

Man woken by two trucks slamming into Colborne home

No major injuries reported in double crash on Percy Street

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COLBORNE -- A Colborne resident received a shock when a red pickup truck drove into his living room and a second truck slammed into his house Friday afternoon.

Night-shift worker Malcolm Widden was asleep and had a rude awakening after 1 p.m. on Jan. 3.

"I heard a loud bang. I came downstairs and saw a red truck in my living room," said Mr. Widden.

The pickup truck was one of two that slammed into his house of 23 years on

Percy Street in Colborne. His wife, Sherri Widden, was in her sewing room and both were uninjured in the incident, he said.

He was able to get his cats from upstairs before leaving the home.

His neighbour across the street welcomed the couple into his home on a very cold afternoon.

"My neighbours are great," said Mr. Widden.

While the second pickup truck didn't appear to damage the home much, the red truck slammed through the house, making a huge hole in the front.

Mr. Widden said they have insurance, but he believed the home was badly damaged.

"My house is destroyed," he said.

According to the OPP, around 1:04 p.m. a red Ford Ranger was heading westbound downhill on Park Street in Colborne, approaching the Park and Percy streets intersection.

The driver failed to obey a stop sign and struck a white Toyota Tundra travelling northbound on Percy Street; both trucks then collided into the east side of the house on the northwest corner of the intersection.

The occupants of the trucks were not injured, police added.

One of the trucks ran over a gas meter and the gas company was called.

Percy Street was closed in both directions to traffic while Northumberland OPP investigated and while the trucks were removed.



COLBORNE -- Two pickup trucks ran into a house on Percy Street in the early afternoon on Jan. 3. The homeowners escaped unharmed and the vehicle occupants were transported to hospital.
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Colborne set to host annual Charity Bonspiel

Jan. 11 event to benefit The Bridge Hospice in Warkworth

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COLBORNE -- For the past eight years the Colborne Curling Club has supported various causes through its annual Charity Bonspiel and 2014 will be no different.

On Jan. 11 the club will host its ninth event and all proceeds from the day will be donated to The Bridge Hospice in Warkworth.

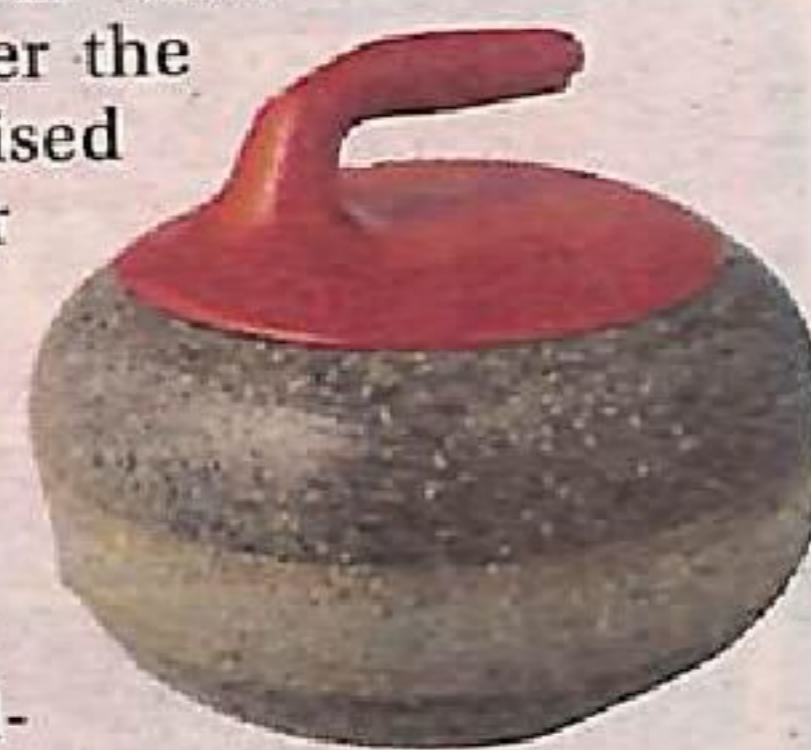
"This bonspiel is our club's way of giving back to our community and over the years has raised over \$20,000 for local charities," said John McKnight, president of the Colborne Curling Club. "Last year we were able to donate more than \$3,000 to the local Habitat for Humanity."

The club, a volunteer-run organization, expects more than 100 curlers and spectators that day.

The Jan. 11 bonspiel is organized by club member Lynn Marshall and runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year it will also include a Trillium grant recognition ceremony at noon.

"The combination of these two events is intended to showcase the changes made to the club through the grant award," Mr. McKnight said, pointing to the \$66,700 in grant and club funding that has been used for the purpose of energy conservation.



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CROWE, Brad Charlton - Passed away suddenly in Alderville First Nation, on January 8, 2014, in his 45th year. Cherished father of Brenna and Lea, and beloved husband of Daryl Leigh Crowe. Son of Judith (nee Goodwill) and Larry (Darlene Marsden) Crowe. Son-in-law of Elva and the late Steve Sullivan. Survived by his brothers Larry Alan, Howie, Randy (Karl), Eric (Patricia), Derek, Jason, and Justin. Brother-in-law to Patricia (Kris) and Beth (Jamie). Brad will be sorely missed by his extended family and many, many friends, including his dear friend Melanie Boyd Warren. Visitation will take place at **MacCOUBREY FUNERAL HOME** (30 King St. E., Cobourg) on Saturday, January 11, 2014, from 3-6 p.m. Service will take place at Alderville Community Centre, on Sunday, January 12, 2014, at 11 a.m. Interment to follow in Alderville Cemetery. Donations in memory of Brad may be made to Sick Kids Hospital or Ronald McDonald House. Condolences to the family may be made at www.MacCoubrey.com

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