

Tuscola apartment fire likely caused by dryer

By Dominik Stallings

A house fire started at 8 a.m. Saturday morning on June 1 in the brick building located at 501 South Main in Tuscola.

Fire Department Chief Brian Moody said the fire likely started in the drier, which is connected to the kitchen in a separate room.

"It wasn't too large of the fire ... Lots of smoke. Kind of got it just in time," said Moody.

Moody said the fire still affected most of the apartment with smoke damage. The fire department extinguished the flames in about 15-20 minutes, said Moody. Afterward, it was only a matter of doing overhaul, making sure that no minor pockets of fire remained and clearing out the apartment of smoke by "poking holes in the ceiling."

Moody said that an unknown passerby walking tier dog noticed the situation and knocked on the door to ensure any occupants were out. Moody said the person went

to Casey's and had staff call the fire department. Moody said the occupants living in the apartment were out of town when the fire happened.

Moody said that occupants would have to work with their insurance when they return. Insurance agent Scott Kibler was already on the scene when the fire department arrived, said Moody. Kibler provided some snacks for firefighters on scene, who were working in hot and muggy conditions following several storms that passed through Tuscola in the past days. The firefighters have been working since Thursday when they received calls of downed powerlines, turned over semi-trailers and trees struck by lightning due to the severe thunderstorm, which produced winds over 80 MPH.

"We've dealt with quite a few calls since the storms ... It's been a long couple of days, but the guys did a nice job," said Moody.



TUSCOLA FIRE FIGHTERS work to extinguish the fire caused by a drying machine at 501 South Main Street in Tuscola. Submitted photo.

Quilts

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or senior, in home ec class. Then when I got married, I started sewing and making baby quilts like teddy bears and stuff, and that was in the 60s," she said.

Herrmann, however, can stake the claim of being involved in sewing the longest.

"I've been sewing for 70 years. I've been quilting for about 20 years. I started when I was 6 years old," she stated with a smile.

Oddly enough, Martin, the

owner of Trisa's Quilting Corner and More, and the central figure for all of this, told me that her beginning ventures into sewing weren't all that auspicious.

"I sewed in school, but I didn't want to say that, because I wasn't very good at it!" she

said as the entire group enjoyed a laugh.

For now, there are no plans to stop the project.

"As long as the ladies want to keep doing it. We've had some people give us donations, which is nice because we've bought supplies so the ladies

don't have to put quite as much money into it," she announced.

As for joining the group, all were open to the idea, with the knowledge that space at Trisa's shop is limited.

"We have room for nine people to sew," Miller noted.

"We've had other people

make them on their own and bring them in. I have very limited space in the classroom," Martin added.

For those wanting to participate, donate or nominate a veteran, Martin's advice is quite simple.

"Just call the shop," she said.



AROUND 20 BIKE RIDERS drove through the center of activity during the June 30 Freedom Celebration in Villa Grove. Grace Ryan leads in the front with Kiarah Kiesel, Joie Edersheim, Quinn Chatman and Marshal Miller following. Photo by Dominik Stallings



COACH BRYAN THOMAS presented a team poster, signed by the Torpedoes' swimmers, to the aquatic director at Sholem. Photo by Margie Carter

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ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CITY OF TUSCOLA, DOUGLAS COUNTY

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1. Sealed proposals will be received in the Tuscola City Hall until 2:00 PM., July 13, 2023, for the construction of 14,470 Gallons of Furnish & Spread Bituminous Materials, HFRS-2 and 520 Tons of Furnish & Spread Aggregate Materials, CA- 16, for Section 23-00000-00-GM, Various Streets, City of Tuscola; and at that time publicly opened and read.
2. Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the Local Agency which may be obtained from Tuscola City Hall and shall be enclosed in an envelope endorsed "2023 General Maintenance - Sec. 23-00000-00-GM". Bid packets can be obtained at the Tuscola City Hall, 214 N. Main St., Tuscola, IL 61953 (217)253-2112.
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