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Why not shop Hoopeston stores first for Christmas needs?

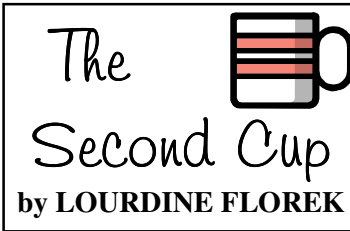
Here we are, the day after Thanksgiving, stuffed to the gills with turkey and potatoes and more dessert than we care to remember.

The best thing to do today would be nothing but that's not going to happen because today is...drumstick, er, drum roll, please...the busiest shopping day of the year.

That means people will load up the car and head off in search of those early morning, day-after-Thanksgiving specials. The trouble is, many people will leave Hoopeston and even Vermilion County, taking with them precious sales tax dollars.

I know what you're thinking. Little Billy wants this thingamabob and Susie wants a special doohickey that you just can't find in Hoopeston. Fair enough. If you can't find it in Hoopeston, then venture forth into packed stores in search of that special something.

However, for those items on your list that are available locally, Hoopeston is the best place to get them, for several reasons.



by LOURDINE FLOREK

First, it's not true that the big stores have lower prices. Our Pamida and Dollar General stores fare well against the big one on the north end of Danville and.

Second, it's not true that "you can't find anything in this town." I must admit being guilty of grousing about that, too, but when you look at it, we have a good

selection of merchandise from which to choose.

Third, by shopping locally, you pay less sales tax than elsewhere. The sales tax you do pay returns to fund our city government. Less sales tax means higher taxes elsewhere (think water hike, telecommunications tax...).

Fourth, our merchants support our town. Their profits allow them to contribute to local organizations that provide programs for infants to senior citizens and people in between. Can you say that about out-of-town stores?

Fifth, you get to visit with friendly people when you shop locally. You don't have to blow a gasket listening to giddy young sales girls dish the dirt on their most recent dates while you're waiting for one of them to help you find something.

Gallerie Romantique



Fine Antiques, Collectibles,
Lotton Art Glass & a wide variety of Holiday items.

One-of-a-kind Wreaths and Table Decorations handcrafted by us for your home are now available at very competitive prices.

Shop us first. You won't be disappointed.

Tues.-Sat. 10-5 Sun. 12-4 Rossville 748-6352

Give a touching gift this holiday season with a Gift Certificate from



Through Dec. 7, buy 1 certificate, get a 2nd at half off. Call (217) 283-4012

"Homecoming" Open House Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Bring your guests who came "home."
You all come!

Door prizes, refreshments &
open house specials

Flowers & Gifts by Molly Culbert

702 W. Main, Hoopeston 283-5578 Open 7 Days

Christmas Open House

Global Fashions
will be open until **7 p.m. Friday**
for your holiday shopping!
Special 5-7 p.m. only
Candles - \$10

PLAN AHEAD!
Open your 2003 Christmas Club account today!

Community Bank
Hoopeston, Illinois

Your hometown bank since 1913
221 Bank St. (217) 283-7733 Rtes. 1&9 283-9723
221 E. Main, Wellington (815) 984-3130

What would your stuff cost to replace?

You may think your things aren't worth much. But the average person has over \$20,000 worth of stuff that's probably not covered by a landlord's policy. That's why you need State Farm renters insurance. State Farm insures millions of people's possessions. Which is good to know because stuff has a way of really adding up. Call today and see how affordable renters insurance can be.



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Screen 1: "Treasure Planet" (PG)

Flat, 96 minutes, presented in SDDS/HPS-4000

7 p.m. nightly, 3 & 5 p.m. Fri./Sat./Sun.

Screen 2: "Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets" (PG)

Scope, 169 minutes, Dolby SR Stereo
6:30 p.m. nightly, 3:15 p.m. Fri./Sat./Sun.

4 the best Christmas, call on

**Ho, Ho, Ho
On the Go**

Christmas Services

4 all Christmas events, call
(217) 443-6637



Christmas is coming
to Berry's
Christmas Open House
featuring **Sawdust & Stitches**

A Special Craft Showcase

Thanksgiving Day 1-5 p.m.

Friday & Saturday (Nov. 29-30) 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 1 12-4 p.m.

Refreshments & door prizes

Order holiday cemetery pieces, beautiful fresh-cut & flocked trees, fresh wreaths & roping and special decorating items for holiday entertaining, including silk & fresh floral arrangements.

