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Planning commission to hear Demeter request

A Hoopeston elevator is requesting a zoning change to expand its services.

Demeter, Inc., on North Market, is requesting approximately two acres of ground adjacent to the elevator be rezoned from residential to heavy industrial.

The Hoopeston planning commission is expected to meet later this month to hear the request

and make a recommendation to the city council.

According to Demeter manager Charlie Smith, the change would enable the elevator to have a place to store fertilizer for area wholesalers.

The plans do not mean Demeter will be going into the fertilizer business, Smith said. The planning commission is expected to meet at 4:15 p.m. April 25 to hear the issue.

Hoopeston police officer to be named to sergeant's post

The Hoopeston police department is expected to have a new sergeant in the near future.

Officer Steve Bane will be appointed after passing the sergeant's exam, said Phyllis Freeland, chairperson of the city police commission.

Bane and fellow officer Jim Goodrum passed the test, administered in early March, Freeland said.

Bane's appointment fills an approximate three-year vacancy, caused when former sergeant Dennis Carter left the department, said police chief Orval Kaag.

Kaag said Bane has, for about the last year, performed many of a sergeant's duties, including that of shift commander.

When Bane was appointed shift commander and juvenile investigator, he received a commensurate pay raise, Kaag said.

Base pay for an officer with the department is \$23,005. Base pay for a sergeant is \$23,941.

More than just test results are used to determine who will get the sergeant's stripes, Kaag said. Fifteen percent of the decision is based on the chief's recommendation. Military records also consid-

ered. An oral interview may also be held, although Kaag said one was not done in this case.

Freeland said the exam was the first one to be administered since she joined the police commission, approximately four years ago.

The fact that two officers passed the test means the city now has a waiting list of one for future openings, she said.

That list will remain in effect for at least two years, but can be extended by the commission, Freeland said, adding extending the list will save the city money because the tests are expensive. She estimated the cost at \$300 to \$400 per officer.

Bane and Goodrum were two of six officers who took the test, which Kaag called "very hard."

The standardized Chicago test questioned officers on all facets of police work, including technical questions on radio transmitting and other categories.

Kaag believes the test is unfair to officers in smaller departments, many of whom do not do the same type of work as their Chicago counterparts.

Bane is expected to be officially appointed at the April 19 city council meeting.

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Chronicle publisher named publisher of additional papers

Bette Schmid, publisher of the Hoopeston Chronicle, has been promoted to publisher of all four Twin States papers.

Twin States, based in Watseka, includes not only the Chronicle, but also the Times-Republic in Watseka, the Newton County Enterprise in Kentland, Ind., and the Fountain County Neighbor in Attica, Ind.

Schmid, who has been publisher at Hoopeston and Attica since 1988, will replace William Harper, current publisher at the Watseka and Kentland papers.

Harper was named publisher of the Brazil (Ind.) Times, replacing a publisher there who resigned.

Schmid said the changes will be effective May 1. She plans to spend two days each week in Twin States' Watseka office and the other plants the rest of the week.

Schmid's newspaper career dates back to when

she was in the third grade, and a carrier for both the Chronicle and the Commercial News.

She began her adult newspaper career in 1972 as an advertising representative for the Illiana Spirit. She was later named advertising manager of that publication.

Schmid continued as ad manager until April 1988, when she was promoted to publisher of Hoopeston and Attica.

Last August, she was named Twin States operations manager.

The promotion will not cause noticeable changes in the Hoopeston operation. "I think it will work out really nice," she said. "Business is going to go on as usual."

Schmid credits the promotion to hard work and job satisfaction. "I really like what I'm doing," she said. "I think that reflects on it."

Twin States is a division of Nixon Newspapers.

May flowers come from frequent April (snow) showers

It's spring already, so the snow should stop, right?

Not according to Hoopeston weather watcher John Mushrush.

Mushrush, who reported 1.2 inches of the white stuff as of 3:30 p.m. yesterday, listed some of the snowier Aprils, including:

- April 3, 1910, with 6.9 inches.

- April 7, 1911, 3.6 inches.
- April 2, 1920, nine inches.
- April 1, 1926, 5.7 inches - and 12 inches for the month.
- April 5, 1957, 5.2 inches.
- April 4, 1961, 6.8 inches.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

April 5, 1994

Admitted: Myrtle Egg, Rossville; Todd Anderson, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Eugene Laursen, Rossville.

Weather

Sunny and warmer today. High around 50. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the lower 30s. Tomorrow, windy and warmer. High near 59, low near 35



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