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**Hoopeston merchants report slow start to holiday shopping**

Hoopeston businesses were busy during the kickoff weekend of the Christmas shopping season but most reported few actual Christmas sales.

"We had a few people in but traditionally, we don't have the rush like you do at the malls," said Rod Gaddis of Rod's Home and Auto. "We're a little behind you might say. It was busy, it just wasn't overwhelmingly busy."

Products that sold well over the weekend included batteries, snow brushes and car care products, Gaddis said.

Jim Pajor of Olympic Hardware also reported a busy weekend but not one filled with Christmas shoppers.

Instead, Pajor said he saw lots of families doing home repairs. "Lots of home improvement was going on," he said. "The kids were home for Thanksgiving and the parents put them to work."

At Olympic, power and hand tools were the top weekend sellers. "We were swamped Friday," Pajor said.

At Global Fashions, "it was my average, decent Saturday," said owner Robin Lawson. "My business is one that isn't affected by the holiday rush because people don't buy clothing. Grandma gives them a \$10 bill, not a sweater," she said.

To offset declines in clothing sales, Lawson added craft and novelty booths to keep customers coming in. "That's helped us," she said.


The only store surveyed that had strong Christmas sales was Pamida. Overall sales were down slightly  
 See **SHOPPING** on other side


**Obituaries**

**EASTBURN**—William "Bill" Eastburn, 79, of Sheldon died at 11:50 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Danville. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Baier Funeral Home, Watseka. Burial will be in Sheldon Cemetery, Sheldon. Visitation will be 3:30-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Shriners Children's Hospital, Chicago or Diabetes Foundation.

**WARF**—Virgil T. Warf Jr., 77, of Hoopeston, died at 9:35 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000 at home. Private family services will be held at a later date. Public visitation will be 9-11 a.m. Wednesday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home followed by military rites. Memorials are suggested to Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 1900 E. Main St., Danville, IL 61932.

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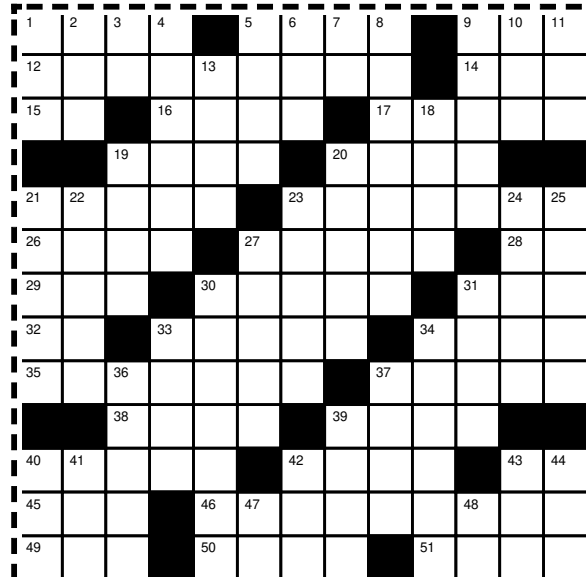
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**Across**

- 1. Fishing vessel
- 5. Display
- 9. Beseech
- 12. Lay it \_\_\_\_, be frank: 3 words
- 14. Before: poetic
- 15. You and I
- 16. Sudden attack
- 17. Sleep fantasy
- 19. Party-giver
- 20. Dismounted
- 21. Exhausted
- 23. Bloom; flower
- 26. Ripped
- 27. Timing device
- 28. '\_\_\_ Cucaracha'
- 29. Wondrous feat
- 30. Heavy board
- 31. Illuminated
- 32. 'Let \_\_\_ Call You Sweetheart'
- 33. Stood up
- 34. Stone-Age home
- 35. Object strongly to
- 37. Foundations
- 38. Roam around
- 39. Stronghold
- 40. Blaze
- 42. A Great Lake

- 43. In case
- 45. Rodent
- 46. Short book
- 49. Lyric poem
- 50. Shade-giver
- 51. Flower of love
- 20. By oneself
- 21. Postal seal
- 22. Great force
- 23. Explosion
- 24. Shade of green
- 25. Spouses
- 27. Nearby
- 30. Stop (from happening)
- 31. Endure
- 33. Powerful particle
- 34. Profession
- 36. Speak formally
- 37. Cook in bubbling water
- 39. Gratis
- 40. To and \_\_\_
- 41. Young boy
- 42. Adam's mate
- 43. Possessive pronoun
- 44. M.D.'s charge
- 47. Rain \_\_\_ shine
- 48. As far as

**Shopping continued from other side**

from last year but Thursday sales were strong, said manager Dawn Coenen.

Top sellers at Pamida over the weekend included Techno Puppies, computerized, handheld games and fiber optic Christmas trees, wreaths and ornaments, Coenen said.

**Police News**

A **27-year-old** man's vehicle was taken from his home in the 500 block of East Thompson. The man discovered his car missing when a Danville tow company arrived at his home to tell him the car had been towed from Danville.

A **21-year-old** Elgin man reported that items he had stored were taken from a home in the 200 block of West Orange.

Missing items include beer lights, Christmas decorations, clothing and shelving.

**In the Hospital**

**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**

**Nov. 22**  
**Admitted:** Frances Swanson, Hoopeston.  
**Discharged:** Thomas Donaldson.

**Nov. 23**  
**Admitted:** Mildred Read, Hoopeston.  
**Discharged:** Frances Swanson.

**Nov. 24**  
**Admitted:** none.  
**Discharged:** Mildred Read.

**Nov. 25**  
**Admitted:** Martha Morlan, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** none.

**Nov. 26**  
**Admitted:** James Atwell, Hoopeston.  
**Discharged:** none.

**Weather**

Partly cloudy today. High 45. Tonight, chance of snow, accumulation possible. Low 30. Tomorrow, snow tapering to flurries. High 35, low 22.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

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