

Small fire closes Lulu's

BELLAIRE-A small fire, which was apparently smoldering inside a wall for several hours before being detected, closed Lulu's Bistro in downtown Bellaire last Friday evening.

The Bellaire Fire Department was called to the scene at approximately 6 p.m. on August 1 to check out the possibility of a fire inside a wall between the kitchen and the men's restroom after paint was found blistering on the rest room wall. Earlier in the afternoon employees had noticed smoke in both an upstairs office and an apartment next door, but found nothing after thoroughly checking all

kitchen equipment.

An early dinner crowd was evacuated from the building.

Firefighters from Bellaire, Central Lake and Mancelona reported to the scene. Primary damage was due to smoke and demolition of a wall in the back of the bistro to reach the fire. There were no injuries.

The incident was the third fire to hit a popular Antrim County restaurant since June 10, when Gio's Trattoria Grille south of the village burned to the ground.

Representatives from Lulu's said they hope to re-open within a week, two at most.