HUGO — Holiday shoppers nationwide spent more in 2009 than the previous year according to national credit card companies, which track spending trends.

Shopping results in Hugo and Choctaw County were mixed according to area retailers.

Russell Baker, manager of Sharpe's Department Store in downtown Hugo, had glowing reports about his Christmas sales.

In a word, Baker said his Christmas sales were, "fantastic."

"It was the wildest Christmas season I've ever had," the veteran retailer said today. "It was the biggest two weeks I've ever had and it was the biggest December our store has ever had."

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