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Applications may be picked up at the Hoopeston Police Station at 301 W. Main Street, Hoopeston, Illinois, 24 hours a day. Applications must be turned in no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 15, 2004 at the Hoopeston Police Department in person or by mail.

The written test will be given on April 19, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at Hoopeston City Hall. Candidates must bring photo identification and may bring a calculator. The physical agility test and oral interviews will be given at a later date.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens who possess a high school diploma or equivalent, with a valid Illinois drivers license, no felony arrests or misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude.

Those candidates who successfully pass the written test will be placed on the Candidate Eligibility Roster for employment. At the time of hire, the successful candidate must be able to pass a physical agility test, oral interview, medical examination, an

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Local soldier has third surgery, recuperating from shooting

A local man is recuperating from a third surgery resulting from an injury he received in Iraq.

Brandon Schuler is at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., said his mother, Teresa Sollars in a telephone interview Monday.

Schuler was injured last week when his convoy underwent enemy fire in the Baghdad area. Schuler was shot in the hip and has had three operations to repair a damaged colon and large intestine. The first surgery was in Iraq, followed by a second in Germany and the third at Walter Reed.

The third surgery was necessary to clean Schuler's wounds. The previous two operations were considered "dirty surgeries," Sollars said, adding her son has a blood infection which doctors believe was caused by the previous operations.

Because of the nature of his injuries, Schuler will be put under and endure more operations each time his wound dressings are changed, expected to be at least once a week for now, she said.

The 22-year-old Hoopeston native is expected to be hospitalized for some time. Sollars said medical personnel have estimated the stay at 30 to 90 days, perhaps longer. He is expected to be at Walter Reed for at least another week and then may be transferred to another hospital, perhaps at Ft. Hood, Tex., where Schuler had been stationed with the 129th Army Infantry.

Schuler, who was serving as a gunner when his unit was ambushed, remained conscious until he returned to the unit's Iraqi base, Sollars said. He has

no memory of flying to Germany or the U.S., she said, adding that her son was one of about 50 soldiers injured or killed in the ambush.

Sollars said her son's spirits are good but that he has had nightmares about the incident. "Night before last was the first time he could sleep for more than 10 or 15 minutes at a time," she said.

Sollars' spirits are getting better as her son improves. She and her family were vacationing in Florida when they received word that Schuler was injured. At first, she said, the Army said they would get her a flight to Germany - later changed to Washington, D.C. when Schuler was transferred. However, Sollars ended up arranging her own flight when an Army one did not materialize. Sollars cites the number of people injured in the ambush as one reason for the delay in getting an Army-arranged flight. "I don't think that was indicative of how it usually works," she said.

One flight was arranged but was cancelled due to mechanical problems which would have made it impossible for Sollars to catch her connecting flight but a second flight was arranged and Sollars arrived in Washington at about 9:30 p.m. Thursday.

Schuler's father, Fred, and sister, Liz, also flew to Washington. They returned home this weekend but Sollars has been joined by her husband, Pete, and their sons Rick and Rod, who flew home from Florida, then drove to Washington.

Except for a quick trip home to make arrangements for her business, Sollars said she expects to be at her son's side "as long as I need to be. I'm

Brandon Schuler would like to hear from friends while he recuperates. His address is:

**Sgt. Brandon Schuler
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Police News



Jeremy W. Lile, 27, of 522 W. Chestnut was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 4:10 p.m. Thursday.

Police said Lile, in a 1988 Dodge truck, hit a 2000 Buick driven by Evelyn M. Dain, also of Hoopeston. Dain was in the westbound Lane at First Ave. and West Penn and was signaling to turn left when Lile struck her, police said.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 6:18 p.m. Friday at McFerren Park.

Police said Jason D. Judy of Hoopeston, in a 1999 Jeep, was westbound when Heather J. Martin, also of Hoopeston, backed a 1993 Pontiac from a parking area and hit him.

Matthew M. Hofer, 21, of 323 S. Fourth St., was arrested at 12:25 a.m. Saturday at Pla-Mor Lanes, 719 W. Elm. Hofer, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear for bond return, was taken to the Public Safety Building in lieu of \$7,500 bond.

Three people were taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital after an accident at 1:12 a.m. Saturday at West Main and Sixth Ave.

Police said Maricela Lopez of Hoopeston, in a 1993 Ford Taurus, and Brodie McNeese of Fairmount, in a 1995 Pontiac Firebird, were eastbound on Main when McNeese stopped at the intersection. Lopez failed to stop and hit him.

No tickets were issued. The accident is still under investigation.

Bailee E. Wheeler, 17, of Danville, was ticketed for failure to yield at an intersection after an accident at 3:22 p.m. Saturday at East Elm and Sixth St.

Police said Wheeler, in a 1998 Ford, entered the intersection and was hit by a 1989 Cadillac driven by Kayla L. Lamar of Rossville.

Terri M. Bell, 51, of 522 N. Ninth Ave., was arrested at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at CVS Pharmacy, 1010 W. Chestnut. She was charged with battery on a complaint with a 39-year-old Hoopeston woman and

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Briefly

Multi Agency van schedule

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Community center activities include: Monday, ladies bridge, noon; Tuesday, ladies euchre, noon; Thursday, men's coffee, 9:30 a.m., men's euchre, noon; Friday, ladies cards, noon.

Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Music Booster calendar drawing are: April 12, Evelyn Dain; April 13, Dave's Electronics; April 14, JoAnn Hatley, Rossville; April 15, Elizabeth Phelps, Wellington; April 16, Ken Burt.

Tiny Tots

"Corduroy" is the theme of this week's Tiny

Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Mammogram special

Hoopeston Regional Health Center is offering a spring mammogram special April 26-30 and May 3-7. Cost is \$100, which includes the mammogram and radiologist reading. The health center will bill insurance companies.

Women 40 or older are advised to have a yearly mammogram. Breast cancer claims the lives of thousands of men and women each year and can be cured if detected early enough.

To schedule an appointment, call (2317) 283-8252

Slab to be open

The Hoopeston city slab will be open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. beginning April 17.

Weather



Chance of rain or snow today. High 54. Tonight, chance of rain. Low 30. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 61, low 41.

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