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Fast-moving flames destroy barn in Byron, part of Le Roy's Barn Quilt Trail

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A massive, fast-burning barn in Byron was ablaze in complex in Byron Tuesday, drawing a response from multiple departments.

The call came in just after 1 p.m. from the three-bay barn complex at 7620 Byron Road, sending a dozen plus phone of black smoke visible from as far as Rochester, eight miles away.

Flames jumped from the barns to dry brush and crops in surrounding fields, as well as to the roof of an adjacent brick shed.

A neighbor or passerby alerted Byron to the blaze at about 11:45 a.m., Byron Fire Chief Jason Bob Mracsek said.

The fire reignited, but was quickly extinguished Tuesday afternoon shortly after 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Multiple fire departments across the area responded to the three-alarm blaze. Henry, not Historian Lynne Belluscio. The barn quilt design, which is titled Wheels Of Friendship, is shown on the official trail website as being "inspired by the beautiful applique quilt in the Genesee County Museum Historical Society which is a collection of photographs of a local church for their 150th anniversary."

Facebook posts made in the group "LeRoy NY. Then and Now" the day of the fire, Belluscio wrote that she was initially scheduled to soon repaint the quilt.

Inside the Genesee County Museum's collection, the museum includes between 1,000 and 1,500 photographs, Belluscio said.

Byron Fire Chief Jason Bob Mracsek said the barn's size was the reason for the fire's intensity.

Bishop Michael W. Fisher, who is scheduled to be ordained the diocese's episcopal vicar last month to begin priestly duties in the case for that purpose, for the Diocese of New York's Diocesan Tribunal.

Fisher, 39, is a Byron native and a Holy Family Parish in Kitchen Corners, where he served his pastoral year before becoming an ordained priest in March in 2012. He had been a Byron resident and an ordained deacon before ordained.

Fisher's ordination was the 19th in the diocese's recent years, and the 10th in the Rochester Diocese