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Restaurant fire ruled arson; owner cooperating: official

A Monday morning fire at a Hoopeston restaurant is being called arson but the owner is not considered as a suspect.

"It was a set fire, incendiary in nature," said Jerry Singer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms special agent in Chicago.

The substance used to set the fire is still undetermined. "Without getting into educated guesses, we're going to wait for the lab to tell us," Singer said.

Alit "Joe" Jusufi, the restaurant's primary owner, is not considered a suspect. "The owner is assisting and cooperating with us in our

investigation," he said.

The investigation into the fire continues. Singer said several leads and interviews will be conducted over the next couple days.

Little information will be released from this point unless an arrest is made, he said.

Whether an arrest will be made depends on the investigation. "We're always very optimistic because that's our job," Singer said

The person responsible for setting the fire could face state or federal charges. That decision will be made by prosecutors, Singer said. "We'll go wherever justice is well-served," he said.

National Sweet Corn activities set to kick of tonight

A parade, beauty queens, and, of course, sweet corn are all part of the 52nd annual National Sweet Corn Festival in Hoopeston this weekend.

Activities begin at 5 p.m. Thursday when the display area and beer tent open. A ride special will be offered on the midway from 5-10 p.m. Thursday and "Smoke River" will play at a dance at 8 p.m. in the beer tent.

Friday activities also begin at 5 p.m., with activities duplicating Thursday's. Also scheduled are an art show from 5-8 p.m.; truck pull and bingo at 7 p.m.; preliminary round of the National Sweetheart pageant at 7; and dance at 9 p.m., featuring the "Silhouettes".

Saturday events begin at 6 a.m. when the flea market opens. At 7:30 a.m., a one-mile fun run/walk kicks off at Honeywell School, followed at 8 by the Sweetcorn 5K run.

Park gates open at 9, when a volleyball tourna-

ment begins. The grand parade steps off at 10:30 in downtown Hoopeston.

At noon, the midway, art show and display area open. A magic show begins at 1 p.m.

Free sweetcorn will be available from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and noon-4 p.m. Monday.

Saturday activities conclude with a demo derby at 6 p.m.; the second preliminary round of the pageant at 7 p.m.and a dance at 9 p.m. featuring "Full Circle."

Sunday starts with a community worship service at 7 a.m.; horseshoe pitching contest at 10; children's fishing derby at 1 p.m.; family games at 3:30; Bessie bingo at 4; second demo derby at 6:30; and the finals of the National Sweetheart Pageant at 7.

The pageant will be followed by a reception and dance at 10 p.m. at the American Legion.

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Court dispositions



Aug. 3: Terry Sage, leash law, continued to Sept 7.

Jenny Schramm, leash law, \$45; failure to vaccinate, costs only; no license, nolle pros.

Opal Thomas, nuisance weeds, failed to appear, summons issued.

"Joshua Schwartz, to pay \$75, failed to appear, rule to show cause issued.

Kathy Thompson, paid \$75 in full.

Brian Baker, paid \$45 in full.

Angela Tull, paid \$38 in full.

Melanie Brougher, to pay \$165.05, failed to appear, rule to show cause issued.

Robert Bogard, owes \$145 total, \$100 bond applied, continued two weeks.

Susan Ennen, owes \$75, failed to appear, warrant issued.

Dennis Herbst, balance \$246, continued to Sept. 7.

Zenon Kucharczyk, owes \$229.13, body attachment to be issued.

Aug. 17: Avery Haas, Hoopeston, hearing on warrant, continued for payment.

Robert Bruens, Hoopeston, paid \$95 in full.

Earl Clouse, Hoopeston, stop sign violation, \$75, three monts court supervision.

Guadelupe Cordova, Hoopeston, passed school bus, \$50, three months court supervision.

Robert Glenn, Hoopeston, too fast, \$95,

Festival continued from other side

The park opens at 8 a.m. Monday, when the flea market begins. A horse show is slated for 9 a.m. in the annex, followed at 9:30 by an antique auto show and bingo at 1 p.m.

At 3 p.m., "Willard Cratchloe" will be featured in a dance at the beer tent, followed by Bessie bingo at 4 and a ride special on the midway from 4-9 p.m.

Gate fee is \$1 per person, except Sunday when admission is free.

converted to 22 hours public service work; three months court supervision.

Michael Shields, Champaign, speeding, summons issued.

Jerry Lindsey, Hoopeston, to pay \$95, continued to Sept. 21 for payment.

Brandi Wells, Hoopeston, speeding, continued for payment.

Steven Miller, Hoopeston, reckless driving, failed to appear, summons issued.

Allen Bogard, Hoopeston, to pay \$75, failed to appear, rule to show cause issued.

Robert Clayburn, Hoopeston, completed 22 hours public service work; bond applied, paid \$35 in full.

Bob Carter, Hoopeston, to pay \$152, failed to appear, rule to show cause issued.

Robert Eades, Hoopeston, to pay \$190, continued for payment of \$50 monthly.

Noel Gonzalez, Indiana, rule to show cause hearing to pay \$75, failed to appear, body attachment, 10 percent of \$1,000.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Aug. 28, 1995

Admitted: Bessie Wonderlin, Cory Border and Barb Knoll, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Thomas Harden, Hoopeston.

Aug. 29, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Cory Borders and Mary Knake, Hoopeston.

Weather



Mostly sunny today with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. High near 90. Tonight, chance of rain. Low in the upper 60s. Tomorrow, sunny. High near 94, low near 70.

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