

# From The Ashes

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packed full of alfalfa hay and told me to keep it as long as I needed it. He told us to just let him know when we run out and he'll find it again! He is probably borrowing someone else's or doing without while it is here!"

When the Nupps found a place to board their horses, it was neighbor, Matthew Huff who came to haul the horses to their new home. "And he wouldn't even take a nickel." Joel shakes his head in amazement.

It was a few days after the fire before the Nupps realized the extent of their loss. Air conditioners, fans, auto supplies and tools were stored in the barn, as was the children's bicycles, a row boat, fishing rods and ball equipment. Five saddles, bridles and tack as well as a pony sulky are all gone. A cast iron ring used to store firewood had melted like a pretzel and

there wasn't a trace left of the boat. "It must have completely melted," Maura Jo said.

Mr. Nupp believes the goat, known for her mischievous behavior, and a heat lamp meant for the lambs is the likely cause of the fire.

Yet, the Nupp family has developed a new spirit. They have discovered neighbors and found a community spirit they didn't know still existed.

"It really hurts to lose everything like this," Mr. Nupp says. "But it makes it easier when there are so many people there for you."

"It makes your feel humble," Maura Jo" said.

"I told my neighbors, I want to be on the giving end," said Mr. Nupp, "and they all say that I will get my chance."

Right now, I want to thank everyone... and if anyone needs anything, I'm here."



Jasper, "the wonder dog" shows how easily he jumps fences. The Nupp family credits the border collie with saving their horses from the fire.

## Eastern Shore Searches For Contestants

FREDERICK, Md. — The Eastern Shore Dairy Princess Committee is searching for contestants for its annual pageant.

As part of a new state program, they will also be sashing young ladies between 13 and 16 years old who would like to represent the area's dairy industry. With the exception of age, dairy maids must meet the same requirements as a princess.

Dairy maids will perform similar duties as the dairy princess, assisting her throughout the year. There will be no competition for the "princess-to-be's" at the area or state level.

Princesses make school and grocery store promotions, speak to farm and non-farm groups and appear on radio and television. They often make appearances at sporting events and fairs. Regional princesses participate in a training seminar and will compete in

the state pageant, Tuesday, July 26, in Frederick.

Qualifications have changed for the princess program. Contestants may be the daughter of one of the following employed in a dairy-related industry (farm store dairy cooperative, DHIA supervisor, feed supplier, veterinarian, mild inspector, etc.). Candidates may also be employed herself as one of the above or the owner of at least one dairy animal or enrolled in the dairy foods project in 4-H or FFA.

Contestants must be at least 16 years old and not reach her 22nd birthday by Dec. 31 of the contest year.

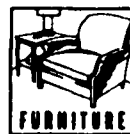
Application deadline is May 2. For more information and an application, contact one of the following: Chris Johnston, (410) 758-1066; Linda Holland, (410) 957-1399; Kim Kempel, (410) 438-3678; Fay Collier, (410) 822-3371.



Three-year-old Matthew rests his head on the new calf, Lucky.

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