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Agents wrap up on-scene investigation of Monday fire

The cause of a fire that destroyed a Hoopston restaurant is expected to be known Wednesday.

An early morning fire Monday destroyed the Hoopston Family Restaurant, 224 W. Penn.

Investigators from the Illinois Fire Marshall's office and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms spent Monday and Tuesday going through debris, said Jerry Singer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms special agent in Chicago.

The field investigation was expected to end Tuesday evening, according to investigators on the scene. Evidence is now expected to be analyzed, either at the bureau's national lab in

Rockville, MD., or a laboratory in Illinois.

The fire is considered suspicious "in that there are some unanswered questions," Singer said. Those questions include where and why the blaze started.

A bureau agent on the scene said the fire appears to have started in the kitchen area, but the cause of the fire has still not been identified, Singer said.

The restaurant is owned by Alit "Joe" Jusufi and Ajdar Arifi, both of Hoopston. Neither could be reached for comment Tuesday.

Singer would not elaborate on whether the fire
See FIRE on other side

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Briefly

Candidates file

Monday was the last day for school board candidates to file petitions for the Nov. 7 election.

Candidates in school districts in the area include:

Hoopston Area: Incumbents Edward Layden Jr. and Gary Jett hope to retain their seats. Challengers for the three open seats include Deborah Catron, Sharon Roark, Stephen Unger, Contessa Wilson, Roger Bundy and James Klaber.

Incumbent Robert Hatfield is not seeking re-election.

Rossville-Alvin: Incumbents Don Frazier, Tony Zarate and Tim Thornsborough are seeking re-election. There are no newcomers.

Milford High School: Incumbent Roger

Francis and challengers Steve Benner and Mike Boyd are running for three seats.

Incumbents Larry Pate and Marvin Andris are not running.

Milford Grade School: Incumbents Nick Adsit, Steve Rapp and Robert Rogers are hoping to hold their seats against challengers Dawn Sexton and Cheryl Smith.

Slab to be closed

The city slab will be closed Saturday, Sept. 2 for the National Sweet Corn Festival. It will reopen with normal hours on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Bowling league starting

Illiana Bowling League: Wednesday Nigh men's bowling league has opening for one to three 5-man teams. League begins Sept. 13. For more information, call Randy Carter, (217) 283-5895.

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Court dispositions



Aug. 3: **Stuart Anthony**, 37 hours public service work, converted to \$158.

Jackson Stockdale-Wilson, paid \$101 in full.

Steven Howell, to pay \$75, failed to appear, warrant issued.

Jason Fairchild, 14 hours public service work, completed.

Daniel Miller, 22 hours public service work, completed; owes total \$741.20.

Loren Sniffen, failed to appear on arraignment, warrant issued.

Treston White, owes \$127, converted to 30 hours public service work.

Valerino Zarate Jr., owes \$713, paid \$200, continued to Sept. 7.

Stanley Pickett, writ hearing, owes \$175 restitution, to do 10 hours public service work; held in contempt of court, 10 days in Public Service Building.

Fire continued from other side

is connected to a 1993 investigation of Jusufi by the U.S. Attorney's office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. "We are aware of the previous incidences," Singer said. "At this point in time, we haven't ruled out anything."

That investigation allegedly included Bureau surveillance of the restaurant. No charges materialized from the investigation.

Jusufi was also convicted in 1992 of two counts of harboring illegal aliens. He was fined \$3,000 and placed on court supervision on those counts.

Police News



Police recovered a motorcycle reported stolen Aug. 26.

The black Honda Shadow owned by Steve Dazey was found on county road 2500E 400 North in Wellington. Police reported minor damage to the right front brake handle and right rear tail light.

Chad Sanford, paid \$397 in full.

Rebecca Burton, deceptive practices and restitution, \$325 total.

Felix Cantu, nuisance junk, failed to appear, summons issued.

Lindell R. Johnson Jr., deceptive practices, nolle pros.

Kathy Jones, deceptive practices, nolle pros.

Steven Miller, battery, pleaded not guilty; trial Nov. 2.

Jessica Peace, trespassing, pleaded not guilty; trial Oct. 19.

Jeffrey Ridgeway, deceptive practices and restitution; \$90 fine and restitution, six months court supervision.

Contest nominees set

This week's contestants in the People's Choice yard contest, sponsored by Just the Facts, have been announced.

Contestants this week are: Gary and Cheryl Gillins, Main St., Wellington; Bill and Wilma Brown, 824 S. Market; Pat Ferrell, 921 W. Washington and Dr Jim and Lisa Schmitz on East Lincoln.

Readers should call Just the Facts at (217) 283-9348 to nominate a winner between noon and 1 p.m. today. The weekly winner will be announced in Friday's paper.

Weekly winners will receive certificates and vie for a monthly title and prizes from Schuler's Flower Shop, Rhonda's Baskets, Flowers & Gifts by Molly Culbert and Ace Hardware.

Additionally, the monthly winner's yard will be graced by a sign proclaiming them the monthly winner.

Weather



Partly sunny and hot today. High in the low 90s. Tonight, fair. Low in the low 70s. Tomorrow, cloudy. High near 95, low near 73.



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