. Dec. 20.



Christmas shoppers should keep receipts for easier exchanges

Perhaps this article comes a bit late for those who plan ahead, but for the last minute shoppers like myself, here's some good advice.

Everyone receives gifts that don't fit, they don't want or wouldn't be caught dead in. You may be the one buying that gift. The purpose of a gift is to make someone happy and if your gift wasn't on target, you should not be offended if the recipient wishes to return or exchange it.

After the holidays, stores everywhere slash prices. It's a great time to buy, but the worst time to return merchandise without a receipt. Retailers are not obligated by law to exchange merchandise or give a refund unless they advertise a policy to do so. Then they may legally require a receipt.

Nonetheless, many retailers are quite generous about giving refunds or making exchanges. The trouble is that you bought the gift full price and now

the price is at 50 percent. Without a receipt, the retailer will give the recipient credit at the sale price.

Does this mean the retailer is scamming the consumer? No. Any other policy would mean that people could buy sale merchandise at the discounted price after Christmas, then return it the next day without a receipt, demanding the original price, claiming to have received it as a gift. Then the retailer would be getting

ripped off.

Keeping your receipt and informing your loved one that it is available insures the recipient will get the full value and enjoyment of your gift - your goal in the first place.

Here's some other advice. Make sure toys for toddlers and infants do not have small parts. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commis-

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Legally Speaking

by Calvin Hultquist/
Kate Giffin, attorney



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Name:

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Briefly

Santa's here

Hours at Santa's house will be 2-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays until Christmas. The house is on Main St., between Global Fashions and the Paper-house.

Food for fines

The Hoopeston Public Library is offering "Food For Fines" during December. Each can of food counts as \$1 toward a fine. Food will be donated to the Grant Township Food Cupboard.

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.

Exchange continued from other side

sion, if the part is smaller than a golf ball, it is too small. Also, temporary shops set up for the holiday offer splendid gifts, but they usually close up shop quickly, making exchanges impossible. Gifts which may not fit or be wanted should be purchases from retailers open year around.

Times are tough. Shop wisely.

Thursday Trivia



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Today's question: What is the seventh element in the periodic table?

Last week's winner: Christy Stadler
Last week's answer: "America the Beautiful"
has the word alabaster in the lyrics.

Police News



Lillie McBride, 809 E. Wyman, reported Wednesday that someone took a 12-gauge Winchester shotgun from her home.

John Anel, 517 S. Fifth St., reported Wednesday that someone took a Sanyo stereo from his 1986 Nissan while it was parked at his home. The ball from a trailer hitch was also taken.

Court dispositions



Nov. 16: Gregory Bird, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, nolle pros.

James Cox, Danville, loitering, \$150.

Andrew Coon, Danville, loitering, \$150.

Dec. 7: Carolyn Fenner, no address, deceptive practice, nolle pros.

Judith Ford, Hoopeston, parked in handicapped zone, pleaded not guilty, Feb. 15 trial.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Dec. 12, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Weather



Cloudy today with a 30 percent chance of rain. High in the mid to upper 40s. Tonight, continued rain. Low in the mid 30s. Tomorrow, rain and snow. High near 46, low near 35.

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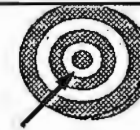
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