

Fire razes dairy barn

MOUNTAIN - An early evening blaze here Saturday destroyed a dairy barn belonging to Terry and Mary Spratt.

According to Mary Spratt, the family was alerted to the fire during dinner, after neighbors, who had been filling the silo, spotted what appeared to be a light mist coming from the barn.

Upon rushing to the barn, the Spratts discovered flames already shooting from the calf barn, she said.

With the help of neighbors, they were able to get the heifers out of the free-stalls. Pigs, housed nearby, were also taken out. Spratt added that the firefighters also managed to save the chickens.

The milk cows had already been milked and turned out.

Mountain Township Fire Chief Jim Scott said the department was summoned to the fire about 5:30pm. "A lot of the barn was already consumed by flames," by the time the department arrived, he said.

a pile of rubble was all that remained of the Spratt's barn.



Scott said the cause of the fire is unknown, but believes it may have started by spontaneous combustion. The fire appeared to start in the end of the barn housing the hay, he said.

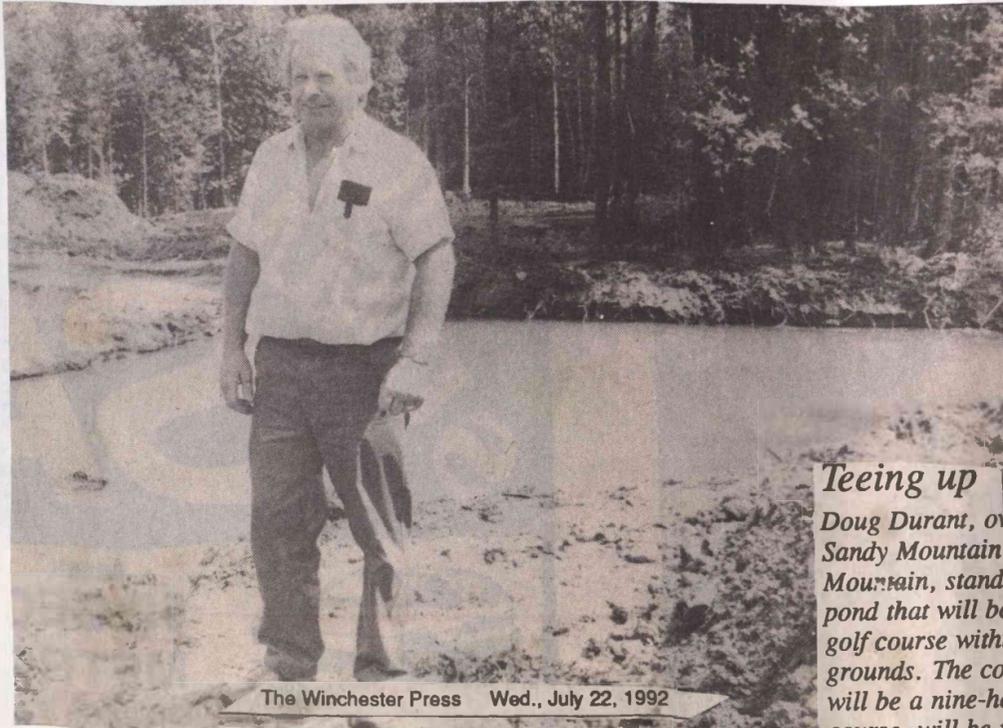
"If it weren't for the Pattersons (who spotted the fire) we wouldn't have saved our cows," she said.

The Spratts plan to start rebuilding their barn in the spring. But until then, Spratt says they will be using Gordon Black's barn, located not too far away.

Over the past few days Spratt said the cows have been milked either at Fawcett's Sale Barn, (in which they are co-partners) and Don Johnson's on Highway 43. Johnson is selling his cattle later this week.

The extent of the loss has not yet been determined.

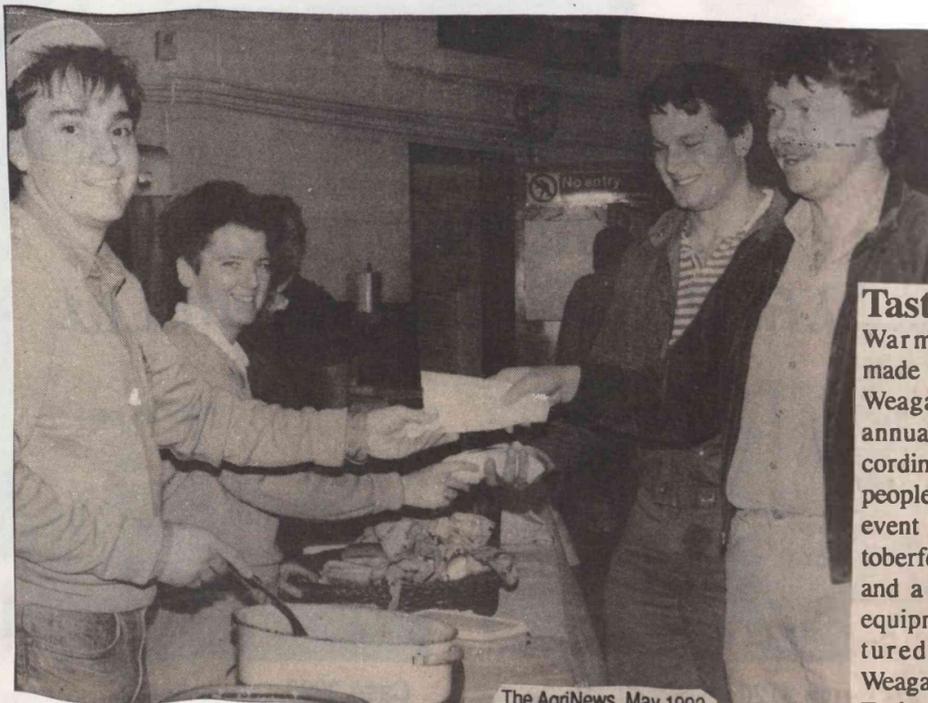
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Teeing up

Doug Durant, owner of Sandy Mountain Campsite in Mountain, stands beside a pond that will be part of a golf course within the camp grounds. The course, which will be a nine-hole, par three course, will be finished by next summer.



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Tasty treat

Warm, sunny weather made for a large turnout at Weagant Farm Supplies' annual open house. According to Dave Black, 600 people showed up for the event which featured Oktoberfest Sausage on a bun and a display of the latest equipment available. Pictured: (above) Sandy Weagant and Trevor De-Freitas serve up sausage to farmers Reg Gilmer of South Mountain and Robert McMenemy of Inkerman;