

March 30 Benefit To Aid Fire Victims

COVINGTON (Tioga Co.) — On Feb. 10, life changed for the Wivell family when their life's work was ravaged by fire.

The milking barn was destroyed, claiming 40 milking Jerseys, 10 calves, 20 sheep, and 100 lambs. The fire also destroyed the contents of a well-stocked machinery repair shed, five tractors, a TMR mixer, four-wheelers, snowmobiles, other equipment, and tons of hay.

"We're still compiling the list," said Mary Wivell, who owns the farm with her husband Don. The two were on vacation when the blaze tore through the barn.

What they learned had happened was that the morning milking had just been completed and their son, Tom, had gone home for breakfast. A neighbor noticed flames coming from the barn and knocked on the Wivell's door, but they were not at home, so he went to another house to call for help. By the time Tom returned to the barn, the flames prevented him from entering the structure.

Don had planned to retire from milking cows in 2007 and expand the beef, sheep, and goat enterprises. With the loss of so many milking cows and the entire milking facility, they are not sure if they will continue to milk cows. They have, however, already ordered a building to replace the garage and machinery shed and plan to build some sort of barn for the animals.

"It's all up in the air," said Mary.

The Wivells can't say enough about the friends and neighbors who have helped them at this difficult time. Numerous friends and neighbors helped move cows and prepare a vacant barn, owned by Scott House, for milking. Others have helped in many other ways.

"I can't begin thanking everyone," said Mary. "You could name 100 names and you couldn't get all of them."

Further help will be given in the form of a benefit dinner on Sunday, March 30, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Tioga County Fairgrounds in Whitneyville. The dinner will include ham, stuffed chicken breasts, meatballs, parsley buttered potatoes, green beans, cabbage salad, vegetable tray, rolls and butter, homemade desserts, milk coffee and tea for \$10 per person.

Entertainment and other activities will be taking place all afternoon.

Donations for the Wivell family can be earmarked for the Don and Mary Wivell Fire Fund and sent to First Citizens National Bank, attn: Dot Rakoski, 15 S. Main St., Mansfield, PA 16933.

Farm Group Seeks Risk Management Hearings

WASHINGTON, D.C. — National Farmers Union board of directors recently requested a complete congressional review of risk management tools for farmers and ranchers.

"Farm risk management programs have not been able to address the most recent weather-related disasters that have spread across the nation in the past two years," said NFU President Dave Frederickson. "The lack of adequate, permanent risk management tools leaves many producers at risk. The current voids that exist force producers to seek congressional ad hoc disaster assistance year after year, which has become increasingly difficult to rely upon."

In a letter to the Senate and House agriculture committees, the Farmers Union board proposed congressional hearings to explore the inadequacies of risk management programs. The farm leaders also outlined the following goals for farm risk management programs:

- Enhanced adequacy, availability and affordability of coverage for all agricultural commodities, including livestock and specialty crops;

- Improved production and quality loss risk protection for all commodities to address problems associated with both catastrophic and shallow losses in an equitable manner;

- Answers to specific problems with crop insurance such as pre-

vented planting, quality losses, dry-land production on irrigated fields and established prices; and

- Improved protection for producers impacted by multiple-year disasters.

Frederickson used the recent passage of farm disaster aid in the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2003 as an example of the need for improved risk management tools.

Farm Bill Crop Meetings Set

LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) and DAUPHIN (Dauphin Co.) — Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices in Lebanon and Dauphin counties will conduct Farm Bill informational meetings this coming week for farmers interested in signing up for the direct and countercyclical payment programs.

The deadline for signing up for these crop-assistance programs is April 1.

The Lebanon County meeting will take place at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 17, at the Lebanon Valley Ag Center, 2120 Cornwall Road, Lebanon.

The Dauphin County meeting is set for 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18 at the Dauphin County Ag Center, 1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin.

For more information, call (717) 272-3908.

