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## Christmas is time to recycle money into the community

Well, here it is the middle of December. That can only mean one thing - it's the Christmas shopping season.

Merchants across the land are waiting for us to recycle our hard-earned cash from our wallets to their coffers.

The start of the shopping season also means, unfortunately, that people will be leaving Hoopeston in droves to head for malls and mega-stores. And that's too bad.

The November Chamber of Commerce newsletter had a snippet about that very subject.

Reprinted from the Illinois Main Street Matters October newsletter was a question regarding shopping locally. The powers that be responded that "consumers do not want to be preached at or made to feel guilty. Consumers typically feel they have the right to make their own buying decisions with their own money, and the truth is, they do!"

Donovan Rypkema, an economic development consultant, was quoted as saying "Downtown business owners frequently feel that the community 'owes' them



a living, when, in fact, no one 'owes' anyone anything."

All that is true. I certainly don't like to be told where to spend my money. But maybe it's not a bad idea to point out a few things about shopping in Hoopeston.

Shopping locally keeps money in Hoopeston. That's an obvious point, but one we tend to forget.

Dollars spent in Hoopeston are returned to the city in the form of taxes. Those taxes are used to repair our streets, improve our water and sewer systems, pay our police officers, update our schools, buy new books for our library.

Still other dollars go to replace merchandise so shop owners can stay in business. If people don't shop, merchants can't buy and stores close.

Still more of those dollars go into the merchant's pocket and those of employees so they can spend them - hopefully at other local businesses.

There is a notion that shopping locally is more expensive.  
**See MONEY on other side**

## Briefly

### Food for Fines

The Hoopeston Public Library is once again helping the Grant Township Food Cupboard.

From now until Jan. 3, 1997, the library will accept nonperishable food or paper products in lieu of fines for overdue materials. Each item donated will equal \$1 toward the fine.

All items collected will be donated to the Food Cupboard.

### Crossword winner

Stephen Eyrich was the November winner in the Just the Facts crossword puzzle contest. He received a \$50 gift certificate from Ted's Home Beverage.

### Village making list

Rossville residents who have boiler heating systems are asked to call the village office at 748-6914.

Superintendent Lance Deck is making a list of all those with boilers.

## This is the weekend of the poinsettia

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### Money continued from other side

sive than going to a mall or mega-store, but 'taint necessarily true.

I went recently to the new Wally World to compare prices between it and our local stores. Of 22 items on my list, 18 could be found in Hoopeston at the same or a better price.

### Police News



**Helen Buhrmester**, 17640E 4300N Road, reported Wednesday that someone scratched the hood of her car while it was in the IGA parking lot.

**Shirley Harper**, owner of Henning's Restaurant, reported Thursday morning that someone entered the restaurant, forced open the safe and took an undetermined amount of money.

Police are investigating.



### Lunch menus



#### Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, oven tator tots, cheese, pears.

TUESDAY: Hot dog/bun, baked beans, slaw, peaches.

WEDNESDAY: Turkey & noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, bread, margarine, fruit cocktail, cake.

THURSDAY: Fish nuggets, corn, salad, applesauce, bread, margarine.

FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun, French fries, cheese, pickles, pineapple.

#### Hoopeston Area High/Middle Schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun or tuna salad/bun, oven tator tots, peas, cheese, pears.

TUESDAY: Hot dog/bun or sub/bun, baked beans, slaw, peaches.

WEDNESDAY: Roast turkey or Z rib/bun, whipped potatoes, green beans, roll, margarine, fruit cocktail, cake.

THURSDAY: Fish nuggets or ham & cheese/bun, corn, salad, applesauce, bread, margarine.

FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun or corn dog, French fries, cheese, carrots, pineapple.

#### Rossville-Alvin Schools

Finally, it seems like everyone complains about the Hoopeston economy and how in a few years, Hoopeston will be a ghost town. Shopping locally is one way to help the economy and do our bit to keep Hoopeston alive and well.

### Obituaries

**MURRAY** - Leona K. Murray, 89, of Hoopeston, died at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1996, at White Community Hospital in Aurora, Minn. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or the church's Dorcas Society. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MONDAY: Cheeseburger, crispy fries, rosy applesauce.

TUESDAY: Pizza Hut Day, salad, chilled fruit.

WEDNESDAY: Baked chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, honeymoon salad, roll.

THURSDAY: Hot dog/bun, mixed vegetables, pineapple.

FRIDAY: Cook's choice.

All menus include milk.

### In the Hospital



#### Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Dec. 11, 1996

**Admitted:** Roy Lewis and Lloyd Simpson, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Mary Banks, Hoopeston.

### Weather



Partly cloudy today and tomorrow. Highs near 44, lows near 30. Sunday, snow showers likely. High near 36, low near 27.

There are other benefits to shopping locally: smaller crowds, more safety, less spent on gas and, for the most part, better customer service.

Obviously, Hoopeston doesn't have everything we need to complete our seasonal shopping, but before we hop in the car to head south...or north, west or east, we should take a look around, see what's here.

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