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Olympic speedskater to lead Sweetcorn Festival parade

A woman who represented the United States in the 1994 Olympics will lead the 51st National Sweetcorn Festival parade.

Chantal Bailey of Champaign will be this year's grand marshal.

The annual parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 3.

Bailey, of Champaign, traveled to Hamar, Norway, to skate in the 3,000, 1,500 and 1,000 meter speed skating competitions, finishing 22nd, 27th and 31st, respectively.

That Bailey made it to the Olympics at all was a feat worthy of a medal.

Bailey, 28, started her career as a figure skater. At 18, bulimia left her too weak to skate.

In 1987, Bailey entered her first speed skating competition and made the U.S. national team in 1990. In 1993, she was the all-around champion.

While training for the Olympics, Bailey missed several months due to a sinus infection. She also was treated for a left knee injury and backache during the Olympic trials and competition.

Catron sentence deemed deserved by local police investigator

The lead investigator of the Dennis Catron molestation case thinks Wednesday's 48-year prison sentence is deserved.

"I think he got what he deserved," said Sgt. Danny Danner of the Hoopeston police department.

Danner, the department's juvenile officer, added that he was not surprised by the sentence.

Catron, a former Ludlow school superintendent and former Maple School principal and Hoopeston alderman, was convicted in absentia in May and sentenced Wednesday to 36 years in prison on Vermilion County charges that he molested a Ludlow boy.

He was sentenced to 12 years on charges in Champaign County. That sentence will run concurrently.

Danner praised Vermilion County state's attorney Michael Clary for his diligence in the case. "I think he did a wonderful job," Danner said.


Praise was also given to the victim and his fam-

ily for their courage in coming forward. "We had the evidence, but the victim has to be the one who has to say 'yeah, this is what happened,'" Danner said. "The biggest help was the victim."

Danner said he has not seen the boy since the trial. "He has to live with this for the rest of his life," Danner said. "I don't want to be a part of his nightmare."

Catron, who fled the area, was believed to be in Bangkok, Thailand. An unlawful flight to avoid confinement warrant is expected to be issued for him, but if he is found, his return may depend on the cost involved.

And while Danner would like to see him returned, he realizes that money will be a factor. "I'd love to see him brought back no matter what the cost, but we've got to be reasonable about it," he said. "No county is going to spend thousands upon thousands upon thousands of dollars to bring a man back if they don't have the money. I hope the money's there."

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The pageant preliminaries are at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 2 and Saturday, Sept. 3. Pageant finals are 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4. Tickets may be purchased at the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce, 211 S. Market St. For more information, call (217) 283-7873.

Library reminder

Residents of the Hoopeston Area and Rossville-Alvin school districts are reminded that they can

use the Hoopeston Public Library free of charge until April 1995.

EIMPC activities

Upcoming activities at the community center include Monday, 12:30 p.m., bridge.

Local singers wanted

Singing voices needed for the National Sweet-corn Festival pageant show. To participate, call 283-6609 or come to the McFerren Park Civic Center at 6:20 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

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Milford man wins auctioneer contest at Illinois state fair

SPRINGFIELD—A Milford man beat out a 15-person field to take top honors at an auctioneer's bid calling contest at the Illinois State Fair.

Bill Decker, a third generation auctioneer, was overall winner, receiving the honor of assisting in the calling the commodity auction and the Governor's Sale of Champions.

Fifteen participants auctioned off several items during the first round of the competition. Decker was one of five auctioneers making it to the final round.

Doug Hahn of Watseka won third place

Police News



John W. Williams, 18, of 210 E. Thompson, was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday. His vehicle struck one driven by Shelley M. Gossett, 205 E. Washinton, which struck a third, driven by Evelyn Cox, 607 E. Young. Cox complained of neck and back pain but did not seek medical treatment.

Linda Clemm, #21 Parview Court, reported Thursday that someone took two bicycles from her home.

Obituaries

YANDERS - Fern Yanders, 81, of Hoopeston, died at 5:50 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, 1994 at United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Church of the Nazarene, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Church of the Nazarene, Hoopeston.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Aug. 24, 1994

Admitted: Maxine Mitchell, Boswell, Ind.

Discharged: David Dixon and William Mills, both of Hoopeston.

Weather



Partly sunny, hot and humid today. High in the low 90s. Tonight, fair. Low in the low to mid 70s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 93, low near 65. Sunday, isolated thunderstorms. High near 93, low near 74.

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