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March 29, 2003

At Elizabethville Banquet Center
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Broad St., watch for auction signs

A huge sale of NEW AND USED items - TRACTORS - Cub Cadet/Kubota, ATV's - Suzuki/Arctic Cat/Polaris/Yamaha, approximately 20 used ATV's, CHAINSAWS - Husqvarna/Stihl, golf carts, motorcycles, snowmobiles, helmets, tools, etc. THIS SALE WILL BE HELD INDOORS! Lots of Parking. Refreshments available.

NEW TO OUR AUCTION

Need paint? We have it ... tractor trailer load of paint - floor, deck, house, etc. (get ready for that spring time house freshing). Heaters - (save on those heat bills) Kerosene, Natural Gas free standing or wall hung, Propane free standing or wall hung, Torpedo heaters for garage.

USED ITEMS

Kubota BX1800 w/loader and mower - only 29 hours - like new - 2 year warranty, Cub Cadet - diesel - super garden tractor w/hydraulic angle blade - two stage snowthrower - bagger - and mowing deck. 15-20 used ATV's - Suzuki LT-50, Suzuki LT-80, Suzuki LTF-160, Suzuki 250, Suzuki LT 4WD, Suzuki King Quad 4x4, Suzuki 500 4x4, Suzuki 500 Vinson 4x4 w/big wheel kit. 2002 Yamaha Raptor Polaris 325 Trail Boss, Arctic Cat 454, Arctic Cat 260, Honda 250X, many other ATV's too numerous to list. Motorcycles - Suzuki 2000 RM 250, Yamaha RT100, 1997 Kawasaki 500, Yamaha TTR 125L, Yamaha PW80, Suzuki JR-80, Snowmobiles - 1995 Arctic Cat, Puma Deluxe w/electric start - real nice, Golf Carts - Gas/Electric, 14HP Cub Cadet Tractor, 16HP Wheel Horse, tow dolly for behind motorhome, two seat go carts, used chainsaws, mower for ATV, Farmall Cub w/mid mount mower, Kubota B7200 4x4 w/hydraulic angle blade.

SPORTING GOODS AND HUNTING EQUIPMENT

50 cal. Muzzleloaders, binoculars, knives, spotlights, snowmobile gloves, ski gloves, sweatshirts, hats, caps, over 200 helmets for snowmobiles - motorcycles - ATV's Ammunition - 22 shells, shotgun shells - 20-12-16 gauge Rifle shells - 30/30 - 270, 3006-223, etc.

NEW ITEMS

Log splitters, Stihl chainsaws, Stihl trimmers, Husqvarna chainsaws, Husqvarna trimmers, Homelite chainsaws, Homelite trimmers, Homelite blowers, TroyBilt tillers (3HP-5HP-8HP), windshield washer fluid, bar and chain oil, Cub Cadet 17HP tractor w/mower and blade, Kubota 15HP tractor w/mower, Husqvarna 20HP tractor, double snowmobile trailer, utility and equipment trailers, ATV ACCESSORIES - snowplows, rack bags, rear-boxes, many more items too numerous to list

\$10,000 WORTH OF TOOLS

Wrenches, socket sets, wire brushes, jacks, cut off saws, jack stands, grinders, battery chargers, screw drivers, hack saws, extension cords, air compressors, pipe wrenches, tarps (all sizes), tarp straps, paint guns, air tools, air sanders, tap and die sets, tape measures, tie down, padlocks, tool kits, hand trucks, creepers, drill press, class three hitches for trucks and sport utilities, air compressors, generators - 2500/3000 watt, much more - can't list it all

SPECIAL INTEREST

1992 Jeep Wrangler 4x4, 2001 Suzuki 600 Bandit (has scrapes on side, runs great)

This is a partial list of equipment only. There are many other items too numerous to list. Some items subject to bid approval. This auction has something for everyone. Sale will be held indoors. Food and refreshments available. Terms: payment via cash or check w/ID on the day of sale. Note: Financing is available but prior arrangements must be made. Call Pat at 814-328-2222 for details. The auction will start promptly, please be on time

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