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Wellington firefighters provide mutual aid during Saturday evening's fire at the former Kelley's Pub & Grub, 225 E. Main.

Roof repairs are suspected cause of Sunday building fire

A fire at an empty downtown Hoopeston building is suspected to have started because of roof repairs.

Firemen from Hoopeston, Rossville and Wellington were called at about 7 p.m. Sunday after smoke was seen coming from the roof of the former Kelley's Pub & Grub, 225 E. Main.

Firefighters cut back part of the roof to reach the fire,

which flamed on the southeast side of the roof. Firemen were able to contain the fire to the single building.

Witnesses reported seeing workers on the roof earlier in the day, reportedly repairing the roof with a system that required the roofing material to be heated with a torch.

See FIRE on other side

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The PIT STOP at EAST LANES
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 Music legend Gene Watson
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 Saturday, June 16
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Wednesday:	Rib eye Sandwich, Spaghetti
Thursday:	Swiss Steak
Friday:	Cod & Rib eye Steaks
Saturday:	Prime Rib, Rib eyes

Open Bowling Saturday & Sunday
 Middle School Bowling Team tryouts Saturday
 Girls' team 10 a.m., Boys' team 1 p.m.
 Saturday Jan. 12: Mixed Doubles tournament, then listen to the music of John Zollar & Hopper White 8:30-12:30

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Orange & 4th Ave., Hoopeston

Wednesdays: Wings 5-8 p.m.

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BROOKWALTER - Joyce L. (Ault) Brookwalter, 81, of Wellington, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012, at home. Celebration of Life was at 2 p.m. Sunday at Wolfe-Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial was in Amity Cemetery. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family.

HASSELBRING - Ruby M. (Rieches) Hasselbring,

Fire continued from other side

Officials said there was no electrical service to the building, which is owned by Community Bank since the eatery closed a few years ago.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry was among those watching firemen work to save the building. Crusinberry's interest was not only as mayor but as owner of the former Crunch's Restaurant, which had been in the building many years ago.

Firemen cleared the scene shortly after 10 p.m. No injuries were reported. Damage was estimated at \$50,000.

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Obituaries

83, of Milford, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012, at home. Visitation will be 9:30 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral service Wednesday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Milford. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to the church. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, is in charge of arrangements.

HOWARD - Woodrow Clayton Howard, 94, of South Holland, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 11:50 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012, at Franciscan St. Margaret Health, Hammond, Ind. Visitation will be noon until the 1 p.m. funeral Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

SWARTZ - Thelma B. (Caldwell) Swartz, 92, of rural Wellington, died at 10:35 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012, at home. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Thursday at Wellington United Methodist Church.

Police, service agency to provide enhanced abuse services

Hoopeston Police Department and Crosspoint Human Services at the Y are partnering to provide more extensive domestic violence services.

A representative from Crosspoint Human Services at the Y will be available on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to meet with victims and survivors from southern Iroquois and northern Vermilion counties at City Hall in Hoopeston.

One in three American women reports having been abused by an intimate partner. Recognizing this, Hoopeston Police Department has a history of being proactive to provide safety to victims of domestic violence. In partnering with Crosspoint Human Services, they strive to provide more extensive and convenient services to victims of domestic violence.

Crosspoint Human Services at the Y also recognizes that domestic violence isn't limited to women, therefore, they provide services to men who fall victim to domestic

Weather



Sunny today. High 36. Tonight, increasing clouds. Low 19. Tomorrow, chance of flurries. High 26, low 12.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to the church or Cancer Center of Danville, 806 N. Logan, Danville IL. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of arrangements.

WELCH - Robert Welch, 69, of Hoopeston, died at 12:12 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012, at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Per his wishes, he will be cremated and no service will be held.

WOODBY - Ronnie Lee "Woody" Woodby, 45, of Milford, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012, at Jasper County Hospital, Rensselaer, Ind. Funeral service was at 11 a.m. Monday at Milford Christian Church. Burial was in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Visitation was 3-7 p.m. Sunday and one hour before service Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Zachary Woodby Education Fund. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, is in charge of arrangements.

violence, as well.

Provided services include domestic violence counseling, intakes, assistance with completing Orders of Protection documents for court, and follow up services.

To access these services victims may come to Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main Street in Hoopeston on Wednesdays, or contact Brooke Lanter at (217) 443-5566.

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