Berry's

3714 N. Vermilion St.,
Danville, IL 61832
(217) 446-3076/(217) 477-7030



Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Sausage pizza, peas, applesauce, brownie, milk.

TUESDAY: Hot dog/bun, fries, pineapple, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken taco/soft shell, salad, peach slices, milk.

THURSDAY: Ravioli, Max stix, fruit cocktail

FRIDAY: Chicken nuggets, tri-tator, oranges, Sweetie Bears, milk.

Hoopeston Area High/Middle School

MONDAY: Pizza boat or hamburger/bun, fries, apple-sauce, milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken taco/soft shell or corndog, salad, pineapple, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Biscuit/sausage gravy or rib/bun, tri-

tator, scrambled eggs, peach slices, milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken strips, breadstick, potato wedges, cheese sauce, fruit cocktail

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, potato or taco soup, tortilla chips, oranges, milk.

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce, salad, pears, garlic bread, cheese stick, milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger, tator tots, pineapple, apple crisp, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Corn dog, mac & cheese, raisins, oranges, milk.

THURSDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit, cheese biscuit, milk.

FRIDAY: Chicken nuggets, corn, applesauce, snicker-doodle, milk.

Newly-renovated Ridge Farm lanes host Budweiser Classic

The Budweiser Classic Bowling Tournament entered the newly-renovated lanes in Ridge Farm on Nov. 16 with 63 bowlers competing. After the four-game qualifier, the field was cut to the top five on the high and low sides.

On the low side, with 30 bowlers, fifth seed Greg Irby defeated fourth place Curt Vice 205-154. Irby then faced Donnie Cheesman and held on in a close 178-174 match. Irby's run was topped by second seed Rick Rife, who won 171-174, pitting Rife against top qualifier Doug Wagoner. Rife won by the lopsided score of 193-157.

On the high side, fifth seed Jason Turner won by forfeit when Jerome Nelson did not return from the morning session. Turner met third place Bobby

White, who pulled out a 183-161 victory. White also beat second seed Rich McFarland, 203-162 but lost to top qualifier Charlie Varner, 224-189.

Varner and Rife squared off in the final match, which Varner narrowly won, besting Rife 194-190.

Next month's tournament will be held at 9 a.m. and noon Dec. 15 at Lincoln Lane Annex in Danville.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 48. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 28. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 38, low 25. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 38, low 24.

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

Karaoke Blues Deacon

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Fri. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Sat.

No cover charge!

Budweiser Holiday Steins - just \$14.50

BJ's Pump

Bar & Package Liquor Store

1023 W. Main, Hoopeston (217) 283-5700

Wally's Pub & Eatery

119 S Chicago Rossville 748 6858



Come Party With:
Krazy George Karaoke
Sat Nov 30 9pm-1am

Open For Lunch Daily
All Lottery Tickets Available Here
Kitchen Closes at 8:30pm

Classifieds

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Spacious 2 bedroom apt. Completely remodeled. Very nice. \$350/mo. Call (217) 283-7435.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Having out of town visitors? We have two brand new 1 bedroom furnished apartments available by the night or by the week. TV, phone, utilities included. (217) 283-7996.

AUCTIONS

Thinking of having an auction?

Go to www.jonwitvoetauctioneer.com or call (217) 748-6289!

HELP WANTED

Part time help, stock crew. 11 p.m.-7 a.m. Also part time meat department. Apply in person at Jerry's IGA, Rtes. 1 and 9, Hoopeston.

HOUSES FOR RENT

Adorable 2 bedroom home available Dec. 15 or Jan. 1. \$475/mo. Security deposit, references required. No pets. (217) 304-3477 before 6 p.m.

2 bedroom house. Full basement. Appliances furnished. \$475/mo. Deposit required. No pets. (217) 283-7996.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

New computer desk, with hutch and 1 drawer Printer, Fax machine. Phone (217) 283 6849. 339-336

PETS

Good home wanted for me...I'm a cute male kitten who is looking for a good home. I will be 8 wks. Old soon and have had my flea treatment/wormed and ear mites taken care of. My owner says she will pay for my 1st shot which is due in about 2 wks. My brother found a home and now I need one. I am litter box trained. Please call Pat Polson, (217) 283-6646 or 283-5517.

SERVICES

Pampered Pet Grooming. Lots of TLC. Call anytime for appointment. (217) 339-2340.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

White 92 Honda Civic EX 5-speed, sun-roof, 178,000 miles, \$2,500 OBO, evenings 765-762-6160.

Call (217) 283-9348 to place your ad.