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Former superintendent sentenced to 48 years

A former Ludlow school superintendent faces 48 years in prison for molesting a young boy - if he can be found.

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editor

Dennis Catron, former Ludlow superintendent, was sentenced Wednesday in Vermilion County Circuit Court to 36 years on Vermilion County charges and 12 years on Champaign County charges that he molested a then-12-year-old Ludlow boy inlate 1990 and the first half of 1991. The Champaign charges are to be served concurrently with the Vermilion County charges. said Gary Miller, Vermilion County sheriff's department chief investigator.

Susan Comstock

ad manager

Catron, who did not appear at his sentencing, was convicted in absentia in May of criminal sexual assault, criminal sexual abuse, aggravated criminal sexual and aggravated criminal sexual assault.

Officials are unsure when, or even if. Catron See SENTENCE on other side

Treasurer lists deposits, interest on July investments

Herb Hales. Vermilion County treasurer, reported that for the month of July 1994, the county had \$18,143,649,30 invested in time deposits and U.S. Treasury bonds, carning between 3.3 and 9.1 percent interest.

County funds on hand in interest-bearing checking accounts total \$10,008,546,32 earning between 2.5 and 3.75 percent.

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Deposits of local interest include:Palmer American National Bank. Hoopeston branch. \$800,000 Rankin branch. \$100,000; Community Bank of Hoopeston. \$2,262,013,29: Hoopeston Household FSB. \$100,000; and First National Bank of Rossville. \$121,493,83

Other deposits include: First Midwest Bank. \$3.033.295.54, Palmer American National Bank. total. \$6.362.075.68; main bank. \$6.075.497.17; Potomac branch. \$100.000; Tilton branch. \$100.000: First National Bank of Danville.\$706.075.48 and Allerton State Bank.\$101.738.08

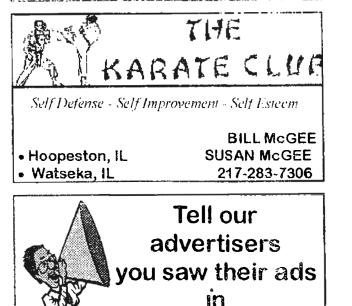
Also. First National of Catlin. \$102.016.19; First National Bank of Fairmount. \$402.331.78; First of America. \$266.061.84, First National Bank of Georgetown, \$103.145.92; Kansas State Bank, \$102.003.68, Oakwood State Bank, \$1.603.332.67; First National of Ogden, \$21.921.648.80; First Ridgefarm State Bank, \$202.896.91, Sidell State Bank, \$104.416.34; First National Bank of Westville, \$105.544.70; U.S. Treasury bonds, \$4,521.276.52 and Illinois State Treasurer's Pool, \$393,484.63.

A total of \$112.404.08 in interest was returned to the treasury in July. Interest to date. from Dec. 1. 1990 through July 31. 1994. totals \$4.513,000.27

Specific information on financial data is public record and can be obtained from Hales' office on request. The office is open 8 a.m. to 4 '30 p.m. Monday through Friday.







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SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois Department of Agriculture will hold a series of public hearings to gather community input on the 1995 Farm Bill. said director Becky Doyle

The first two-hour hearing will begin at 9 a.m. today in the auditorium of the state Agriculture Department's Administration Building. That building is located inside Gate 11 of the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

The second hearing will take place at 9 a.m. Sept. 2 in the hospitality tent on the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds in DuQuoin.

Other hearings sites and times will be announced later

Sentence continued from other side will begin serving his sentence.

Police believe that Catron fled to Bangkok. Thailand, but Miller said police have not actively checked Catron's whereabouts recently. Catron is not believed to be in the U.S., Miller said.

If Catron was found in Thailand, he could be extradited, Miller said, but whether that would actually happen remains undecided.

The sherift's department will probably file an unlawful flight to avoid confinement charge against Catron. Miller said.

The charge a federal offense, would allow the Federal Bureau of Investigation to actively look for Catron

However. "one of the things we've got to look at is. if we find him, would it be cost-prohibitive to bring him back." Miller said adding that while federal officials could look for him. Vermilion County would bear the financial burden of returning him to the U.S.

"Once they get their hands on him, we're responsible for bringing him back." Miller said. "We're still the Vermilion County sheriff's department. We're not flush with money."

If Catron is found. Miller said he can expect to serve approximately half his sentence.



Gregory A. Peterson, 18. of 124 E. Attica. Rossville, and Charles D Landers. 102 W. Attica. Rossville, were arrasted by Rossville police at 7:50 p.m. Tuesday charged with battery on a complaint from Shane M. Cade, rural Hoopeston, Peterson was released on \$100 cash bond. Landers was released on a notice to appear.

Landers was arrested at 8:20 p.m. on a county traffic warrant. He posted \$300 cash bond and was released.

Trent A. Savage. 22, 703 Judson, and James I. roach, 890 E. Seminary, were arrested at 10:45 p.m. Tuesday charged with disorderly conduct and two counts of assault, following a fight in the 100 block of East Main. Police report weapons were involved in the fight. A third person fled the scene and was mailed a notice to appear. Savage and Roach were released on notices to appear.

A Walkman radio was found Wednesday at 721 E Lincoln. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Robert Glenn, 311 W. Maple. reported Wednesday that someone damaged a tarp and broke a window of a boat. A window at his home was also broken

Anna McBride, 714 W. Washington, reported Wednesday that she lost a key ring with several keys on it

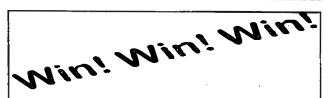
In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Aug. 23, 1994 Admitted: David Divon. Hoopeston. Discharged: none

Weather (

Mostly sunny today. High near 90. Tonight, fair Low near 68. Tomorrow partly sunny, hot and humid. High near 92, low near 70.

If you need a reason to cend flowers, TODAY is a great one! Traditions from the Ceart 111 S. Chicago, Rossville Bonnie Wolfe, owner (217) 748-6245 Rita Morgan, manager



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Last week's answer: Richie Havens was the first performer at the 1969 Woodstock.

