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Applicants must be 21 years old at the time of appointment, U.S. citizen, high school diploma/ GED, good physical condition; no felony arrests or misdemeanor convictions/pleas involving moral turpitude or domestic abuse; a valid driver's license, free of previous terminations from a law enforcement agency, unless exonerated by a judicial or administration review process.

The City of Hoopeston offers a competitive wage and benefit package including family health insurance, vacation, equipment provided, holiday pay. Contract negotiations are currently ongoing for a first-time contract between the officers and the city.

Applications may be picked up 24 hours a day at the Hoopeston Police Department, 301 W. Main Street, Hoopeston or downloaded from our website at www.hoopestonpolice.org and click on the EMPLOYMENT PAGE. All applications must be turned in to the Police Station no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 4, 2006.

Applicants will be contacted by the Board of Police Commissioners regarding a testing date.

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Investigators find truck, body of missing Ryan Katcher

An Oakwood woman's five-and-a-half year search for her missing son is over.

On Tuesday, investigators pulled Ryan Katcher's Ford truck from Clear Pond at Kickapoo State Park. Using dental records, the body found in the truck was identified as that of Mr. Katcher, said Vermilion County Coroner Peggy Johnson.



MR. KATCHER

Using new state-of-the-art sonar equipment, volunteers of the Vermilion County Emergency Management Agency located the truck Monday afternoon in Clear Pond, roughly 50 feet below the surface.

On Tuesday morning, Vermilion County Sheriff's Department underwater search-and-rescue members dove to the vehicle, removing a license plate from the truck. In mid-afternoon, divers attached cables from a tow truck to the pickup truck. Approximately two hours later, the truck was pulled out of the water.

According to reports, the body was dressed in clothing matching the description of what Mr. Katcher was wearing. Identification was also found on the body.

An autopsy was scheduled Wednesday to determine the cause of death. An inquest will be scheduled at a later date.

After Mr. Katcher's disappearance, law enforcement and hundreds of volunteers searched many area bodies of water, including Clear Pond. However, equipment used then was not as exact as the EMA equipment used

this week.

Mr. Katcher, a 19-year-old University of Illinois sophomore, disappeared Nov. 5, 2000. Friends reported they drove him home from a party at about 2 a.m. and put him on a living room couch. Family members reported him missing Sunday when he failed to attend church and had not been in contact with friends of family.

Hundreds of volunteers searched for the missing man, in the air, on horseback and on four-wheelers. McLane's semi trucks carried poster-size stickers of the missing man and more bumper stickers were distributed at a Teamsters convention in Las Vegas, Nev.

A website—www.findryan.com, was started by Linda Griffith, Mr. Katcher's mother, including photos of her son, information on his disappearance and the offer of a \$10,000 reward.

On May 12, 2003, Griffith told her story at the Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting. "We just want the boy home," she said then.

A statement released by the family Tuesday said, in part, "Our search for Ryan was completed today."



Linda Griffith, Ryan Katcher's mother, tearfully tells her story at the May 12, 2003 Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting.

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Tuesday, August 1
5-7 p.m.
Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center
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Tuesday, August 8
10-11:30 a.m.
Cissna Park Medical Clinic
141 W. Garfield Ave., Cissna Park
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A **33-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Tuesday that someone broke a window to her Parkview Court home sometime Monday night.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:22 a.m. Tuesday in the 400 block of West Lincoln.


Police said Maurilio Solis, of Hoopeston in a 1988 Buick, was driving down the alley behind a garage owned by Alan Smith and discovered he had no brakes. He stopped the car and backed into Smith's driveway to

turn around when he was unable to stop. Solis smashed through the garage door, through the garage and stopped after crashing into the garage access door. The force knocked the garage from the foundation and damaged a furnace in the garage, causing a natural gas leak. Hoopeston Fire Department and Ameren/CIPS workers were then called to the scene.

Stefanie R. McGee, 35, of #43 Parkview Court was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle after

an accident at 2:18 p.m. Tuesday.

Police said McGee, in a 1990 Chevrolet, was westbound on Washington at Eight Ave. when she hit a utility pole. No injuries were reported.



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Hoopeston Area schools announce registration information

Hoopeston Area schools have announced registration information for the 2006-07 year. The schedule is:

Tuesday, Aug. 8

- Grades 7, 9 and 10. Last names A-L, 8:30-11 a.m.; M-Z, 12:30-3 p.m.
- Grade 7 orientation, 6 p.m., high school auditorium.
- Grade 9 orientation, 7 p.m., high school auditorium.

Wednesday, Aug. 9

- CARE, ECSE, K-6 (Maple, Honeywell, John Greer) middle school, 1-6 p.m.
- Grade 8: last names A-L, 8:30-11 a.m.; M-Z, 12:30-3 p.m.
- Grades 11 and 12: last names A-L, 8:30-11 a.m.; M-Z, 1-6 p.m., (extended hours for those unable to register earlier)

Thursday, Aug. 10

- Late registration, 9-11 a.m., for those unable to register earlier.

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Tuesday, Aug. 15

- Kindergarten orientation, 6-7 p.m., Maple School (kindergarten students should bring school supplies with them.)


Book fees are \$25 for Early Childhood; \$50 for kindergarten-12; and \$20 middle/high school extra-curricular activity fee (maximum \$40 per student/\$80 per family).

Students in current events will owe \$8 for newspapers.

Seniors taking government, economics and behavioral sciences will pay \$10 per semester for magazines.

Spanish III students will owe \$10 for a book.

Weather




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