

# lightning

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Calvin and Dorothy Smith of Ayton were dealt a cruel blow by nature Friday evening when their house was struck by lightning and partially gutted by the resulting fire.

They were not at home when the lightning struck.

Their neighbor, Florence Kreller, was sitting on her back porch when the lightning struck and divided, hitting her as well as running up the eavestrough and entering the Smith's back kitchen.

Another neighbor noticed flames in the house and had to run to yet another neighbor's house to phone the Ayton-Normanby Fire Department.

The firefighters arrived quickly and extinguished the blaze, but not until the Smith house had received smoke and fire damage estimated at \$40,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are not certain if they will fix their home or rebuild.

The couple appreciates the help received from friends and neighbors, sifting through the charred remains of many of their possessions. They have salvaged some furniture, as well as most of their dishes.



**MUSIC IN THE PARK**— Tumbleweed North featuring Huey Elder and special guest Clare Adlam entertained a large crowd Sunday night during the Recreation Department's "Music in the Park" program at the fairgrounds. (Webber photo)



**MECRAFT DIVISION WINNER**—Margaret Gillies accepts the Eldah Woods Memorial Trophy from Chas. Woods at appreciation night held recently by the Agricultural Society. Mrs. Gillies had the most points in the homecraft category at the fall fair. (Photo supplied)

